

STADIO

HIGHER EDUCATION

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Welcome to the STADIO Graduation Ceremony!

It is my privilege, as the Principal and CEO of STADIO Higher Education, to welcome you to this graduation ceremony and to congratulate you on the outstanding achievement of obtaining your qualifications. Today is the highlight of our academic calendar at STADIO Higher Education, and it is a privilege to share it with you.

We are proud of all the students on whom we will confer qualifications today.

You have worked hard, often for many years and with considerable sacrifice, and can now celebrate this achievement. We are delighted to share in your and your family's joy on this happy occasion.

Your qualification equips you with job-market-relevant skills and experience. Use it to build the career you have always aspired to. Alternatively, continue your formal education with STADIO as you pursue the next qualification in the path you have mapped out for yourself. We want to remain your education partner, whether in formal degree, diploma, or certificate programmes, or through shorter learning opportunities.

In addition to degrees, diplomas, and certificates, we will also award shares in STADIO to all our postgraduate graduands through the STADIO Khulisa Share Scheme today. Through this scheme, you become owners of STADIO and can use these shares to build intergenerational wealth for your families.

It is our sincere hope that the completion of this qualification will encourage you to consider further educational opportunities. In the fast-changing modern world, our education is never complete, and the most valuable skills we can share with you are the ability to learn and the desire to learn. In time, I hope to see you again for your next qualification—and the one after that.

But today, we celebrate; we acknowledge your hard work, and we honour your perseverance. You are joining the small proportion of South Africans with higher education qualifications, along with the opportunities they will open for you. Enjoy every moment of this celebration, and I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.