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VALEDICTORY SPEECH BY DAVID ANKOMAH TO THE 35TH CONGREGATION CEREMONY OF GHANA COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY, HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2025

**The Chairman of Council,
Members of the Governing Council,
Distinguished Keynote Speaker, the Minister of Education,
The Vice-Chancellor,
Members of Convocation,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
All Protocols observed.**

It is an honor to stand here today, representing my fellow graduates and to speak on your behalf. As we come together to celebrate our achievements, let's take a moment to think about the journey and purposes that brought us here.

Today is a significant milestone as we celebrate the achievements of the 2025 graduating class of GCTU. Representing my fellow graduates, I reflect on the journey, marked by hard work, friendship and shared dreams.



Each of us has faced unique challenges. Whether continuing one's education or fresh from high school, we united under the goal of self-improvement and the need to make a positive impact on society. The struggles, from late-night studies to tough exams, tested our capabilities and limits, but ultimately revealed our strength and resilience that have carried us to the realization of this special occasion.

I express gratitude to God for our lives and the grace to pursue our dreams here and the University, including administrative staff for offering us the opportunity to broaden our horizon and become the best in our societies. Special thanks go to our dedicated lecturers for their patience and guidance throughout our training, particularly the Dean of the Engineering Faculty, Ing. Dr. Ruhiya Abubakar, whose support was instrumental in my journey.

To our wonderful families and friends, your unwavering support has been vital. Special appreciation goes to my beautiful mother, Ms. Josephine Ankomah, for your undying support, prayers and believing in me.

As we step into the future, let us remember that true success stems from the impact we make and the integrity we maintain. Together, we are empowered to contribute positively to society. Let us take advantage of the numerous opportunities available to us, but do so with caution, so we avoid any dangers to our lives and progress. This achievement does not mark an end, but a new beginning. Let's dream big, lead with integrity and cherish our roots, while having the heart to support our alma mater.

I know some of us have achieved great successes, others couldn't get what they really wanted. But in the end, we are all graduating and that's enough success for us. Therefore, I leave you with a quote from Winston Churchill that goes, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

I wish to say, in conclusion, that I'm deeply grateful for the honor of being your voice today. Thank you all for your audience.

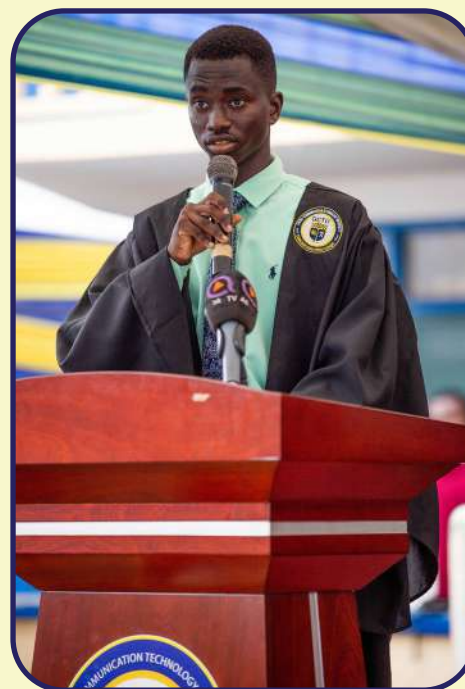
Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Long live GCTU!

Long live Ghana!

EXPECTATION SPEECH DELIVERED BY GERALD OCRAN AT THE 35TH MATRICULATION, HELD ON THE 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2026 AT THE GCTU FORECOURT

**The Chairman of Council and Respected Members,
The Vice-Chancellor,
The Pro Vice-Chancellor,
The Registrar,
The Dean of Student Affairs,
Deans of Faculties,
University Staff,
Members of the Press,
Continuing Students,
Fellow Matriculants,
All protocols duly observed.**



It is with immense pride and gratitude that I stand before you today as a representative of all matriculants as we gather to mark the beginning of our academic journey at GCTU on this special occasion of our matriculation ceremony. Today is more than a formal event; it is a celebration of our dedication, ambition and commitment to learning and personal growth.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the University Council and Management and all stakeholders whose visionary leadership continues to inspire excellence at GCTU. We are truly grateful for your presence and the insights you have shared with us today

I also recognize the invaluable contributions of our devoted faculty members and administrators, whose guidance, mentorship and dedication to education have led many to attain important milestones and continue to shape the leaders of tomorrow in which we are constituents. Let us take a moment to applaud their commitment and unwavering support.

Permit me to say here that my fellow matriculants and I are embarking on a journey into a field that is vital for the achievement of great successes, designed to enhance our personal ambitions, as well as promote businesses, organizations and the global economy, making meaningful contributions to society.

Of course, this journey will come with challenges. There will be difficult courses, demanding projects and moments of self-doubt. However, we must view these challenges not as obstacles, but as opportunities to grow, develop resilience, mold and strengthen our character. As Kofi Annan once said, “Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family.” Let us approach every task with determination, curiosity, and a commitment to excellence.

University life is also a time to learn the value of collaboration, teamwork, and ethical responsibility. Success is a feature that is rarely achieved alone in various fields of endeavour; it comes from effective planning, communication and cooperation. Let us seize every opportunity to work together, support one another and foster a culture of respect, integrity and innovation.

We must also remember the sacrifices and encouragement of our families and loved ones, whose belief in us has brought us to this significant day. Their trust and support remind us of the words of Malala Yousafzai, “One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.” Our education is our responsibility, but it is also a tool to honor their faith in us and to make a lasting impact.

As we begin this journey, let us commit to learning; not only for personal success, but also for the betterment of our industries, our communities, our mentors and our beloved country. May we leave GCTU as knowledgeable, ethical and visionary professionals, ready to make meaningful contributions to Ghana, the business world, and beyond.

We cannot achieve success in our respective pursuits, if we do not experience the invaluable support of Management and dedicated academic and non-academic staff of the University. With you on our side, led by the Almighty God, we are sure to achieve great heights.

Congratulations, my fellow matriculants on our achievement to have seen this special day of our long journey at GCTU! May our time here be filled with learning, growth, achievement, and unforgettable memories. Let us embrace every challenge, seize every opportunity, and make our journey at GCTU truly remarkable, especially when we re-convene after our academic pursuits to receive crowns of achievements.

Thank you.

CONGREGATION SPEECH BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR EMMANUEL OHENE AFOAKWA



Chairman of Council, Ing. Divine D. K. Kpetigo
Guest Speaker Hon. Dr. Clement Abas Apaak
Members of the University Council,
Ag. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ebenezer Malcalm
Registrar, Mr. Emmanuel Baidoo
Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, Heads of Units
Faculty and Staff,
Industry Partners,
Parents and Guardians,
Celebrated Graduating Class of 2025,
Friends of the University,
Friends from the Press
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen
Good morning

INTRODUCTION

Today marks another landmark moment in the life of Ghana Communication Technology University. A day of joy, pride, progress, and renewed commitment to the transformational future we are building together. To our graduating class, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Your discipline, resilience, and hard work have brought you here. Today, we honour your achievements and the promise you carry into the world.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

This year, a total of 2,121 graduates are being conferred with various degrees, diplomas, and certificates across the university. The graduating class includes 1,379 students from the Faculty of Computing & Information Systems (FOCIS), 136 students from the Faculty of Engineering (FoE), 456 students from the Business School, 27 students from the Institute of Continuing Distance Education (ICDE), and 123 students from our postgraduate programmes, including PhD, MSc, MBA, and MPhil degrees. This diverse cohort represents the strength, growth, and academic depth of GCTU, and we are immensely proud of their achievements.

A YEAR OF STRATEGIC PROGRESS & RENEWED MOMENTUM

The year 2025 has been eventful yet profoundly impactful for GCTU. It has been a year that has validated our strategic direction and strengthened our resolve to advance the university's transformation agenda. Today, I am pleased to reaffirm that we are firmly on track with our strategic development plan, and our commitment to shaping GCTU into a world-class technology and innovation hub remains strong and unwavering.

MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS

1. Completion of the 8-Storey Lecture Halls and Office Complex

This December 2025, we will complete the magnificent 8-storey Lecture Halls and Offices Complex at the main entrance of the University, which will be one of the signature edifices on our campus. This facility will host: an auditorium, modern lecture theatres, state-of-the-art digital teaching spaces, staff offices, and multipurpose academic areas. It marks a bold step toward expanding our instructional capacity.

2. Completion of the 6-Storey Academic Block

Additionally, by February 2026, we will again complete the 6-storey Graduate School Expansion Building, fully equipped to support additional lecture facilities, seminar rooms, and administrative and academic office spaces. Together, these buildings significantly increase our infrastructure footprint and prepare us for the expected growth in student numbers in 2026.

3. Commissioning of the CITSET Innovation Laboratory

One of the most momentous achievements this year is the establishment and commissioning of the CITSET Lab, the Centre for Innovation, Technology Skills, and Entrepreneurship Training. This cutting-edge facility has been designed to: drive applied research, support student and faculty innovation, deepen industry collaboration, and position GCTU as a leading centre for technological advancement in Ghana and West Africa. The CITSET Lab embodies our Silicon Valley vision, a place where ideas transition into prototypes, prototypes into solutions, and solutions into real impact. It offers our students and faculty the environment, tools, and infrastructure to develop, experiment, innovate, and compete at global standards.

4. Hostel Project—PPA Model Set to Begin Next Year

Accommodation remains a top priority and our biggest challenge. I am delighted to share that the hostel project is now at an advanced stage of procurement and will commence next year under a Public–Private Partnership (PPA) arrangement. This project will significantly enhance on-campus living, reduce pressure on external accommodation, and help create a more vibrant campus atmosphere.

5. New 8-Storey Engineering Block to Replace Old Structure

Management is also in advanced discussions to begin another major project, the construction of a new 8-storey Lecture Halls and Offices Complex to replace the old Faculty of Engineering building. This modern structure will house all the four Departments within the Faculty of Engineering, and would comprise of various engineering laboratories, lecture halls, digital design studios, and innovation spaces that meet international standards. This is yet another clear step toward transforming GCTU into a true technology-driven university.

ALIGNING WITH THE SILICON VALLEY AGENDA

All these advancements, the completed buildings, the hostel project, the forthcoming Engineering block, and the commissioning of the CITSET Lab, speak to one thing:

- GCTU is becoming Ghana's Silicon Valley.
- An institution powered by innovation.
- A university built on digital transformation.
- A campus designed to inspire research, entrepreneurship, and technological solutions.

Our vision is alive, active, and accelerating, moving forward in the right direction.

ASSURANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

To our students, our dedicated staff, our committed faculty, our cherished alumni, and our valued partners, let me offer this heartfelt assurance: GCTU is rising and it is rising because of your hard work and commitment to our transformative agenda. To the hardworking men and women across our campuses, those who teach, those who support, those who plan, and those who quietly labour behind the scenes, your resilience, your loyalty, and your unwavering commitment are the pillars holding this institution steady.

Through challenges, transitions, and changing seasons, you have stood firm in your dedication to our shared vision. Because of you, our foundation is strong. Because of you, our progress is visible and real. Because of you, the future of GCTU shines even brighter.

As management, we remain deeply committed to academic excellence, innovation-driven transformation, and the long-term sustainability of our university. And I assure you: Together, united in purpose, united in effort, and united in spirit, we will position GCTU as the premier ICT University in Ghana. Not someday, not in theory but in our lifetime, through the work we are doing today. Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your belief in GCTU. And thank you for walking this transformational journey with us.

MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

Graduands, today is not just a ceremony; it is the celebration of your courage, your persistence, and your unshakable belief in who you can become. This moment carries the weight of every late-night study session, every group project, every setback you pushed through, and every dream that refused to fade. As you step confidently into the world, remember the timeless words of Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

You now hold that weapon. You have sharpened it here at GCTU. How you use it will define your future and shape the world around you.

Your education has given you more than knowledge; it has given you the ability to think, to innovate, to adapt, and to lead. It has equipped you not only to face the future, but to create it. Carry with you the core values GCTU has instilled in every graduate who walks through our gates: Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, Accountability, and Diversity. You are entering a world where change is constant, technology drives progress, and leadership is not optional; it is essential. Whether your journey takes you to Accra, Tamale, Nairobi, Dubai, London, Washington or beyond, remember that you carry the GCTU spirit, a spirit of excellence and a mindset of possibility. So go out there and ‘Be bold enough to dream. Be curious enough to explore. Be courageous enough to lead. Be resilient enough to rise. And above all, be impactful enough to leave every place better than you found it’. The world is waiting, not for just another graduate, but for a trailblazer, a problem-solver, a creator, a leader and that is exactly who you have become. Congratulations, GCTU Class of 2025. Go and change your world.

You now hold that weapon. You have sharpened it here at GCTU. How you use it will define your future and shape the world around you.

CONCLUSION

As we bring this remarkable day to a close, let us pause, just for a moment, and take in the significance of what we have shared. Today is not only a celebration of our graduates; it is a celebration of an entire community that refuses to settle for the ordinary. To our Council, our dedicated faculty and staff, our tireless student leaders, our industry partners, and the families whose love fuels every success, thank you. Your belief, your sacrifice, and your commitment are the heartbeat of this university. What we are building together is extraordinary. A university shaped by technology. A university defined by innovation. A university inspired by excellence. A university that is not waiting for the future, but boldly progressing and advancing its mandate every year.

To the graduating class, you are part of the proud story of GCTU, a story of resilience, vision, and unstoppable progress. Carry this legacy with dignity wherever you go.

Carry this legacy with dignity wherever you go. As you step into the next chapter of your lives, may purpose guide your actions, may courage strengthen your steps, and may excellence crown all your endeavours. Congratulations, Class of 2025. Go forward with pride. Go forward with confidence. Go forward and shine. May God bless you, May God bless Ghana Communication Technology University. And may God bless our beloved homeland, Ghana and make us great and strong. Thank you.







PROF. EMMANUEL OHENE AFOAKWA
VICE-CHANCELLOR, GCTU.



SENIOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED PHDS

We are pleased to inform the University Community that the following Senior Members have successfully completed their studies and have been awarded Doctor of Philosophy Degrees (Ph.D.) in their respective fields of study.

Please join us in congratulating the following individuals on their remarkable accomplishments:

S/N	NAME/DEPT.	QUALIFICATION	PICTURE
1.	Dr. Emmanuel Kwame Effah, Faculty of Engineering.	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, 12th September, 2025	
2.	Dr. Afua Frempong-Kore, university Librarian.	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Information Science, University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa, 27th November, 2025	
3.	Dr. Nana Agyeman-Prempeh, Dept. of Procurement, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Business School.	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Management, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, 12th September, 2025	
4.	Dr. Emmanuel Hasford, Dept. of Management Studies, Business School.	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Agribusiness Management, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, 1st November, 2024.	
5.	Dr. Isaac Yaw Okyere, Dept. of Management Studies, Business School.	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Human Resource Management, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa, 2nd December, 2025.	
6.	Dr. Charles Asare, Dept. of Marketing, Business School.	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Marketing, University of Professional Studies, Accra – 28th September, 2025	

APPROVED POLICIES

We are pleased to inform the University Community that the GCTU Governing Council has approved the following important documents:

1. **Heads of Academic Departments Handbook.**
2. **Anti-Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy.**

These documents are now available on the University website for your reference and/or download. All staff, students and stakeholders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents.

You may access the documents through the following link:

<https://site.gctu.edu.gh/regulations-and-policies> or Scan the QR code below:

