

ALUMNI SPEECH

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**38th Graduation Ceremony
Friday, 17th July, 2015**

- ✚ The Chancellor, Kenyatta University - Dr. Benson Wairegi;**
- ✚ Chairman of Council – Prof. Ratemo Michieka;**
- ✚ Vice-Chancellor - Prof. Olive Mugenda;**
- ✚ Distinguished Guests;**
- ✚ Kenyatta University alumni;**
- ✚ Graduands;**
- ✚ All Protocols observed.**

Good Morning.

My name is **Hon. Dorothy Nditi, an alumna of this great University, and currently the Deputy Governor of Embu County.** I feel honored and delighted to be standing here today, representing the alumni of Kenyatta University, on this occasion of the 38th graduation ceremony of our alma mater. What I remember feeling on graduation day several years ago, is what I imagine you the graduands must be feeling too. It is a terrific feeling, especially when you know you are graduating from a great institution such as this one.

I would like to start by congratulating the graduands who have worked hard to complete their programmes to graduate today. May I also thank the University Management under the leadership of Prof. Olive Mugenda – the Vice-Chancellor who has steadfastly steered this institution to great heights of development in the last few years. When I came in today, I was not very sure that this is the same

institution in which I spent four years undertaking my Bachelor's Degree. Right from the imposing and beautiful Gate at the entrance to the dual carriageway that leads one to the towering Campanile, and along the way the Alumni Centre, the Post-Modern Library and the Central Administration Complex the University has truly transformed. Personally, I would not look elsewhere for an institution to pursue my post-graduate degree.

To the graduating class, my message to you today is to always aim higher. I have learned to go fully in the face of my dreams. I highly recommend that you do the same. You have to believe that anything is possible and then work with passion to make it happen. For me the education that I acquired from Kenyatta University gave me the confidence and diligence to pursue my dream. It should not be different for you because we have that in common. I urge you to realize your full potential and live a determined and meaningful life.

I wish to congratulate you for your achievements today. I feel obliged to remind you that you are now ambassadors of Kenyatta University and must defend and protect the image of this great University. You must also both defend and put to good use the degrees awarded to you. Dare to make some breakthrough and make a difference.

As you go out into the world of work, always remember what it means to be a Kenyatta University graduate. As a graduate of this university, you will be expected to be honest, creative and a person

of humility. Make sure that you stick by these noble virtues. Never forget your Alma Mater. Here, you will find your new home, where you can keep in touch with and benefit from a resourceful network of fellow alumni. Commit yourself to this family, and support programmes that will enhance the development of your alma mater. The fate of KU should be important to you, because if it isn't, to whom then is it important?

Thank You.