

St. Stanislaus College

Graduation & Prize Giving Ceremony – Nov 17, 2017

Head Prefect – Cleon Bovell's Address

'Charge to Graduates'

My dear colleagues, it is a pleasure to be tasked with the responsibility of delivering the charge to you.

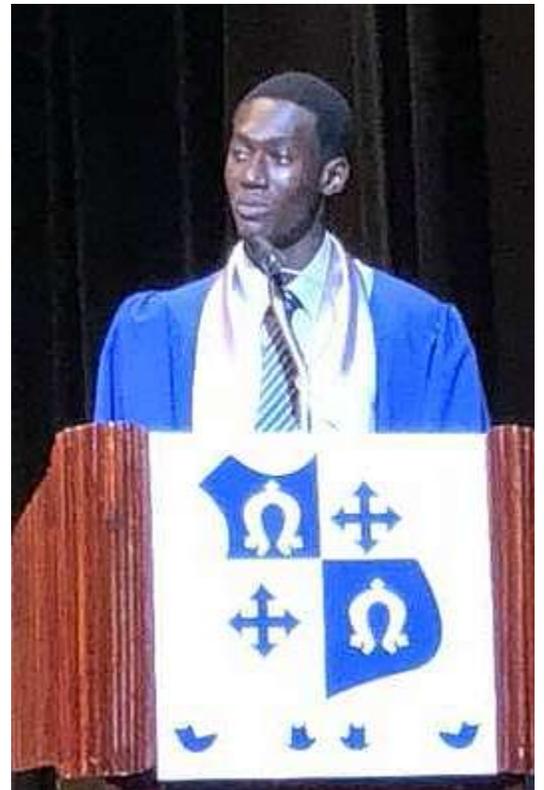
For most of you it has been five (5) memorable years, for a few it has been two (2) or seven (7) years. Whatever your magnitude of tenure at Saints, I am certain that today is quite emotional for you; a day to bookmark and remember, and even share it with others. One thing of which I am certain about, is that today marks the end of a chapter in all your lives.

What is paramount is the fact that you have all weathered the storm and can consensually agree amongst yourselves in saying that, 'the struggle was real.' And that your stay was never just a walk in the park or even a glide in the pool. You were all constantly bombarded with work, work and more work. But, you found ways to make your stay at Saints enjoyable and relaxing, while working assiduously. And to those who did kudos to you.

You will always take pleasure to remember your tenure at this institution that has so much to offer. Whether it was academics, sports, debates, clubs and other extracurricular activities – all had their moments of fair share of alternate ups and downs.

Fortunately, it was these ups and downs that molded you all into the personalities you are today, and also, they gave rise to precious memories worth holding onto.

Many of you came to Saints as visionless beings, you were all quite immature and unprepared for the world out there. But thanks to this institution and its forever growing family, you are now able to leave as industrious, mature, competent, all-rounded, caring and organized individuals.



Cleon Bovell – Head Prefect

I thus charge you to keep Saints informed of your progress in your future endeavours. Proudly join the Alumni and of course be willing to contribute back to the school, just as the school did for you.

For some, this just concluded chapter was not quite self-satisfactory, but I am here to let you know that we are grateful for such individuals present here today. You are the graduands who have learnt the most from this chapter. Your mistakes are precious to us. Your determination to move on is unwavering and second to none. We thirst for your development and famish for your maturity. These are the common attributes of progress.

When life throws stones at you, of which are capable enough to vanquish your cheerfulness, I urge you not to give-in. Smile, remain calm and in control. Procrastinate a little, reassess the situation and when the time is right; make your move.

I hope you all have learnt from your mistakes. Do correct them in subsequent chapters of your life. Do not grow in complacency – doing the same thing repeatedly, expecting different results. I urge you to be innovative and open-minded. Try alternatives to reach to your desired goal when one method fails you.

It is very important to remember that you are all gifted with varying talents. I urge you to seek your talent if you have not found it as yet. Heighten it to achieve its pinnacle of greatness. And most of all use it for the right cause. Additionally, keep in mind that hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.

I charge you graduands to remember our motto '~~ETERNA NON CADUCA~~' – not for this life only but for eternity. This motto is a perfect exemplification of what sustainable development is. Take this motto wherever you go and share with your future friends and family, more so share it with the world.

In closing, I would like to leave with you, the words of the greatest footballer of all time, Pele. He said: "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

I charge you graduands of the 2017 class to be great Saints ambassadors. Be proud products of **St. Stanislaus College** – show the world that you are that changing force that it longed for.

Best wishes to you all in your future endeavours.

Thank you.
Cleon Bovell