

**MATRICULATION 2016 ADDRESS**  
**EXPECTATIONS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE**

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Fellow Matriculants

Our cherished Parents and Guardians

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

I deem it an honour to be nominated to deliver the Matriculation Address on Expectations of University Life on behalf of all freshmen of this noble institution. I believe that most of us had sleepless nights whilst waiting for admission into the university but rejoiced upon receiving the offer of admission into the University of Ghana. We are therefore very privileged to be in Ghana's premier university which offers many opportunities that are not available elsewhere.

Mr. Vice Chancellor, first and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the University for providing state-of-art equipment and facilities to enhance our education. The Science laboratories, the Balme Library, the range of sporting facilities and the Wi-Fi connection, just to mention a few. Let me also take the opportunity to thank the University for the online platform used in many of its operations. This platform facilitated the processes of applying to the

university, for residential applications and other processes. No doubt these online modes of operation would in my view, greatly help in the teaching and learning process as well. An example is the Sakai Portal that enables us, as students, to access a great deal of information and even do assignments. In order that we continue enjoying such facilities, we hope that the internet connectivity would be further improved.

Fellow Matriculants, our primary aim as students, you would agree, is to study and make use of this opportunity. What is expected of us therefore is to stick to our books and avoid acts that would make us divert from our main aim. Having taken the oath, I am hopeful that my fellow matriculants would adhere to the oath so that at the end of our studies here we will be proud of ourselves and graduate with joy.

This then brings us to the question “What are our expectations of university life”? Although we hear various stories about what to expect, which are both good and bad, we are eager to meet new people and make new friends to help us network for the future. We will definitely learn new things and grow older and more responsible during our stay at the University. Crossing from the secondary school life to University life, we have gained a level of independence, but we should exercise caution in the way we use this independence. Now, we will begin to take decisions on our own. In our studies, we may also face some academic challenges. But in all these, let us resolve to face these challenges while celebrating the joys that we will experience. Let us be mindful of the fact that when we strive to do our best, there will be light at the end of the tunnel. No matter what the circumstances are, let us strive to achieve our individual goals.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians who have sacrificed so much and invested to bring us this far. Dear parents, we appreciate every effort you have made for us to be here. We promise you that we will not let you down.

I will also like to appeal to the government to see to the needs of our lecturers and administrators and all employees of the University so that we will have a conducive and environment for learning.

In conclusion, I would like to charge you, fellow matriculants, to aspire to realise your visions, to meet your goal of learning and endeavour to make a positive impact on your communities and society at large. This way, we will be proud of our success at the end of our studies in the University.

God bless the Matriculation Class of 2016

God bless the University of Ghana

God bless us all.

Thank you.