Burgermeister Dr. Wimmer-Leonhardt,
Vice-President Prof. Litz, Dr. Lehmann,
Faculties, ISGS team, families, friends and
fellow graduates, good evening, I am
honored to address you in this so special
day in the life of each one of us.

In October 2004, I arrived Germany to start
my Master Thesis for 7 months in Mainz. In
the second week of my short visit, I was
setting in front of 3 German young ladies,
who were discussing an issue in German
language. For a while my pupil expanded and I said to myself (of course in Arabic): ‘Ya Allah, oh my God! How can they speak and breathe at the same time!’ and after 5 months of practicing the German Language, ‘Ich bin in der Lage zu essen, atmen und gleichzeitig auf Deutsch zu sprechen’! I was able to eat, breath and at the same time to converse in German! Nevertheless, I will continue my speech in English as I was asked to do.

As I think back on the four years I spent at Kaiserslautern University of Technology as a PhD student, my mind is filled with all kind of memories, which I would like to share with you some of it that I take with me as I leave my Kaiserslautern. These memories were built up due to a golden advice was given to me from my father!

When I started in Kaiserslautern, I didn’t like living and studying here! If you returned back to your beginning here, many of you may understand what I mean! So I decided to leave the University and search another bigger city to enrich and expand my scientific knowledge, cultural interactions and social relationships! Due to this idea, I had to live for several months with an internal conflict! Being not an easy decision, I decided to share it with my father who told me: ‘My daughter! The hunter, who moves more, catches less!’ This wise advice was enough for me to use all my sense to see Kaiserslautern, but not only my eyes! People used to say: ‘behind every successful man is a woman’ and I used to say: ‘behind every successful woman is a wise and great father’!

From Kaiserslautern University I take with me wonderful memories of the Muslim Students Group, I will never forget the brotherliness spirit joined us during the great effort shown to
bring the people of different religions, cultural backgrounds, colors, languages and opinions
together under one roof! It is unforgettable moments, which we spent together around
Ramadan tables and barbecue grills. The warm moments we shared with the new students in
Kaiserslautern during celebrating the welcome parties organized especially to tell them:
'Welcome in TU Kaiserslautern, we are here for you!' The family happiness moments we shared
with the new mothers by celebrating their just born offspring. It is very interesting, the verity
of the HochschulGruppen that appears during the Hochschulgruppenmesse. It is great to study
at a University includes groups matches to each ones affiliation.

I take with me the memory of the 27 km hiking to villa Denis with 400 participants under the
motto 'jubilee 40 year University!' and organized from the ISGS-Team. It is not only about
discovering the charm nature of Kaiserslautern, but also an opportunity to bring the students
and the inhabitants of Kaiserslautern to converse and interact with each other. As a result, I
am pleased to walk in Kaiserslautern streets and warmly being greeted from the friendly
people I met during this event!

From the city which raises the motto 'Jahr der Wissenschaft 2010' (Year of Science 2010) and
practices it through the career series event 'Wissen schafft Arbeit' (Science develops business),
I will not only take strong scientific background in several fields, but also The Outstanding
Young Scientist Award I honored in Rome as an evidence of the outstanding scientific and
academic level of Kaiserslautern University!

May be you thought when you came to Kaiserslautern that it is small, quit and a city which
goes to bed early! May be you used to walk at 18:00 o’clock on the streets and said: 'Schlaf
Kaiserslautern schlaf!' But in fact this full of life city is ideal for learning, optimal for living and
open for every one! Open your door, go out, integrate and interact, the hand of Kaiserslautern
stretches! Give her, work for her belong to it, she has been doing more for you!

On behalf of the graduating master's and doctoral students of Kaiserslautern University of
Technology, I would like to thank all the parents, spouses, families, and friends who
encouraged and supported us as we worked towards our graduate degrees. On a personal note,
in this remarkable day of my life, I would like to honor my parents, brothers and sisters who
encouraged me and supported me and without whom this would not have been possible.
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be there when graduate students needed help. And finally I would like to thank the
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mentors, and friends. On a personal note, I would like to honor all my teachers who taught me
along 25 years of my life!