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Chief guest, Council Chairman, members of the university council, vice chancellor, deputy vice-chancellors, deans and directors of the university, university staff, parents, guardians and sponsors, fellow graduands, **ladies and gentlemen;**

Good morning.

My name is Grace Njoki from the School of Nursing and I am honored to be speaking on behalf of the graduating class. As we celebrate this momentous occasion, I am reminded of the African proverb that states, ' Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.' Today, we celebrate the culmination of our 4/5 years of our academic journey. It is truly

a milestone in our lives! As we look back on these past years, we can't help but reflect on the shared experiences that have brought us to this moment.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Can you even recall the first day that we stepped into this university? We have come a long way from the nervous excitement that we felt then to the confident graduates we are today. Congratulations to us!

Our journey has been a remarkable one, filled with ups and downs, laughter and tears, and most importantly, shared experiences. We have had the privilege of being part of an incredible community at the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology. We have been blessed with amazing lecturers and the support staff, who have helped us navigate through the academic journey. They have challenged us, motivated us, and believed in us when we didn't believe in ourselves. We owe them a great deal of gratitude for their guidance, counsel and support.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Looking back at our time, we have shared some unforgettable moments. We have cheered our sports teams to victory, celebrated fun days, and made lasting friendships. We have experienced the thrill of finishing difficult assignments, the stress of waking

up, attending lectures and examinations, the joy of achieving academic success has not been an easy task.

Let us also take a moment of reflection in rememberingand honoring our colleagues who passed on due to illness and accidents during our academic journey. Additionally, both academic and support staff who also passed on during these years of our learning. We will carry their memories with us into our future.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our parents, guardians, and sponsors and the Kenya Government for supporting andfinancing our education every single year. Your unwavering support and encouragement have been instrumental in our success. We shall forever remain grateful.

I would like to remind ourselves though we are graduating today this should not be the end, but rather the beginning of a new chapter in life. We have gained knowledge, skills, and experiences that will help us walk the journey toward being successful people. We must continue to uphold the values among them; Integrity, commitment and service to humanity which we have learned here and strive to make a positive impact on the world around us.

To the class of 2023, it is finished and there is power in finishing. Nelson Mandela said that education is the single most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. Class of 2023, the world is ready for us to come with every tool that we have been equipped with during our time. As we move forward into the future, let us embrace the

challenges that come our way with the same enthusiasm and determination that we have shown here. Thank you, Dedan Kimathi University fraternity for allowing us to gain knowledge, make lifelong connections, and become the individuals we are today. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let us take a moment to celebrate all that we have accomplished, and let's look forward to all the amazing things that are yet to come. Once again congratulations!