Alumni Representative speech for the 11th

Graduation Ceremony

Acknowledgments

- **The Chief Guest, Principal Secretary State Department for University Education and Research, Amb. Simon Nabukwesi**
- **Ag. Chancellor and Chairman of the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Council, Dr. Jane Nyakang'o**
- **The Vice Chancellor of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Prof. Ndirangu Kioni**
- **Members of the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Council**
- **Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology;**
- **Members of the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Senate;**
- **Distinguished guests**
- **The Alumni Association;**
- **Parents and guardians**
- **All our graduands**
- **Ladies and gentlemen**

Congratulations, graduating class of 2021, and welcome to the alumni fraternity.

For some, today marks your initiation into the world outside the class. For others, the world was already an oyster. Each one in their own time zone - grinding, living, hustling, surviving, and graduating. The lessons you learn, the moments you cherish, the experiences you gather, all shape you for a better version of yourself.

You have been adequately nurtured. The university has done its best and it is your turn to be counted. Your turn to build a better world for your generation and the next. May your life be an example to many. May your future be a light to those who come behind you.

Network is power, but only if you harness that power. The alumni fraternity is a family. It is a network of all regardless of your career path, innovators and entrepreneurs. It is a wholesome network that is at your disposal to utilize to elevate you to whatever level you want to get to.

There is an African saying that goes; 'if you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together.' By the same spirit, I urge you to maintain your networks, build new ones if you can, for they are the seeds whose harvest time is unknown, but fruitful.

Define your goals, set your eyes on the prize, believe in yourself and believe in those around you. Lift each other up because we are warriors. As DEKUTAA, we are conquerors. So rise up, hold your head up high and face the world with pride and determination because you are capable of making a difference.

We as your fellow alumni are here for you and we will walk the journey with you. We will be there when you need us so do not hesitate to call upon us when the need arises.

Congratulations once again and welcome to the association and new family.