

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

**2019 VALEDICTORY SPEECH FOR THE 61<sup>ST</sup> GRADUATION**

**CEREMONY – 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.**

**Madam Chancellor,**

**Cabinet Secretaries,**

**Chairperson and members of the University Council,**

**Vice-Chancellor,**

**Deputy Vice Chancellors,**

**Principals of Colleges,**

**Deans and Directors,**

**Your Excellencies the Ambassadors**

**Our beloved Lecturers,**

**Parents,**

**Fellow graduands,**

**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**Good morning!**

**I count it a privilege today to speak on behalf of the graduating classes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Graduation Ceremony of the University of Nairobi.**

**It is a beautiful morning and I'm humbled to reflect on our journey as students of this great university.**

**It has been a long journey which is coming to an end this great day; off course with mission accomplished. This success did not come easy; each of us have stories to tell to the generations to come. When we joined this premier institution a few years ago, to many of us, the first few steps were shaky as we did not know what to expect; to some of us like me, it was the first time in the capital city of Kenya. But we were all thirsty for knowledge and wanted to drink from the fountain of knowledge, from the very best in the country, indeed in the region.**

**It has been a privilege indeed securing a chance to join this great institution. For those years we've been here, we have advanced in academics, spiritual and social life, not forgetting the life-skills we learnt.**

**This was possible through the tireless efforts of our lecturers, each of them giving their best so that we understand complex concepts. All those presentations, lectures we attended, lecture-notes, books we read; yes we read and read, the lines, between the lines and beyond. It is a long and exhausting journey but we have made it indeed; my fellow graduands be proud of yourselves. For this successful outcome, we also appreciate the input of the non-teaching staff who have done their best in creating a reasonably conducive environment.**

**It has been an interesting voyage to all of us as we have written an important chapter in our lives. We have made**

**strong bonds with the members of our secondary families (our friends here in campus). Separation from this new family was never in our plans, but the chapter has to end giving way to another chapter of our life story. Even then, we owe each other a big thank you and a big hug representing the good time we shared. We will carry this love forever in our hearts, as we leave to face the life outside world, as we wish each other the best in our endeavors.**

**All those sleepless nights we spend together, the group discussions, and the lecturers we attended is printed in our lifetime memories. To all our friends who journeyed with us, we are grateful from the bottom of our hearts. My fellow graduands, thank you for your resilience and patience.**

**For our families we really lack sufficient words to express our gratitude for your tireless efforts in providing both material and emotional support throughout our time in the**

**university. Each of you should take time to extend your appreciations to those special people who helped us reach here, In my case, I would like to extend my Special thanks to my family, especially my dad (Christopher Kamuti), mum (Teresia Mutindi) and my siblings for moral support. Many people have played a part in propelling to these heights. I would like to congratulate Mr. Maingi, my primary school teacher, who installed in me love for science. Thank Mr. Mutinda for making my chemistry foundation.**

**As I conclude I would like to acknowledge everyone who supported me in my studies and whose name I have not mentioned.**

**Class of 2019 don't settle for less. Love more, laugh more, get and keep good friends, visit grandparents and plant trees. That is by far the best way to make the World a better**

**place. God bless you people. God bless the University of  
Nairobi. God bless Kenya.**

**Congratulations class of 2019 for this great milestone!**

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