

**The Academic Registrar, Outgoing Dean, Associate Deans, Chairmen of
Departments, My Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good afternoon all. It gives me great pleasure and honor to stand before you today as your dean-elect.

During the launch of our manifesto I sought Your Mandate to Enable Us Take the School of Business of This Great University of Nairobi to the Next Level of Academic Leadership and performance. I am overwhelmed by the trust and confidence you have bestowed on me by electing me unopposed.

There has never been a more humbling moment in my life than what has happened today this afternoon. I consider the trust you have placed in me sacred and I commit to serve you and work with you for the attainment of the School strategic objectives as stipulated in the current strategic plan (2013 - 2018).

It is my desire that we walk where others have not walked and leave a path for others to follow.

I would like to recognize the efforts made by my able predecessors in steering the school to its current position. I thank them for a job well done.

I acknowledge the efforts, commitment and focus of the very able members of my campaign team who worked so tirelessly for our success. I sincerely owe you an immeasurable debt of thanks. Our win is a win for all.

As your Dean - elect;

I will work for you and with you to develop a world class School of Business in which every staff is offered **adequate opportunity for academic and professional development.**

To all of you my dear colleagues; at this moment, I can only tell you, we're going to have a true partnership and a true friendship in the management of our great School of Business.

This is indeed ***our Deanship and not My Deanship***

I wish to measure my success by what I have made and will make others achieve. I want us to plant trees whose shades others will continue to sit under.

It is my belief that OUR Deanship will transform the School of Business and make our vision that is clearly stipulated in our manifesto a reality. It is my dream that the School will; at long last, fulfill its potential as an **academic leader in Africa and beyond.**

Looking forward to working for and with you.
Thank you all, thank you very much.

God bless the School of Business, God bless the University of Nairobi.

Dr. Josiah Aduda