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**ACTING VICE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS FOR MATRICULATION OF
THE FIRST BATCH OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN
SERVICE UNIVERSITY**

Members of the University Management Board
Deans of Faculties and Schools
Members of Convocation
Distinguished Freshmen and Women
The Student Representative Council
Parents and Guardians
Ladies and Gentlemen
Members of the Press

It is my privilege to welcome all of you here today on behalf of the Governing Council, Academic Board, and the University Management Board to this 50th Matriculation Ceremony and the Second after the University attained its Presidential Charter.

This year is especially remarkable as I am joining you as the New Head of this highly esteemed University. It is gratifying to see all of you gathered here this morning to participate in this memorable event. Your presence is a manifestation of your interest in this ceremony and we are very grateful for this interest.

Today, we have come together to acknowledge your commitment to higher education, to recognise the dedication and hard work that has brought you this far, and to symbolise the start of a transformative phase in your lives.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, matriculation ceremonies are statutory processes to admit fresh students as members of the University after they have fulfilled the academic prerequisites for admission by taking the

matriculation oath. The oath binds the fresh students to abide by all the rules and regulations of the University. It also requires students to be of good behaviour while pursuing their studies at this University.

The event bestows on the students all the rights and privileges recognised by the University as well as an obligation on the University Management to seek the welfare of our precious students.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, by the end of the first admission session for the 2025/2026 academic year, a total of 1,148 students were admitted. This figure is made up of 907 females accounting for 79% of the admitted students, and 241 males representing 21% of the admitted students. This admitted students number is comprised of 8 Diplomas representing 0.7%, 962 undergraduates which represents 83.80% and 178 postgraduates also representing 15.5%.

Among the admitted students, 840 equivalents to 73% have registered for their respective programmes of study. Out of these registered students, 98 are postgraduate representing 11.67%, 738 are undergraduate which account for 87.86%, and 4 Diploma which is 0.48%.

To my dear students, one of the best choices you must have made in your life is your admission to this University. I congratulate you for being deemed qualified to have been admitted for your further studies here at CSU. This University among the first private tertiary educational institutions in Ashanti Region and the entire Northern Sector of Ghana and it is reputed to be one of the best private universities in Ghana.

Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in your lives and, I must say that it is going to be memorable and filled with life-long friendships, connections, laughter, but most importantly, lessons that will shape you and pave way for huge success you can only begin to dream of.

This University is among the top-notched Universities in Ghana, producing legends in various fields of expertise in the world. These legends walked the

same places on this campus, discovered their potentials and honed their skills in this same environment. Therefore, rest assured that greatness lies within each one of you and you are at the right place to harness it for your own benefit and also for the benefit of this nation and the world.

It will not take long for you to start writing your examinations. There are many rules and regulations in this University but one that I want to emphasise is that of **EXAMINATIONS MALPRACTICE**. Please, if you are caught and there is enough evidence to prove that you were actually the culprit, you would be **RUSTICATED FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR**.

You are here for a purpose.

- Find that Purpose
- Be of Perseverance
- Be Humble
- Be Smart with your Studies; and
- Step out of your comfort zone and explore

As I bring my speech to an end, I want to tell you that each generation is a product of its own time. We need people who are bold and confident and are ready to move this country to the next stage of development. And we want those people to come from this cohort of students admitted.

Together, we will make your stay at this University fruitful and memorable so that at the end of your programme, you shall go into the world as worthy and proud ambassadors of Christian Service University, a place of Excellence and Integrity.

Always remember, it is up to you to make that mark.

Thank you and God bless all of us.