

Welcome address by the dean of students on the 36th matriculation ceremony at Christian service university college Kumasi

Members of the Board of Trustees, Council Members, Faculty and Staff, Distinguished Guests, the Media, Parents/Guardians, Matriculants, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Permit me to borrow from the psalmist to reiterate the powerful imagery of “togetherness” in Ps. 133. in my own words. “How remarkable and refreshing it is for matriculants and all here in gathered to come together under a big umbrella at CSUC”

It is by His abundant Grace, that has made it possible for us to gathered in unity to witness this 36th matriculation ceremony of this noble institution.

This is an auspicious occasion where freshmen and women alike are accepted into the community of Christian Service University College as junior members. Undoubtedly, this great institution is characterized with certain unique and sterling qualities to train students on 3 sound principles. They are: to train the head, the heart, and the hand of students which I would give the acronym, “TPH³”.

The implication of this hypothetical situation is that, the university seeks to achieve not only academic excellence but also the moral uprightness of students. Such holistic approach in our training is very imperative and pertinent to employment in the job market especially, when industries, companies and organisations are in competition. What will make the difference between you and your counterpart out there will be the moral integrity to make you the obvious choice where demand and supply of labour is in the state of disequilibrium.

You have therefore chosen the right place. Mr. Chairman, this reminds me of a poem written by Robert Frost entitled, “The Road not Taken”. Frost was born in San Francisco in 1874 and died in 1963. It is about his bosom friend who regretted that he had not taken a different path of his journey into the forest because he got lost. The poem is highly lyrical which expresses an intense personal feeling about making wrong choices.

Thank God you were careful not be like Frost’s friend, because you have made the right decision to be here.

Matriculants, I must say that this ceremony should be an exciting moment for all of you, because it is a new chapter that has been opened in your lives’ story to tell in the future.

Matriculation offers you an opportunity to embark on a unique life experience. An experience that you will refer to both intermittently and all time periods.

However, this unique life experience demands that you become responsible in every area of your life, notwithstanding how infinitesimally small it would be.

No bell will be rung to wake you up from bed. What you need is, to be disciplined enough to get prepared for your lectures and other activities. Time is very crucial because it waits for no man.

Remember that the toil of your parents, family members and sometimes friends has brought you to this pedestal so that you would enjoy this enviable privilege.

The mechanism put in place to facilitate good teaching and learning atmosphere includes dedicated faculty members, family heads, chaplain, counselors and staff who are eager to offer you the help you may need.

Neither must you neither fight out your problems alone nor keep it to yourself when you know you cannot solve them all alone. No problem is insurmountable, with God everything is possible.

The tradition of decent dressing is the heart beat of Christian Service University College. And I know that it will not be difficult for all of you to join the Zion train of nicely and decently dressed students.

After all, when one dresses well it adds up to the good personality of that person. An indecent dressing sends a bad signal to observers who will not only be worried but also form wrong impression about such a person.

Let the students' hand book be your guide and read notices from the notice boards for pieces of information.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, permit me to quote from Georgia Douglas Johnson's poem from the opening stanza: "Your world is as big as you make it" Make you stay at Christian Service University College big, big enough to imbibe every good thing that can make you what God has purposed it to be. May God richly bless you.

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Dean of Students