

University of Nairobi celebrates 59th Graduation Ceremony.

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University of Nairobi marked the 59th graduation ceremony as 3,900 graduates were conferred degrees and awarded diplomas in a ceremony presided over by the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi.

In her address, Dr. Rattansi urged graduands to be resilient. “As you graduate today, I urge you to use your skills to increase the job creation agenda. As Nelson Mandela said, keep dreaming, don’t settle for less. As you do out, you carry with you a good brand. Lastly, be your brother’s keeper as you make use of your knowledge and skills,” she said. “Today’s graduation therefore holds a special place in my heart. It is the first graduation under a fully constituted Council.”

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi congratulated the graduands and observed that they have been empowered with the requisite skills and mindset to deal with all the challenges that will come their way. He took the opportunity to congratulate the university staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that the launch of satellite into space was successful. “We send you to a turbulent world, we hope that you shall sour up with wings like eagles and not grow weary. Be the generation that will take Kenya to the next level,” he said.

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UoNAA), Chairman, Mr. Isaac Awuondo, who was represented by Dr. Amit Thakrar, called on the graduating class of 2018 to join the association. “The Association is committed in supporting the university in various capacities. “To date 16 Alumni Chapters have been launched with the most recent one being that of the Dental School. We invite

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today's graduands to remain close to the University by becoming a member of the Association," he requested fresh graduates. Dr. Amit as well urged the graduating class of 2018 to use their skills to be job creators, innovators and employers.

The best student, the Valedictorian, Ms. Naomi Wangare, from the School of Built Environment, College of Architecture and Engineering, urged graduands to be persistent in all their endeavours. "Patience, persistence and perspiration makes the best combination of success," she said.

During the ceremony, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o, Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics was awarded Doctor of Science degree. He is the fifth person to get such a feat since the University was established in 1970. The University of Nairobi is one of the leading universities in Africa and we are proud to produce holistic graduates. Congratulations Class of 2018. We are proud of you.

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