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Daystar University graduates 934 graduands in its 43rd Graduation Ceremony

[Nairobi, November 13, 2020...] Daystar University has today awarded diplomas and conferred degrees to 934 undergraduate and postgraduate students during its 43rd graduation ceremony.

The ceremony was relayed virtually from Daystar Valley Road Campus, DAC Auditorium, with a small audience in attendance under Covid-19 regulations.

The virtual graduation was aired live on the University's website on the Daystar University Facebook page.

Physically present was the University Chancellor, Prof Mary Murimi, Chair of Daystar Company Board Rev. Dr. Matthews Mwalw'a, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Laban Ayiro, DVC Academic, Research and Student Affairs, Prof. Faith Nguru, DVC FAP Dr. Muturi Wachira, Members of the Daystar University Council, University Senate and Management, Student Award recipients and representatives of the various academic programmes.

In her address, the University Chancellor Prof. Mary Murimi told the graduands that the illiterates of the 21st century will not be the ones who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, relearn, and unlearn.

"As you start your journey to the real world, start by developing meaningful relationships and surround yourself with people that have a balanced dosage of realism and optimism," advised Prof. Murimi.

On his part the Vice-chancellor, Prof. Laban Ayiro, called on the graduands to be the soloist that will give hope and excitement to the world. "I release you to the world confident

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that you will make a difference," he said. The VC further urged the graduands to be authentic, noting that this would take out human shortcomings and help them to learn from their mistakes.

"You are our worthy investment, go out and be skeptical but not cynical," advised Prof. Ayiro.

In a recorded message, the guest of honor Prof. Margaret Kobia urged the graduands to be global citizens who can provide solutions, and to carefully select friends who share a similar vision.

"Your destiny is in your hands, do not expect anyone to do favors for you," she noted.

On his part, Daystar University Council Chair Prof. Henry Thairu assured the graduands that the University would continue to train and mentor world class leaders to go out and positively impact the world.

The DVC Academic, Research and Students Affairs Prof. Faith Nguru had this to say: "Your academic journey at Daystar University has given you many opportunities to define and experience hope. Some of you have experienced answers to prayers for provision of finances and good health, while others have known the comfort of mentors and supportive friends. Let the wisdom and your faith in God guide you as you imagine different ways in which you can impact the world."

The graduating Class Representative Mr. Ali Nganga advised fellow graduands not to give up, saying that the door they have been knocking will one day be opened or better still they can start businesses and have people come knocking on their doors.

The 43rd Graduation ceremony was preceded by the traditional graduation Chapel on Tuesday November 10, 2020 where Senior University officials washed the feet of the graduating class representatives to signify servanthood.

Among those graduating this year were 16 PhD graduands, four in Communication and 12 in Clinical Psychology.

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