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**2022 YDP GRADUATION CEREMONY
FRIDAY, 29TH JULY 2022
VICE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH
PROF. MARGARET J. MUTHWII**

- The Chief Guest, Rev. Kennedy Kimiywe
- Senate and Management Board members present
- Faculty and staff members present
- Parents and guardians
- The very special graduating YDP Class of 2022
- Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen

INTRODUCTION

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you at Pan Africa Christian University, the great learning institution where leaders are made. We've all gathered here today to commemorate the end of a fantastic journey that began three months ago with this year's YDP class. By God's grace, they have successfully completed it. This is a great fete worth cherishing, and I urge every YDP graduand to take advantage of it.

In addition to being the Vice Chancellor of PAC University, I am a mother and a teacher. As a result, I am proud and fulfilled when young men and women pursue education and remain committed to completing their academic journey. On such a joyful day, I couldn't be happier, just like any other parent or guardian. I purposed to join everyone else in celebrating this remarkable achievement of the 2022 YDP class and to personally congratulate them.



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Without a doubt, these students have been outstanding. Throughout their time here, they have demonstrated impeccable conduct, a desire to learn, and a commitment to supporting one another. They are a lovely lot to have at PAC University.

THE YDP COURSE

Ladies and gentlemen, when we launched the Youth Development Program a few years ago, our primary goal was to ensure that our freshmen and women from high school were well prepared and equipped for life in the higher education sector - equipped with a spirit of integrity, moral values, ethical principles, leadership skills, and, most importantly, equipped with a godly character. This has remained the driving force behind PAC University, and we believe that by doing so, we are filling institutions of higher learning all over the world with godly students who are mature, responsible, and have a solid foundation to stand for what is right. We are confident that we have prepared these young men and women to make a positive impact in their future endeavours.

ADDRESS TO YDP GRADUANDS

Please allow me, ladies and gentlemen, to turn my attention to the graduating students for a moment. I want you to know, YDP class of 2022, that the education you receive is important for more than just your personal life. Some students have the notion that their academic pursuits are all about securing a better future for themselves. Nothing could be further from the truth. What you do with the certificate we are giving you today will have a significant impact on the future of this country and future generations. Similarly, how you apply what we have taught you over the last three months will determine whether we as a nation can meet our greatest challenges now and in the future.



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To have a positive impact on society, you must practice self-discipline. Self-discipline includes critical aspects of life such as time management - if you still wake up because your alarm went off, you're doing it wrong. The alarm should only serve as a facilitator. Wake up because you know you have a big task ahead of you to build your life today for a better tomorrow. Do the right thing at the right time and in the right place. Be loyal to yourself. Be men and women of integrity. That is self-discipline.

For some of you, and I hope none of you, PAC University may not have another chance to walk alongside you on your academic journey. However, we are grateful to God for the time He has given us to develop you. I implore each of you to be a good steward of God and to develop your talents, skills, and intellect so that you can help society solve its most difficult challenges. If you don't do that - if you turn a blind eye to your gifts and abilities - you're not only doing yourself a disservice, but also the world today and future generations.

You now have an advantage over your peers, thanks to this potent certificate that we are presenting to you today. Unlike many of them, you now have the advantage of being an informed driver of your destiny. You decide which path to take. It makes no difference where you come from. What matters is understanding where you are now, and envisioning where you want to go.

ADDRESS TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Before I conclude, ladies and gentlemen, please allow me to address the parents and guardians. First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for entrusting us with your child for the past three months. At PAC University, we always follow the Loco Parentis principle. This means that, in addition to providing education to our students,



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we also serve as parents by being present for them and attending to their emotional, psychological, and social needs while they are away from home. We remain committed to ensuring that our students develop strong moral foundations. Today, I can confidently assure you that we kept this promise during the time your children were with us.

As a fellow parent and guardian, I consider parenting and guardianship to be a tremendous honour. We have the opportunity to raise godly children who will glorify the Lord.

Some of you may have already decided where you want to send your child to further their education. Others may not have made that decision yet. As Vice Chancellor, I would like to assure you that PAC University is a great institution where your child can thrive and discover their life's purpose. This is guaranteed by our emphasis on quality education. Furthermore, I can assure you that our programs are market-competitive, affordable, and of high quality.

CONCLUSION

As I conclude, I'd like to reiterate to the YDP graduands of 2022 that PAC University would be delighted to continue this academic journey with you. Please consider enrolling in a Bachelor's Degree, Diploma, or Certificate program with us. In fact, you can register for your desired program and begin your academic journey this September when we begin a new Trimester.

Please speak well of us while you're out there. Always exude a godly personality that befits a godly PAC University alumnus.



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Thank you very much to the team that walked alongside these YDP students under the leadership of Professor Nathan Chiroma. Thank you for instilling values in these young men and women and shaping them into responsible citizens.

I finish with this benediction drawn from Philippians 4:7:

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Thank you.

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