

**MOST. REV. ANTHONY MUHERIA'S SPEECH DURING THE CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA'S 41ST GRADUATION CEREMONY ON
28TH OCTOBER 2022**

- i. Hon. Ezekiel Machogu, CBS, Cabinet Secretary of Education*
- ii. Most Rev. Phillip Anyolo, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Nairobi and
Pro-Chancellor of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa*
- iii. Rt. Rev. Paul Kariuki Njiru, Chairman, University Council of The
Catholic University of Eastern Africa*
- iv. Your Lordships, Bishop Members of the University Council*
- v. Distinguished Members of the University Council,*
- vi. Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua Ngari, Rector and Vice Chancellor of
The Catholic University of Eastern Africa*
- vii. Distinguished Guests,*
- viii. Parents, Guardians, Sponsors and Graduands,*
- ix. Faculty and Students of CUEA,*
- x. Ladies and gentlemen*

Good morning.

1. I am pleased to congratulate our Graduands today for reaching this milestones in their life. By graduating with your respective degree and diploma today, you have made a positive change in your life. I would like to thank the University Faculty for walking with our Graduands in this academic journey which has taken years to reach its destination. May I also thank the University Senate, Faculty, staff and students for honouring me as the Chief Guest in today's Graduation Ceremony.

2. Honorable Cabinet Secretary, Your Grace, my brother Bishops, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, as we celebrate the Graduating Class of 2022, we are also reflecting on the graduation theme which is: **expanding opportunities for growth, quality education and training in the context of changing world dynamics**. I believe The Catholic University of Eastern Africa is a case study when it comes to taking advantage of opportunities for growth in such an environment. The University has developed market-sensitive programmes and has an innovative hub which directly responds to the graduation theme.
3. In 2016, the Government of Kenya decided to partner with private universities in the country so as to expand their pool of universities that students it sponsors can be educated in. CUEA is part of this partnership with the Government because, as a University we wanted to offer quality education to all, irrespective of one's faith or economic standing.
4. The President of Kenya appointed a Working Party on Education Reforms and amongst the members who were appointed to the party is CUEA's Rector and Vice Chancellor. CUEA, among other education institutions is vigilantly waiting to implement the reforms which will spur this country into social, economic and technological growth.
5. Graduands, you too should purpose to grow yourselves no matter the circumstances or environments you find yourselves in. You can choose to further grow your career academically, by pursuing professional courses and post-graduate programmes which we offer at

CUEA. With today's technology, you can achieve this growth through virtual learning. By graduating, you have acquired skills that will make you the best academics or professionals in your respective area of specialization.

6. Our dear Graduands, remember that you are joining a body of over 27, 000 CUEA alumni who are working in different areas of specialization across the world. Take advantage of this body and network. This will give you an added advantage in the job market. The best way to do so is by becoming an active member of the University's alumni association. We look forward to partnering with you in this endeavor. We also call on you to mentor our continuing students as well as offering them other opportunities towards their professional growth.
7. Remember that you are CUEA's ambassadors out there. We as CUEA pride ourselves as a University that offers quality and value-based education. As an ambassador of CUEA, you are expected to give your best in what you do and also to be a champion of values.
8. We the CUEA family are extremely proud of you and we will always pray for your success in life professionally and personally.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Most Rev. Anthony MUHERIA
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