



**KEYNOTE SPEECH AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF  
TRIUMPHANT COLLEGE**

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**Directors of ceremony,**

Prof. Kiangi Rector of Triumphant College  
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Mr. Hore, The Academic Registrar  
Mr. Madziwo, Marketing Registrar  
Mr. Amunyela, Dean of Students  
All Principals of Schools  
Heads of Departments,  
SRC Members;  
Graduands,  
Parents, Family, Staff, Students  
Best friends from all the Media,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

**I have structured my statement in three brief parts.**

**Part one is about “Today – the present.”**

**Part two is about “Yesterday – the past.”**

**Part three is about “Tomorrow – the future.”**

**Part one, “Today – the present.”**

It is nice to be here today, I see happy faces and joyous smiles. Your parents, families, guardians and friends are surely happy and excited that finally you are graduating, you with the support of your families’ invested resources, time and effort which today is yielding this cheerful results.

Take a guess who else is proud? Undoubtedly, your lecturers, proud that they have steered and guided you through the academic tour successfully.

Take a moment and a deep breath, thank and praise God for all his goodness. Also, allow your thoughts to thank anyone and everyone on this planet, who may have contributed and made your today a grand success.

**Today** is humbling and indeed a great honor for me, that Triumphant College selected to extend an invitation to me, affording me an opportunity to address this distinguished audience at this Graduation Ceremony.

**Today**, I speak to the minds and intellect of people who at this juncture are the most thrilled. The people who deserve the most credit.

This people ladies and gentlemen, are none other but the dear graduands. It is them who albeit challenges, selected not to surrender but to persevere.

Young men and young women all looking great in your academic attire!

You have done it, for you, for your family, for your country but most importantly, you have done it for Africa.

You have duly earned the happiness which you are feeling today.

**Today**, you are rewarding yourselves with the best gift ever given to you by yourselves, as you will soon be conferred with **certificates**, diplomas or degrees. We trust that you have expanded your knowledge, honed your skills and broadened your horizons.

**Director Sir,**

**My part two: about “Yesterday – the past.”**

It may feel like just **yesterday** when your academic journey started but with no guarantee how it was going to end. Although that day may feel like yesterday, we all know that it has taken few years to reach here.

If you cast your mind to the yesteryear when the journey had just started, the task may have seemed daunting, perhaps there were times you had to battle financial struggles to pay tuition fees, faced sleepless nights in preparation of tests and exams, and many other endless struggles. You never gave up nor caved in.

**But hey, all that is in yesterday, how time flies?**

Congratulations to the lecturers and support staff, for without them, your yesterdays at Triumphant College would have been different.

**Director Sir,**

Yesterday is past and gone and today is ending in a matter of hours, what therefore lay ahead of us is the future, tomorrow.

This therefore bring me to **Part three of my statement which is about “Tomorrow – the future.”**

Dear graduands, your attainments today, were efforts in pursuance of you preparing and readying yourselves for the future. However, your attainments do not mean that you have arrived at the final destination in life, because the “journey of life” continues with still many miles laying ahead.

The question is, what do tomorrow hold?

Life will still at-times prove to be harsh and brutal, other times life will be wonderful and pleasant. Your attainment or academic qualifications have enhanced your abilities and chances to better navigate in life, either to focus on impossibilities or to concentrate on opportunities. Will you bounce back when life is going to be harsh or are pursue opportunities without waiver or giving up?

Some graduands particularly those without gainful employment at this point, are pondering; where do I go from here? Surely, some are going to seek and secure employment, others are going to be entrepreneurs, others may continue with further studies. Whichever pathway you may pursue, go enhance that which others have established which is of great value and help humanity. You may alternatively go and create your own legacy. As for the former American Poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, his view rather is and I quote ***“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail”*** end of quote.

So go out there and make a difference for Namibia and the world.

I am reliably informed that Triumphant College want to establish business incubators to help students who have bankable projects, to develop them from an idea stage to production stage. This will significantly give Triumphant College an edge by helping students to become business owners and employers. The government fully supports this initiative. Similarly, I am also told that Triumphant College is developing various new programmes in line with Namibia’s new economic future in oil, green hydrogen and manufacturing. I encourage Triumphant College to continue moving forward, aligning the training with the efforts of the government in shaping the future of Namibia to ensure increased employability and employment opportunities.

Judging from the scale of the initial proposals in the green hydrogen economy submitted to Namibia by investors and the oil and gas finds, these projects, relative to the size of Namibia’s economy, will be greatly transformative and propel Namibia’s prosperity to greater heights.

The economy is further expected to expand in the coming years owing to factors such as expanded output of offshore diamond mining, resumption of copper mining, and increased fish catches.

Without doubt, the future of Namibia is brighter.

Finally, Triumphant College have done her part, thank you.  
Parents, family and relatives, thank you for having played your part.

**Graduands,**

Once again, allow me to congratulate you for this much deserved accomplishment, which we are now witnessing.

God bless you.