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In rappresentanza della comunità studentesca internazionale

Good morning all,  
thanks for allowing me to present myself and represent the international student community on this special occasion.

My name is Markus Filibus. I am 24 years old. I am originally from Nigeria. I am pursuing my Master's degree in Economics and Management at the University of Sannio as part of the UNICORE project, an initiative by UNHCR that supports refugee students through university corridors.

Looking back at my time at the University of Sannio, I realize it has been a privilege to be part of this institution. My experience here has helped me become more independent and given me the confidence to face challenges. I've learned that I can achieve more than possible, and I've pushed myself to grow personally and academically.

Over time, I became more focused on my studies and personal life. However, the beginning wasn't easy—adjusting to a new environment and meeting new people felt harder than studying. It took time to build friendships, and at first, it seemed like everyone else was settling in while I was still figuring things out. But eventually, everything started to fall into place. I began to enjoy the experience. Benevento, with its rich history, beautiful landscapes, and wonderful places to explore, became a special part of my journey, making my time here even more memorable.

As an international student, I hope to motivate others who dream of studying abroad, demonstrating that determination and hard work can turn challenges into opportunities for growth. My education here has given me the tools to face the future confidently.

Migration will increasingly impact the most welcoming regions of the world, driven not only by the search for better opportunities but also by the pressing realities of climate change, which will force many to seek refuge in more stable and hospitable environments. I believe that the future of migration lies in how effectively we embrace and integrate one another. Universities and communities like this one play a vital role in this process, especially in more remote areas, where intercultural exchange can bring new energy, opportunities, and possibilities for growth.

Cultural diversity is a remarkable strength. As international students, we contribute to the richness of this university, creating a more dynamic and motivating environment for learning and personal development.

I am deeply grateful to the University of Sannio for making my journey possible and to all of you for listening to my story.

To all of you, I wish you a successful academic year ahead. Together, we can build a better future with unity, solidarity, and hope.

