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FORM SIX GRADUATION SPEECH

Dear Guest of Honor Professor Yunus Mgaya, The School Board vice chairperson Ephraim Kosia, The Managing Director of AfricAcademy Limited, Prof.Nuhu Hatibu, The Government and Non-Governmental Officials Present, the Head of School Madam Mary Mbise, the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, Parents, Fellow Graduates, Arusha Science Fraternity, Ladies and Gentlemen; Good Day to You All! We stand before you today not only as the former head prefects but members of the graduating class of 2024.

First and foremost, we extend our profound gratitude to the Almighty God for bringing to fruition this long-held dream, which, at times, felt like a challenging journey, our hearts are filled with humility and deep gratitude.

We express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our distinguished Guest of Honour, whose attendance today adds a notable sense of prestige to the occasion. We are fully aware of the demanding nature of your schedule, yet you graciously accepted our invitation to be a part of this momentous occasion.

We also would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the remarkable individuals who have been our unwavering support system – our parents. To our mothers, fathers, guardians, and family members, your enduring support, selfless sacrifices, and words of encouragement have been the bedrock of our achievements.

Our collective journey has been a narrative of triumphs and tales of resilience, with each character in this diverse cohort contributing to the tapestry of our shared experiences. The odyssey commenced on April 24th, 2022, when 46 of us embarked on the Pre-Form Five Course.

Throughout the month of May, we underwent a transformative experience, exploring our potential, aligning with the school's mission, drawing upon past school experiences, and flourishing in our pursuit of excellence in STEM education.

In June 2022, a new cohort of ambitious teenagers swiftly embarked on their academic journey, specialising in EGM, PCM, PCB, PMC, PGM, and CBG combinations, summing up to a total of 101 enrolled students, 93 of which are graduating today.

While 8 individuals had to leave due to unavoidable circumstances, their departure did not sever the bond, they remain cherished friends, still an integral part of our extended family.

As we joyously commemorate this significant milestone, let's take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we've undertaken.

Our academic achievements stand as a testament to our dedication. In the regional mock examinations for form six, with 84 students out of 93 securing division one and two results making us the second rank and third ranked school in the regional and zonal levels respectively this indeed continues showcasing our commitment to excellence and we are confident that our concerted efforts will culminate in exceptional results and an outstanding performance in our upcoming final NECTA exams.



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Our educational journey has been more than just classrooms, textbooks, and exams. It's been a dynamic and immersive experience, marked by an abundance of hands-on, practical learning opportunities. Beyond academic pursuits, our school features dedicated programs aimed at fostering both confidence and competence, particularly through the ICT and Science into Use (SITU) departments.

We express our gratitude to the school administration for spearheading these initiatives, as they have played a pivotal role in our ability to achieve notable milestones. One significant accomplishment includes the enhancement of our digital technology proficiency, achieved through our participation in the International Certificate of Digital Literacy (ICDL) course. This year-long endeavour, spanning from February 2023 to April 2024, has contributed significantly to our skill development and knowledge in the realm of digital literacy.

Our journey of innovation through projects and the fruits of confidence building began to be witnessed in August of 2023 when we began research and taking full control of our projects of choice some being electronic detection for underground water leakage, smart irrigation, solar chiller, electronic mopper, smart walking stick for the blind, 3D- printing and the speaking robot who was showcased at last year's form six graduation ceremony.

We have also undertaken a lot of extracurricular activities, some being clubs which offer a platform to engage in activities beyond our regular academic curriculum, fostering personal growth, teamwork, and skill development, for example entrepreneurship, sports, arts and crafts, music, Arduino and programming clubs.

On top of that we participated in the young scientist Tanzania competition for the year 2023 where out of 6 of our projects one which is the rat training for water leakages made it to the national competition where it won first position in the biological science category.

Furthermore we had the divine opportunity to take place in the first junior achievement program in Tanzania (from August to November 2022) which fostered us in aspects of entrepreneurship, we had two companies that is BEBA (better education better Africa) and KIBEGA company which were online platforms we designed to eradicate challenges facing our community, in the national competition we won first and second place, and the KIBEGA company went on to represent Tanzania in Lagos Nigeria JA Africa company of the year competitions winning the Boomerang changemakers and best CEO awards

Moreover, we took part in many national STEM events, some being the international women and girl day in STEM Day exhibitions as well as the national creativity week showcases in February and April of 2023 respectively both events being held in Dodoma, Tanzania. Equally we gave back to our community through community outreach projects such as the AIDIM project tutoring young kids around the Laroi community as well as through several workshops through Afrika learns for instance, we held various workshops concerning arts and creative writing, introduction to computers, starting your own business that is



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entrepreneurship, sports and games as well as space and aviation to schools such as Samwa primary school and kaloleni and Oljoro secondary schools.

Besides all that in the school we held a lot of sporting and entertaining events, some notably being the annual Nyerere day event where there were endless talent showcases, quizzes and sports competitions on top of that we had bonanzas and various inter and intra competitions like arusha science vs Oljoro and the infamous nuran vs sugar football matches respectively.

Additionally, we cannot forget the famous Saba Saba day festival we dominated back in 2022 featuring un forgettable displays such as the boys umlando dance, fashion show, Q&As, girls' football and the eminent ping pong tournaments

The path we traversed wasn't entirely straightforward; it has continued to present both highs and lows. Acknowledging the presence of challenges in our journey is essential, and it would be inaccurate to claim otherwise. Initially, concerns were raised by some parents who questioned the compatibility of project and competency-based learning with the conventional NECTA curriculum.

This was particularly daunting for us, as we exclusively pursued science-based subjects, intensifying the complexity of an already demanding curriculum. Moreover, the struggle to effectively manage our time was pronounced, especially during the peak project season leading up to competitions such as YST and Junior Achievement

Navigating the Competence-based learning system at Arusha Science is proving to be a challenging endeavour for us. It demands time and sacrifice from many of us. Despite these obstacles, we are confident in our ability not only to succeed but also to persevere.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the School Administration, led by the esteemed Professor Nuhu Hatibu, for their exceptional leadership. Our gratitude also extends to the remarkable facilities, including modern dormitories, ICT-based classrooms, and internet access enabling us to explore various knowledge sources. The well-equipped laboratories with world-standard apparatus, alongside the provision of balanced daily meals, significantly continues our comfortable and memorable stay at arusha science. We express our sincere thanks. A special acknowledgement goes to our non-teaching staff from the chefs in the kitchen to janitors cleaning our environment, the technicians at karakana and finally Matron and patron.

Graduating is not just about the knowledge gained from textbooks but the wisdom acquired through challenges, the bonds forged in companionship, and the resilience cultivated in adversity. As we start to bid a farewell to this chapter, let us begin to embrace the uncertainties ahead with courage and the unwavering belief that each of us has the power to shape our destinies. Remember, fellow graduates, that the echoes of our time here will resonate in the choices we make and the impact we create.

Let our legacy be one of compassion, resilience, and the relentless pursuit of our dreams. Class of 2024 we are not just graduates; we are the architects of our futures, and together, we will build a legacy that echoes through time. Congratulations to us all!



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