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STUDENTS AND STAFF AT THE Centre of FNU

The Fiji National University was abuzz with activities and events in October. There were many inaugural projects launched, and some that happened after a lapse of two years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students and staff worked in unity to open the doors of the University to welcome our prospective students, who will be the future of our institution and the nation, during our annual Open Day event.

At the Fiji National University, we lead and walk the talk. We launched our very first Sustainability Week campaign and what a sight it was. The displays that were assembled by our students and staff showed their dedication and passion to sustainability.

This is just the beginning for our University, as we work together to become leaders in sustainability and innovation. Through all of this, we will always keep our students and staff at the centre of everything we do.

The Fiji National University is your family, and we are here to serve you and elevate you to reach your goals. We are your family of learning.

SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

I must say how proud I am to be a part of the University's inaugural Sustainability Week campaign. Colleges and Divisions hosted several activities and programmes to mark Sustainability Week from 17-21 October.

The purpose of Sustainability Week was to raise awareness, foster civic pride, foster a knowledgeable community, and highlight the importance of sustainability.

One such student-led initiative is the Student Environment Ambassadors at each of

our campuses. These are students who have stepped up to lead their peers in undertaking environmentally friendly projects and activities.

This allows our students – and leaders of today – to be actively involved in shaping a sustainable future. It also showcases the varying levels of work needed to be done in this field, from high-level discussions and policies to individual and communal activities such as recycling and clean-up campaigns.

The University has also declared a Climate Emergency and made a commitment to become Net Zero by 2050 as a signatory to the SDG Accord.

Our week-long campaign concluded at the Nasinu Campus on Friday, 21 October, which also coincided with our Open Day.

OPEN DAY

The two-day event was a marvelous display of FNU and our programmes, facilities, services and students and staff.

Our FNU community of students and staff at our Nasinu, Natabua in Lautoka and Naduna, Labasa campuses welcomed high school students, parents and guardians, teachers, school leavers and members of the public onto our home of learning to share about the many study pathways we have available.

I must acknowledge and thank all my students and staff who have gone above and beyond to make this an informative and memorable experience for the students and families that have come to visit.

During the two-day affair, I also had the opportunity to meet many prospective students during my own tours of the booth. I was pleased to meet so many students excited about beginning

tertiary studies to help them achieve their academic ambitions.

Choosing a tertiary institution or deciding on which programme to undertake should never be a daunting task for students and their families. At FNU, we are always ready to help all Fijians with their educational objectives.

I would also like to thank the schools that have made it possible for their students to attend.

It has been wonderful, and I look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

APPLY NOW

Application for Semester 1, 2023 studies is now open, which means that continuing and prospective students can apply online for study programmes or visit any campus to receive academic counselling and assistance with the admission and registration process.

FNU has multiple entry pathways, which provide students with the option of taking up the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) programmes comprising of Certificates and Diplomas. Alternatively, the Higher Education (HE) programmes which consists of Degree, Postgraduate, Masters and Doctorate (PhD) studies are also on offer.

This ensures prospective students from Fiji and the region have an opportunity to pursue their academic aspirations at Fiji's national university.

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Professor Lyn Karstadt
Vice-Chancellor



FNU's College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Dean Professor Paul Iji (right) shows his college's display to Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama at the FNU Open Day.

PM makes SURPRISE VISIT TO FNU OPEN DAY

The Fijian Government Prime Minister, Honourable Voreqe Bainimarama made a surprise visit to the Fiji National University's (FNU) Open Day held at the Nasinu Campus. "After seeing the photos of the students on social media, I decided to come and have a look. The presentations were very nice. It was wonderful to go around and look at the display by the FNU students," he said.

He congratulated FNU for hosting its annual Open Day for the benefit of students who wish to pursue tertiary education.

"My message to the high school students is to work hard," the Prime Minister said.

Nabiri AIMS TO MAKE LATE GRANDMOTHER PROUD

Lusiana Nabiri was one of the many students of Wainimala Secondary School who woke up before sunrise, crossed the Wailoa river by boat and boarded a bus headed for the Fiji National University Open Day at Nasinu Campus.

After touring the College booths and learning about the programmes on offer, Nabiri said she intends to pursue a career in the medical field at FNU after completing high school.

"We are located in the interior of Naitasiri and we were all excited when we came to know about the FNU Open Day. This is a good opportunity for us to learn about the programmes and see the campus life and

student environment where most of us will be next year," she said.

"It was raining in the morning, but it failed to dampen our spirits seeing the facilities and the campus here."

"I want to work hard and become a Public Health Officer, and for my dream to come true, I have been waking up at 4am every morning and studying."

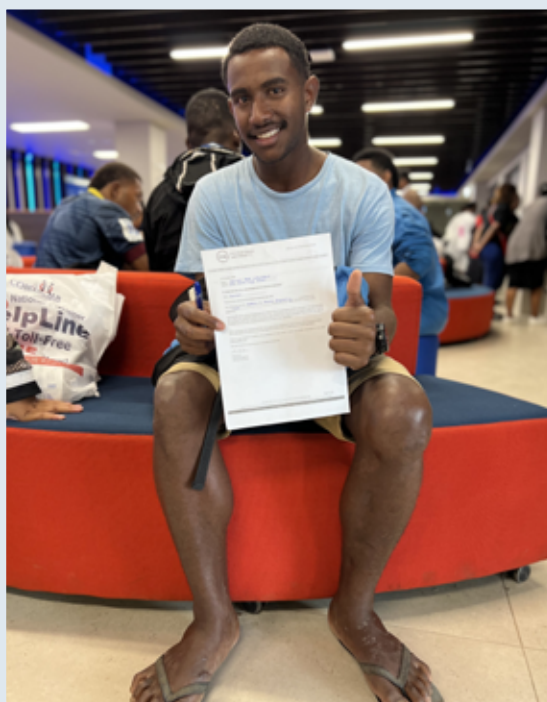
Nabiri quietly shared that her grandmother, who was her source of motivation, recently passed away.

"I used to stay with my grandmother, who has always been my pillar of support, but she passed away at the age of 70. I want to make her proud by becoming a successful person in life," Nabiri said.



Lusiana Nabiri going through the FNUNIKUA with FNU Vice-Chancellor Professor Lyn Karstadt.

Lutunatabua displays strength OVER STRUGGLES



Damioni Lutunatabua is the epitome of displaying strength to overcome his struggles.

Lutunatabua (pictured left) has faced many challenges in life. His father passed away when Damioni was young.

When he was in Year 11, Lutunatabua lost his 70-years-old grandmother, who was his guardian then.

Despite his family hardships, the Year 13 student of Sila Central High School still has high hopes for the future.

"I have always dreamt to be a captain in a ship or to be working on an aircraft as an engineer," he shared.

"My father was a Civil Engineer, so I was grew up in a household with an engineering background."

Originally from Qarani, Gau in Lomaiviti, Damioni proudly walked out of the Fiji National University (FNU) campus with a provisional Offer Letter for the Diploma in Marine Engineering programme.

"I attended the Open Day with my school on Friday, and I was inspired by one of the lecturers at the Fiji Maritime Academy (FMA) booth," he said.

"He encouraged me to apply for the Marine Engineering

programme. I returned the next day to submit my application and was happy to receive the letter from FNU."

The 18-year-old said his circumstances meant he had to financially support his academic and personal needs.

"If you want to follow your dreams, don't let anyone stop you, including your friends. When I was in Year 12, I faced a lot of challenges and thought I would not be able to pass my exams."

"I was hired by Sun Auto Parts when I was in Year 12 and learnt the basics of mechanical engineering."

"Losing my parents, and then my guardian, did not stop me from wanting to learn and gain skills and qualification to succeed in this world."

Lutunatabua is currently a part-time worker to help pay his way through high school.

The Noqeledamu resident said that during the Open Day, he learnt that FNU offered a wide range of programmes and entry pathways.

"When I visited other universities, they did not have many options, and nothing piqued my interest," he said.



Students of St Francis College.

St Francis College **MAKES EARLY MORNING TRIP TO FNU**

Shavnil Shankar was excited and looked forward to travelling from Nalawa in Ra to the Fiji National University's (FNU) Open Day since the first day of Term 3. Shankar was among 14 St Francis College students that attended the FNU Open Day.

Located in Rakiraki, the College decided to allow their Year 13 students the opportunity to learn first-hand of the study opportunities available at FNU.

Despite the heavy rain, the students left Rakiraki at 6AM on Friday, 21 October to ensure they reached the Nasinu Campus early and with ample time to browse through the booth displays and have their questions answered by FNU students and staff.

Shankar, 18, said the most exciting booth for

him was of the College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST).

"I saw many interesting tents today and the one that caught my eye was the one from CEST. I want to do civil engineering next year and I am planning to attend FNU," he explained.

He said the FNU Open Day allowed students from the rural and interior areas of Fiji become aware of how they could achieve their career goals.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to attend the FNU Open Day. Even though we leave in the interior of Fiji, it is encouraging to note that we can also achieve our dreams."

Accompanying the students were St Francis College Assistant Principle, Prakash and teacher Meli Dau.

Prakash said it was exciting to see the students

learn of the courses that were aligned to their career objectives.

"I also want to encourage the Year 13 students to apply to the University as they will be sitting for their external examinations soon," he said.

Dau said he recommended FNU to students due to its diverse and interesting programme list.

"There are a variety of courses that we managed to come across today, especially in the TVET field," he said.

"Most of the students are interested in the technical subjects and education courses. It was a holistic experience, and there has been lot of development since I attended this institution."

Tuirara **EXCITED TO BE PART OF FNU**



Sila Central High School student, Sunia Tuirara was excited to receive his offer letter.

Sila Central High School student, Sunia Tuirara was excited to receive his Offer Letter from the Fiji National University (FNU) immediately after submitting his application during the Open Day at Nasinu Campus.

The Year 13 student said it was a priceless moment when he received official confirmation to undertake the Diploma in Customs (Level 5) programme in Semester 1, 2023.

"I am excited to be part of FNU from next year as a student," Tuirara said.

He was among the thousands of students and visitors who attended FNU's Open Day on Saturday, 22 October.

"My advice to all students who are willing to join FNU in the future is to work hard towards your goal and make your dreams come true," he said.

The TVET programme is offered at FNU's College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS).

Apply Now

Students interested in pursuing a TVET courses at FNU can apply now for one of the 4,600 placements available through the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Services (TSLs).

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FNU Open Day **INSPIRES YOUNG CHILDREN**



Anasimeci Rakavosa was a rare sight at the Fiji National University (FNU) Open Day as she was accompanied by her three young children.

Her children followed their mother with eager eyes, protected from the weather under transparent raincoats and intrigued by the displays at the different College booths.

Rakavosa (*pictured above with her children*) shared that her eldest child and Year 5 student, Adi Sauduadua wants to become a doctor, the middle child and Year 3 student, Lupe Tokalau hopes to follow in her father's footsteps of becoming a mechanical engineer and the youngest, Year 1 student Atelina Adikubou showed interest in becoming a pilot.

"My husband and I decided to bring the children to the Open Day so they could see the study environment and atmosphere and enjoy the activities provided by the University," she explained.

Rakavosa works part-time at Netball Fiji and is also a current student at FNU's College of Humanities and Education's Trade Diploma in Sports Science (Level 5).

"Usually, they would get up late for school, but today they woke us up at 5am and told us to bring them to the Open Day," she shared.

"Visiting the Open Day allows our children to learn from an early age of the many opportunities available to them through education. They get to experience the campus and facilities and view the displays at the different booths. They also loved the FNU."

"The Open Day has been really exciting and well-organised. Despite the weather, students and the public came to visit the booths."

She said it is important for parents to expose their children to academic opportunities from a young age to help them decide on a career pathway.

"The children enjoyed the Open Day, and they met Doctor Rabbit at one of the tents," Rakavosa said.

"They were so happy after meeting him and interacting with him. They also enjoyed the merchandise and the drinks they got from FNU."





FNU SHOWCASES INCLUSIVE Education and facilities at Open Day

and schools for students with disabilities attended the Open Day to learn about the study opportunities available.

The schools for students with special needs included the Fiji Vocational Technical Training Centre for Persons with Disability, Fiji School of the Blind and the Marist Champagnat Institute.

Maria Bulou, a student at Fiji Vocational Technical Training Centre for Persons with Disability, said she looked forward to joining FNU to undertake her tertiary studies.

“I take this opportunity to thank FNU for giving us the opportunity and allowing me to come to the Open Day,” Bulou (pictured left) said.

“I was able to receive academic counselling and advice in terms of my career path, as I want to become an office manager.”

Fiji Vocational Technical Training Centre teacher, Harshika Singh, said the students were able to have their queries answered during the Open Day.

“The benefit of the Open Day was that our students were able to visit the different booths and see what they could undertake at FNU that was in line

with their future goals. There were some students who were uncertain about their plans but after the Open Day, they were able to make decisions,” she said.

“Our students have shown an interest in the agriculture, tourism, and electrical programmes. We hope to see our students join FNU, and there are some of them who are already enrolled at FNU.”

Singh highlighted that she was also a current student of FNU.

Disability Centre

The Disability Centre, located at our Nasinu Campus, is responsible for coordinating support services, reasonable academic accommodations and promoting disability awareness in the University community.

The Centre is committed and ready to assist students with disabilities to reach their goals.

For any enquiries or assistance, visit: The Disability Centre, Nasinu campus, Valelevu or contact Coordinator Disability at cd@fnu.ac.fj | Phone: 3394000 | Ext 2280.

The Fiji National University (FNU) is committed to providing a welcoming, encouraging, and empowering environment for students with disabilities to ensure equal access, full participation, and reasonable accommodations for their academic pursuits.

To ensure all Fijians are aware of the inclusive education and facilities available at FNU, institutions

NORTHERN STUDENTS FORTUNATE – LAGI

Students in the Northern Division are fortunate to have a tertiary institute in the community that offers programmes for people of all ages.

This was the sentiment by the Fiji Police Force’s Northern Division Command Officer in Charge and Control Centre Inspector, George

Lagi.

Lagi was the chief guest at the Fiji National University’s (FNU) Naduna Campus Open Day in Labasa.

“You are fortunate to have this prestigious learning institute with the increased number of programmes offered so close to you,” he shared.

“Be committed to your studies, be an attentive listener, be obedient, be respectful and always portray good conduct.”

Lagi thanked the management and staff of FNU for continuously providing technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education learning for the people of Vanua Levu.

Labasa Head of Campus, Pardeep Lal also acknowledged the support of the Northern Fiji Police Force towards the University.



STUDENT QUERIES answered at Open Day



We hope you depart our campus with relevant literature and a new course of path firmly planted for your educational endeavors.

College of Humanities and Education (CHE) Dean Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba shared these opening remarks at the Fiji National University’s (FNU) Open Day event at the Natabua Campus.

“I pray that you find answers to your questions about your education and that you go back with just more than dreams in your eyes,” Prof Nabobo-Baba said. “Go armed with the knowledge of the programmes, minimum requirements, campuses which offers the programme and possible career paths attached to the programmes.”

“Our Open Day aims to showcase FNU’s prime goal in providing education and training for employability, with an excellent

student experience and opportunities to carry out research with real-world impact.”

Ba Sanatan College student, Shaanvi Kumar said the Open Day at the Natabua Campus was an engaging and informative experience.

“I found the campus tour very exciting and fun. I managed to get all the information required to make my university decision and I am joining FNU next year,” Kumar said.

Year 13 student of Nakauvadra High School, Adi Laite added that FNU’s Open Day answered all her academic queries.

“I now have a better idea of my study options available at FNU. The FNU Open Day was a doorway to getting all the academic queries answered under one roof,” Laite said.

She was among more than 3000 students, teachers and members of the public who attended the University’s Open Day at the Natabua Campus in Lautoka.



REDDY: TAKE LEAD ROLE IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY AND GREENER INITIATIVES

The Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment, Honourable Mahendra Reddy, commended Fiji National University (FNU) for taking a lead role in promoting sustainability and greener initiatives for staff and students.

Reddy made these comments while officiating at the Sustainability Hour at the Open Day event at Nasinu Campus.

“It is crucial that institutions such as FNU which is our national university come on board and support the Fijian Government in our vision for a more sustainable and resilient future,” he said.

“As a country facing the full

brunt of climate change daily, all Fijians must also take responsibility and accountability for our actions towards the environment, our natural resources.”

He encouraged the academic community within the University to further raise the bar on research, publications, symposiums, debates, and intellectual contributions for policy making.

“We, as policy makers, look back at universities, where existing knowledge is interrogated for its relevance; new knowledge is developed and advanced,” he said.

“We want the intellectuals to help us with policy change and refinement.”



Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment, Honourable Mahendra Reddy with the FNU Senior Leadership Team.

Naduna Campus UNDERTAKES SUSTAINABILITY EXERCISE

The Fiji National University's Naduna campus in Labasa planted 120 trees as part of its Sustainability Week programme to contribute to global reforestation efforts, repair damaged ecosystems and mitigate climate changes.

The tree-planting exercise was done by Sustainability Initiative Committee (SIC) members, students and stakeholders, philanthropists, and representatives from the Ministry of Forestry.

FNU's Sustainability Week programme took place from 17-21 October 2022 at its various campuses across the nation. Labasa Head of Campus, Pardeep Lal said the tree-planting exercise was a commendable achievement.

Of the 120 seedlings, 102 were donated by the Ministry of Forestry and included shade trees, soursop, kavika, fruit and wi

seedlings. Ashoka trees were donated by former High School Agriculture teacher, Suren Lal.

Additionally, the Labasa campus students planted flowered potplants along the driveway, and two new composts were constructed at the campus.

The activity was aligned to the University's Sustainability Plan 2021-2026, which emphasises the role of interdepartmental plans and partnership between staff and students to support the University's objective of integrating sustainability in our learning, teaching, and research operations.

Interactive awareness and engagement sessions were on display at FNU campuses throughout the Sustainability Week, highlighting the theme of “Being Sustainable: Our Planet Our Responsibility.”



Seedlings planted to save MOTHER EARTH



Take care of the plant and water it daily. This was the message conveyed by Fiji National University (FNU) Manager OHS and Environmental Management Kanito Lovobalavu during a tree planting exercise at Nasinu campus.

“We are here to contribute the little we can by planting trees around the campuses in FNU,” Lovobalavu said. “Since we are always cutting down trees, we also need to replant more trees in order to save Mother Earth.”

“These plants need to be looked after by the people who planted it until they leave the institution.”

The Division of Estates and Facilities (DEF) plans to conduct tree planting activities in partnership with the Ministry of Forestry until December.

“Every week we are going to select a campus to do this tree planting exercise. The first 200 seedlings were distributed to us and we will never be short of supplies, as the Ministry of Forestry has agreed to provide seedlings throughout the duration of our campaign,” Lovobalavu said.

The initiative is also aligned to the Fijian Government's 30 Million Trees in 15 Years campaign implemented by the Ministry of Forestry.

CAFF advocates FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Forest models, biogas equipment, livestock, aquaponics, and other materials made from recycled bottles were on display during the Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (CAFF) Sustainability Week celebrations this month.

CAFF recognises the immediacy of the climate emergency and the need for systemic change and has placed environmental sustainability as an all-encompassing theme of its activities. This is in line with the University's Strategic Plan 2021–2026.

FNU aims to position itself as a leader in climate change adaptation and sustainability through our education and research, actions and policies, green budgeting, utilise its estate as a ‘living laboratory’ to test, develop, and refine sustainability initiatives, prepare students for success in the blue/green economy and become a role model for sustainability.

Dean CAFF, Professor Paul Iji said forests were harvested for timber and other products but it is important



to control such harvesting.

“Uncontrolled logging can destroy immature trees and destroy non-timber communities. It is important to re-forest or even create new forests through deliberate afforestation, as is done with agroforestry,” Prof Iji said.

“The use of chemicals in production has always been associated with environmental disturbance. Many farms depend on fertilisers and pesticides, which affect the existing biological system and may be harmful to humans.”

“We possess the answer to these, through the development of organic farming, genetic improvement, to develop higher-yielding or more pest-resistant crops.

Animal grazing impacts the environment, firstly through pasture development, which tends to introduce new species into the environment.”

“Such new species may have a positive impact, including an ability to reclaim poor land but it may also have a negative impact, if existing species are destabilised,” he said.

CAFF was also awarded with the Vice-Chancellor's Award for having the best display at the Open Day.



FNU hosts Inaugural Research Competition

As the national tertiary institution, a strategic objective of the Fiji National University (FNU) is to undertake research with real-world impact that is aligned to national priorities and with global relevance.

The University fosters a research culture whereby students and staff engage in quality research that contributes to policies and development.

To highlight the research work being done at the University, the Research Office recently organised the inaugural Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.

The competition brought together a diverse and interdisciplinary cohort of higher degree by research (HDR) students to develop elevator pitches of their thesis topics, in plain and understandable language.

In three minutes, participants are required to present their research problem, solution, hypothesis and



Nazeea Bano

approach in addressing their thesis topic to an audience of peers, as well as a high-caliber jury of experts from academia, business/industry and the public.

Six finalists representing each of the Colleges at FNU presented at the 3MT Competition at the Sports and Wellness Centre complex at the Nasinu Campus.

College of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (CAFF) Masters student, Nazeea Bano was declared winner of 3MT competition and was awarded a cash prize of \$3,000. In addition to this, Bano was also declared the People's Choice Award recipient.

Bano is currently employed by the Fiji Sugar Research Institution of Fiji and presented on Green Manuring for Sustainability. She plans to develop the project further during her doctoral research degree.

FNU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lyn Karstadt said FNU was the first University in Fiji to host this competition.

"This event also aligns well with the University's strategic vision of conducting research with real-world impact and can be a platform to highlight how our

research is aligned to national priorities," Professor Karstadt said.

"The competition will also assist our students' in communicating their research to a non-specialist audience via an interesting and compelling presentation."

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation, Professor Ronald De Marco hopes to extend the 3MTC to universities in Fiji in the future.

The First Runner-Up, representing the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS), was Dr Raymond Keshwan who was awarded \$2000. He was the second recipient of the People's Choice Award.

The third People's Choice Award recipient was Shalendra Kumar from the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS).

Other participants included Jazbeen Ali from CBHTS, Sahil Kumar from the College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST), and Julie Sunderland from the College of Humanities and Education (CHE).

Lidise recalls **STUDENT JOURNEY**



Selina Lidise

in Tourism and Travel. She will be traveling overseas next month to pursue further studies.

While addressing the graduates via Zoom from London, Outsource Fiji Executive Director, Sagufta Janif, said contact centre agents in Fiji's BPO industry are in high demand, and urged Fijians to consider opportunities in the industry to pursue full-time careers.

"With the Fijian Government's support, Fiji's BPO industry has tripled its size over the past two years and is moving into the direction of becoming a sustainable pillar for Fiji's economy – therefore, you are choosing this career path which will give you stability as well as opportunities to grow within the industry," she said.

TVET Support at FNU

Students interested in pursuing the Basic Operations in a Call Centre (Level 3) or other TVET courses at FNU can apply now for one of the 4,600 placements available through the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Services (TSLS).

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After hearing an advertisement on the radio regarding a TVET course at the Fiji National University (FNU), Selina Lidise's father wasted no time in packing a suitcase to travel from Lau to enrol his daughter into the course.

Lidise said her father learnt about the Basic Operations in a Call Centre (Level 3) programme and travelled to Suva to ensure his daughter took advantage of the opportunity to gain skills in a developing industry.

"My father, who stays in Lomaloma, Vanuabalavu in Lau, heard about the programme on the radio and immediately called to inform me that there was a

call-centre course taking place at FNU's Nasinu Campus," she said.

"He then came by boat on that same day with a cousin of mine, and after arriving, they came straight to FNU with their suitcases to help me enrol."

"I am grateful to have gained skills and graduated in a field that has provided employment to countless Fijians."

Lidise was part of the 100 students that graduated this month from the programme, which is offered by the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS).

The 18-year-old received further good news as a recipient of the Ferguson Scholarship for studies



Talanoa

with our Alumni



SCAN TO REGISTER



Ali cherishes **time spent at FNU**

passion into a reality at FNU.

“I enjoy helping people in all aspects of life, and there was no better option than combining it with my passion in information technology to be able to help people.”

Upon completing his secondary education at Suva Muslim College, he attained a Bachelor of Commerce in Information System and Public Administration and Management from the University of the South Pacific (USP).

He then decided to upskill his qualification at FNU in a postgraduate programme.

“For me, university life was not just about attending classes. It also gave me a chance to make lifelong friends, try new things, gain leadership skills, as well as have fun along the way.”

The Postgraduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship and Management course provides students with knowledge and skills to prepare them for leadership roles in business management, entrepreneurship, and development management. The programme is career-focused and produces graduates who possess the knowledge and skills they require to further careers in management or to start their own businesses.

Ali said proper time management is crucial to student success.

“A student’s success comes from proper time management. I believe that successful people can always meet their goals when they are able to balance their academic and social life,” he said.

Motivation

“Life itself is your teacher and you are in a constant learning.” This has been Ali’s favorite quote from Hong Kong and American martial artist and entertainer, the late Bruce Lee.

The FNU Alumni is grateful for his family and work colleagues for being pillar of support throughout his journey.

“A special credit goes to my loving wife and my parents,” he shared.

“I would also like to thank my workmates, and FNU in general, for their continuous help and support, during difficult times.

“Without their support, I would not have achieved my PG Diploma,” he said.

“Life is not easy, but nothing stops you from being successful. The key difference between impossible and possible lies in a person’s determination. The key to success in life is to focus on one’s goals, not on obstacles.”

Alumni

Graduates of FNU and its former institutions can register to be part of the exclusive Alumni Connect Portal and remain connected to their classmates and the University. Registered alumni can receive news and updates on key university activities, read alumni success and feature articles, scholarship and upskilling opportunities, networking events and professional development and training seminars.

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For Farish Ali, his student journey at the Fiji National University (FNU) was best described as a ‘unique experience’.

He enrolled during the peak of COVID-19 and majority of his classes were online.

The former Suva Muslim college student found balancing his student and professional life a challenge that he was able to overcome.

Ali (*pictured above*) graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship and Management from FNU’s College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) this year.

Education

Since a young age, Ali was passionate about information technology and turned this

Career

Farish Ali is employed at FNU as an Information Technology (IT) technician.

“As an IT technician at FNU, it was challenging, at times, to balance my work life with my studies,” Ali said.

“Due to the many lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic, I was required to work from home.”

“In addition to being employed full-time, I was also attending my classes online via Zoom.”

“There were times my phone would be ringing non-stop during my classes and when this happened, I had to prioritise between calls and my classes.”

“The staff and students will call and need IT support, I would have to spend countless hours attending to these calls, and then trying to catch-up on my studies.”

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