



# **UNIVERSITY OF EMBU**

**SPEECH BY**

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**CHAIRPERSON, UNIVERSITY OF EMBU**

**COUNCIL**

**DURING THE**

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**HELD AT THE**

**UNIVERSITY OF EMBU**

**ON**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**



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- The Speaker of the Kenya National Assembly, Hon. Justin Muturi
- Chancellor, University of Embu, Prof. Paul Musili Wambua
- Vice-Chancellor, University of Embu, Prof. Daniel Mugendi Njiru
- Embu County Government Representatives present
- Chancellors from other Universities
- Members of the University Council
- Chairpersons of other University Councils Present
- Vice-Chancellors of Sister Universities Present
- Members of the University Management Board
- University of Embu Senate
- University of Embu Staff and Students
- Graduands
- Parents and guardians
- Distinguished guests
- Ladies & Gentlemen

**GOOD MORNING.**



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**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

I start by welcoming all our Guests, Graduands, Parents, Guardians, Family Members, Well-wishers and all our Stakeholders to the University of Embu and to this momentous occasion in our University Calendar.

On behalf of the University Council, I thank all of you for coming.

I welcome our Special Guest, The Speaker of the Kenya National Assembly, Hon. Justin Muturi. We thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, for gracing this occasion and supporting this University since its inception.

I want to appreciate our Chancellor, Prof. Paul Musili Wambua, for gracing this occasion and for his leadership which has enabled the University to make great strides over the last three years since we were awarded a Charter. Sir, the University is undergoing impressive progress as a result of your visionary



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leadership and continuous engagement with Council, Management, Staff and Students. Thank you for the good work.

My commendation also goes to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Daniel Mugendi for promoting good governance in this University. I have been the Chairperson of Council for this University since its inception with Prof. Mugendi being the founding Principal and Vice-Chancellor. I believe that we have the best Vice-Chancellor we could get for this University.

To the Management, Staff and Students, I want to thank you all for the work you have done to keep this University running smoothly. We are happy with your commitment and fortitude to the realization of the mandate of the University. It is as a result of your passion that we have managed to guide our graduands on a path that will enable them to succeed



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in life. As a University Council, we appreciate all of you.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

It is heartwarming to see so many people here (friends and relatives) who have travelled to Embu to be with our graduands during this auspicious occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony.

I salute the parents, guardians, relatives, sponsors, partners and friends who have supported our graduands in the course of their academic journey. Receive our sincere appreciation for your great contribution to ensuring that our graduands reach this level.

On behalf of the University Council, and the entire University of Embu community, I wish to thank the Government through the Ministry of Education, for the support that they have continued to give the



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University of Embu to enable the development projects you are seeing in the University.

We also appreciate our partners and collaborators, especially the Embu Community and the Embu County Government for standing with us and supporting our efforts. May God bless you abundantly.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

This is yet another great moment when we gather to celebrate the success of our 4<sup>th</sup> Cohort of graduands - **the Class of 2019**. I say a big Congratulation to all of you; we celebrate you; you have made us proud; and that is why we have come in large numbers from all corners of the country to share in your joy.

You were admitted to this University in September 2015 and because of your focus, your discipline and your commitment to the academic purpose, we have all enjoyed a smooth academic journey. You all know



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the experiences that student in some of our sister universities have gone through during the period that you have been studying, and you know that there are some who do not even know when they will graduate as a result of disruptions in their academic calendar.

You are among the first students in this University to enjoy many of the new facilities such as the new Prof. George Magoha Library, the Administration Block, Lecture Halls and Laboratories that we have developed during your time here.

On the part of the University, I am confident that we have prepared you the best way we can. We have worked side by side with you. We have given you important knowledge and skills. So as you prepare to leave the University of Embu, I ask you to do something with that knowledge: **Make the world a better place.**



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**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

I assure you of the commitment of the University Council to provide adequate resources for the smooth operations of the University for the realization of the University's Mission.

I appreciate the Council members for their concern and dedication to see the University move forward. This has made our work easy and we shall continue to work diligently for this University.

We will remain fully committed to enhancing the University's standing as a place where gifted scholars focus on research, teaching, and mentoring of young generation of leaders who will contribute to the growth and development of humanity.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

In conclusion, it is now my sincere pleasure to welcome all our graduands to the community of intellectuals. You now join the Alumni of the



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University of Embu and I know you will contribute to the enhancement of the good image of this University in all that you do.

I wish to inspire our graduands with the words of an English Author, Alan Alexander Milne who in 1926, wrote:

**“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think”.**

I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

May God bless you.

Thank you.

***It is my humble pleasure to invite the Speaker of the Kenya National Assembly, Hon. Justin Muturi, to address the congregation***

**Dr. Margaret Gikuhi  
Chairperson, University of Embu Council**



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