

**BEING A VALEDICTORY SPEECH PRESENTED BY EBOH ETHIS EROMOSELE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF EDO STATE POLYTECHNIC, USEN ON THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023.**

YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF EDO STATE, THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION, EDO STATE, THE ELAWURE OF USEN KINGDOM, THE RECTOR AND OTHER PRINCIPLE OFFICERS PRESENT, DEANS OF SCHOOLS & HEADS OF DEPARTMENT, HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS PRESENT, DISTINGUISHED INVITED GUESTS PRESENT, FELLOW GRADUANDS, GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS, DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Congratulations, my fellow graduands! Today marks a significant milestone in our lives. Standing before you today as the valedictorian of this exceptional class of 2021 to 2023 academic session, i am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and pride.

First, we have much to be thankful for. Here at Edo State Polytechnic, Usen we have received a great educational impact. Special thanks to our dynamic institution management team and lecturers for making this possible. We are prepared to move on and to take on whatever challenges we may come across next in our lives.

Fellow graduates, I want you to know what a great gift it is to be as prepared as we are today, because not all schools offer such an advantage to their students. Here we have had a high degree of academic excellence and whether you intend to continue your education or not, you will benefit from what you learned here.

We have to be thankful to God almighty for his protection, grace and strength and also be thankful for our families. These past years of our academic pursuit have presented us with a lot of ups and downs and it is good to know that we had our families in our corner, supporting us along the way. Thanks Mom, Dad and everyone that made today a reality. I would not be here today without you all.

Finally, we can be thankful for each other. The friendships that we have made here will last a lifetime. In the same way we have supported each other and helped each other succeed in these past years in Edo State Polytechnic, Usen, I

hope we will continue to provide support and encouragement for each other in future endeavors.

### **Now, what can we be inspired by today?**

Personally, I am inspired by one of our classmate in Department of Computer Science class of 2023, Alexander John (popularly known as Amazing) who has overcome so much adversity to be here graduating with us today. John, you have been tenacious and have had such a great attitude in the face of so many setbacks. Whenever I get a little down about something that didn't turn out just the way I wanted it to, I remember some of the talks we have had and it gives me the perspective I need. Thank you for that, congratulations, and all the best!

### **CONCLUSION:**

Often on graduation day we look outside for heroes but I see them right here among us. I have seen in my years in Edo State Polytechnic, Usen that we don't have to look far for inspiration and that we each have the potential to make an inspiring contribution to others, by being true to our values and committing ourselves to lofty goals.

When you leave here today, celebrate what you have accomplished, but look forward with an eye towards how you too can be the inspiration for others.

Congratulations Class of 2021/2022 & 2022/2023 academic Session.