**REMARKS BY PROF. ARTHUR ESHIWANI, CHANCELLOR, KCA UNIVERSITY AT THE MATRICULATION CEREMONY FOR NEW STUDENTS ON SATURDAY, 14TH MAY 2011 AT KCA UNIVERSITY GROUNDS**

•To our new students;

Good Morning.

Let me take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to KCA University and to this particular matriculation ceremony. I would also like to congratulate all of you, for earning your place in this institution and I would like to assure you that your sojourn here will be a fond part of your heart years after you leave the gates with your hard earned qualifications.

Your being here today is a result of a meticulous selection process that was driven by this institution’s desire to produce the leaders of tomorrow. I must therefore let you in on a secret; we expect so much from you in terms of transforming this country. And I therefore want to give you a few challenges as you begin what we here consider the most important face of your life. So, I am not going to talk to you about academics, I want to talk to you about life.

In all of us there is the desire to succeed, and each of you wants to be an important member of the society in the future. Everyday of my life I am always trying to find a way to do something differently. And this feeling is in everyone gathered here today. But the big question is how much time will you really waste? If you look at your watch you will see that time never stops for anyone. That is one thing God never gives us. And now it is your time; what will you do make sure it is your time?

You have the opportunity to do something different right now. And you must be grateful to God, because some can’t see, some can’t, walk, some can’t hear; but you are gifted. It is a harsh world out there and every single day you have to master your craft. And at KCA University, we don’t just want you to sit in class and get down to books only, we want you help you acquire knowledge and wisdom that will prove fruitful in future. We want to strengthen your passion for what you want to be, we want to turn what drives you into your life’s best experience.

And so, don’t let the alarm clock be the only thing that wakes you up in the morning. Make sure you wake up with God in your mind. Thank him for another opportunity not just to wake up but to also pursue your life’s grandest dreams. Don’t let the lecturers to always tell you what to do; find your way to do it yourself. Make your own plans; chart your own path. So when they get ready to press you, when they get ready to question you, you already have the answers. That is when you start having the real you and that’s when they start to appreciate you and to mould you into the person you want to become.

You may find some units challenging and you may fail some. You may trail in class at one time but if you keep your mind to it, you cannot trail for the entire course. We are fully aware that everyone needs a mentor, and your faculty and every member of the university community will always be available for you. I would like to urge you to use that access to the maximum.

As Albert Einstein once said, ‘Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.’ We also want what drives you to ethical and genuine and not driven by greed. You can set it in your mind that you are special and that you can do great things. Greatness is a lot of small things done well; school work, athletics, social life, respect, God, dressing,...small things that make greatness. When you finally do it, let your name be bigger than your bank account. When you are finally ready to go home, let your footsteps be remembered.

Finally, I want to let you know that it is not bad to dream. If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them. Success does not come on a silver plata; you have to climb walls to get there. ‘Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.’

It is your time and you have the opportunity not many can afford. Don’t ever let a day go by that you waste because that is a day you can never get back.

On that note I want you all to recognise the young men and women that this university has given the opportunity to pursue their dreams through the Chancellor’s scholarship for the year 2011.

For Bachelor of Commerce, the awardees are

Njiru Rael Irima

Wangari Sharon Wacera

Koech winrose Chepngetich

Wazemba Onesmus Mungoti

For Bachelor of Science and IT the awardees are

Kibe Elizabeth Wangari

Yator Asenath

Andrew Simiyu Kale

Simon Tuberia Ledede

**Thank you.**