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## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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### Dear FNU Family,

As we embark on a new week, let us take a moment to reflect on the significant achievements of the past week.

It was a remarkable one for the Fiji National University (FNU), highlighting the dedication, excellence, and teamwork that define our institution.

The week began with the launch of Vuku Volume 2 and the Children's Big Books, meaningful compilations by 17 authors, five of whom have sadly passed away, and we pay tribute to them.

This publication, created in partnership with the Institute of Indigenous Studies, Fiji, reflects our shared commitment to preserving indigenous knowledge and celebrating cultural heritage.

The highlight of the week, however, was our three-days graduation ceremonies, celebrating the achievements of 1,991 students from across our Colleges. This was a proud moment not just for the graduates but also for their families, friends, and the entire FNU community.

Our graduates represent the future workforce of Fiji and the region. Many have pursued degrees in fields such as health sciences, education, engineering, agriculture, and business, while others have completed Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes designed to provide hands-on skills and industry-specific knowledge.

The mini-graduation ceremonies held at Derrick Campus and the Pacific Centre for Maritime Studies for TVET students were equally significant, highlighting the vital role TVET plays in preparing our students for immediate contributions to the workforce.

The College of Humanities and Education also acknowledged 16 students who completed a two-week short film course, facilitated by renowned filmmaker and founder of the multi-award-winning Towerkop Creations, Uga Carlini.

To our graduates, we commend you for your resilience and dedication during your time at FNU.

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to recognise the hard work and commitment of all FNU staff throughout 2024. To those preparing to take a well-earned break, I wish you a restful and joyful holiday season. Let us take pride in all that we have achieved together and look forward to a new year filled with opportunities for growth and success.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May God bless you and your families.

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