

**SPEECH BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AMREF INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (AMIU), DURING THE 3RD AMIU GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD ON FRIDAY 10TH JUNE, 2022 AT AMIU GROUNDS NAIROBI, KENYA**

Chancellor, Amref International University, Your Excellency Mr. Festus Mogae  
The AMIU Board of Trustees,  
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Graduands and Students,  
Parents and guardians,  
Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning,

I am glad to join you today as we honor the graduating class of 2022. I congratulate all the graduands for completing their programs. We celebrate your perseverance, fortitude, and determination. Some of your colleagues and friends started this academic path with you but did not complete it.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In July 2021, the university held its first-ever Student Council elections. AMIU students now have a seat at the decision-making table as stakeholders. Gone are the days when university student leadership was about unbridled activism. Higher learning institutions now require student leaders who identify challenges and find plausible solutions.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This 3rd AMIU graduation takes place as the world begins to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. While we remain thankful that the dark cloud of this virus is lifting, as a continent, we must not forget the lessons we have learned during this pandemic.

We must ensure that never again will Africa find itself in a position where it is almost fully reliant on others for essential medical products and vaccines. Never again should we rely on others for medical equipment and technology. Never again should we rely on others to protect the health and lives of our people. We must make Africa our business.

Graduands,

I implore you to consider using the knowledge and skills you have gained to innovate and develop African healthcare solutions to African healthcare challenges. I challenge you to become leaders at the different levels you will work. Leadership is not about position or status. Leadership is about having dreams bigger than personal gain. Make Africa your business.

Congratulations to all graduands, may God bless you.

Thank you.

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