

Graduation Message

Graduation is a time for celebration and reflection for personal advancement and for the common good.

It is a time to acknowledge your accomplishments, the challenges you have surpassed and the physical, emotional, and social developments that transpired since you entered school/ high school.

It is a time to recognize that you attained all these through lots of hard work and sacrifices on your part with the guidance, assistance and support of your parents, teachers, school officials and all stakeholders.

Be proud of yourselves and we---your parents, relatives, friends, teachers and the whole community join you in jubilation.

Then as you move on to pursue your goal, **ENJOY!**

- **Examine the things you are good at and like to do**
Each of you is bestowed with innate talents and capabilities. Recognize and continue cultivating them. Discover your talents, hone and harness your skills. They are your God-given capitals
- **Need to turn your weaknesses to positive advantage**
One may not be good academically but can become a successful farmer, an expert mechanic or an entrepreneur, master artist, a singer or a model. There are unlimited opportunities to use what we thought is a weakness to advantage.
- **Jibe your personal advancement to the common good**
Everyone is a part of the society and the environment. No one lives in a vacuum. Hence, every personal advancement should NOT disregard the common good. While earning much money is a valid desire, the source and manner it is acquired and utilized should not hurt your fellowmen or your environment.
- **Observe Parameters**
Engage in wholesome recreations. Resist detractors such as drugs, gambling, intoxicating drinks, uncontrolled playing of computer games and misguided "barkada" activities.
- **Your strong will and self-determination are your propellers**
Strong self-determination can bring miracles to your life. Living models are Manuel "Manny" Pacquiao a boxer turned millionaire and Tom Peurtolano, a carpenter's son and PMA's 2012 class valedictorian. Both overcame their low economic beginnings through focused, strong will and self-determination, they succeeded.

More importantly, while both advanced themselves, they are contributing to their country and fellowmen.

Thus, dear graduates, you have all the power to succeed.

Congratulations and **ENJOY!**

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