

*Guest Speaker notes: Walter Sisulu University Dept. Business
Science Graduation
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2016 Graduation Speech
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Students
Graduands

- It is such an honour for me to stand up here joining you all as you receive recognition and celebrate your success.
- Many, if not most of you have had to contend with many challenges along the way, some even discouragement, loss of hope, disappoints fear, doubt and disillusionment ...but what we are all sure of is TODAY you have CONQUERED it all
- BUT... it is not the end BUT the beginning.....
- I personally never understood this for a while when I finished my 1st degree and entered the working world.....

Your time as a caterpillar
has expired.

@treecowl



Your wings are ready.

Rock star

A performer

A celebrity

Someone with a drive & energy

Someone who is loved.

While the phrase is usually associated with music, we tend to use the term as a positive label for anyone who is REMARKABLE, successful or has passionate followers.

So what does it take, how can you be a rock star at anything?

1. Passion - relentless drive for the thing you are passionate about. A person who is strikingly dedicated is magnetic for those who have similar interests or pursuits. So you become a role model and inspiration to others. In the work place you become that awesome leader that your team always want to support to meet divisional or unit goals or targets. So it makes

influencing and leading people easy

2. Development - whether you have natural talent or require extra training, you will need a plan for developing your skills. You can hire a mentor or trainer, take classes, read books and practice. So continues self-development is key, ability to learn and be teachable, improve skills and learn new skills

3. Discipline - rock stars have strictly a disciplined regimen, which leads to more success. This is used staying away from things that can be a distraction or negative influence on what they do. "Self-discipline is a foundation of productive living" - you can't desire to excel in anything unless you practice it repeatedly, surround yourself with an environment that enables excellence and feed your mind with matter that will cause excellence

4. Connection - - you have loyal fans ; meaning it was takes a group of people rooting for you, cheering you on and supporting you in whatever you do. It does not have to be a large audience, it can simply be a loved one or some coworkers ... You don't need crowds but a few good cheerer go a long way! It's important to accept support, deepen relationship and acknowledge the contributions made by these people to your success, gratitude is key!

5. Consistency - if you want to be a rock star, you need to be able to perform consistently. So you don't do well one day and shabbily the next., People are looking for someone who is reliable, and that requires regular training, a history of success, and an ability to meet or exceed expectations.! So rock starism is earned over time through reliability, consistency and excellence

6. Encore- a rock star is deem to have performed well when she "leaves the fans wanting more" enko enko enko So it means you don't overstay your welcome in the lime light. However if you have a chance to extend your performance make sure you leave a show-stopping experience (ifodo finishi) for those

who are watching.,, Whatever industry you are in ..,your job is about customer service. Make sure that anytime so meme walks away, they are amazed and not bored.
People must desire to be served by you whenever they come to the back - they leave with a sweet tasting experience

7. Humility - a real rock star is gracious and still has the ability to connect. While it's easy to get distracted by the glamorous, over the top lifestyle of some, it's important to realize that those who are the most respected, appreciated, and followed are the one who are humble, put others first and are not arrogant - so people may have posh positions, successful careers, loads of material achievement ..,, what will differentiate if they are rock stars or not will be the humility and humbleness

8. Confidence - be humble but should also be confident in their values, pursuits and abilities. Humility should not be confused with timidity. Learn the art of humble confidence. If you want others to believe in you, you are going to have to believe in yourself first,

What you project you get back

9. Influence - "leadership is influence" - John C Maxwell
nothing more nothing less If you want to learn how to be a rock star you have to learn how to lead others. Study the art of influence by focusing on your personal abilities, learning how to become a better communicator, and graciously receiving feedback from others

10. Attitude - perhaps the most important ability for a rock star to possess is a POSITIVE attitude. Often your attitude can make or break you.
If you have a resilient belief that you can make a difference and pursue that belief with relentless passion, you can use that to drive your attitude

In conclusion:

If you want to be remarkable, you should do something that is worth making a mark about! That requires passion, confidence, discipline, and all the other traits listed above. Sometimes being a rock star means you'll be widely recognized for an outstanding talent and will receive fame, power or riches from it.

Other times, it means through your service to the world you will inspire others to dedicate their lives to helping others.

Whichever you choose, just remember: **YOU** have the ability to be a rock star

Important Info

Once again thank you accepting our invitation, very soon you will receive an email from me detailing your travel arrangements. This communication to you refers;

- You will be provided with a WSU Council gown, therefore please do not worry about bringing your academic regalia. **NB: please dress light as this is a fairly warm gown.**
- A VIP entrance ticket will be provided for you on arrival, but you will be in the company of a WSU representative to make your entrance and exit to and from the university very easy, usher you to the robing area as you will be part of the academic procession.
- Your speech is expected to be congratulatory, motivational and encouraging to new graduates who will graduate and

are excited to face the world and startup their own ventures. Your talk can include some *"turning pressure into power"* kind of business experiences, tests, trials, achievements, experiments and how to go by overcoming them. Some of them have come a long way, are expected to work after graduating but you know that this may not happen immediately, some will be coming back to study further etc.

- You will be expected to speak for 15 mins. We leave the rest of the day for the graduation excitement as we wish to make the day memorable to them.
- We cannot confine you to the podium but let me advise that we seldom have enough space for movement. The stage party takes most space as there is a set seating plan, then the graduands and parent's numbers take most of the room in the hall. This also helps and save them from boredom as they are always anxious to graduate during the speeches.
- Our media crew will require a soft or hard copy of your speech before you speak for our publication, we will gladly assist with printing if required. If you speak off the cuff do not worry we will sort this out when you arrive.

I hope I have tried to paint a distinctive picture of how that day will be and expected to be (if too much information, my apologies).

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	Confirmation Number For South African Airways		5VSI09
Class	H - Economy		Non Stop
Departs	07:00	Port Elizabeth Airport, Port Elizabeth South Africa	PLZ
Arrives	07:45	East London Arpt, East London South Africa	ELS
	Flying Time	0:45	Carbon Emission: 61.02 kgs
	Equipment	British Aerospace Jetstream 41	
	Services	Non-Smoking	
	Meal	Snack	
	Comments	*Baggage Allowance : Adult-20K *Contact airline to confirm baggage allowance .	

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Car	BV - Bidvest Car Rental		HK - Confirmed
	Confirmation Number For Bidvest Car Rental		GTSD05D6B7
Car Type	Economy 4 Door Manual A/C Any Fuel		
Pick Up	Date	Monday, 09 May 2016	
	Time	07:45	

Information	Name : Dlamini Patriciams
Address	East London Arpt Terminal
Phone/Fax	27437075310
Drop Off Date	Monday, 09 May 2016
Time	17:20
Address	East London Arpt, East London South Africa

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Flight	SA8489 - South African Airways, Operated By Sa Airlink		HK - Confirmed
	Confirmation Number For South African Airways		5VSIO9
Class	Q - Economy		Non Stop
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