



ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Dear FNU Family,

Each week presents us with new stories of courage, progress, and the incredible spirit that defines the Fiji National University.

We begin by celebrating a truly momentous milestone, the graduation of 46 young adults at our Namaka Campus who completed their certificates in Barbering, Baking & Patisserie, and Tour Guiding. These individuals, who once walked the streets and faced overwhelming hardship, now walk into a brighter future equipped with skills, confidence, and dignity. We commend our dedicated staff, partners, and supporters who helped make this possible.

Our Outreach Team has also continued its critical work, recently concluding the successful Student Liaison Outreach Programme in the Northern Division and the beautiful island of Taveuni. This week, the team will take their efforts to Levuka and the Yasawa islands. We wish them continued success in sharing about FNU and inspiring the next generation of learners.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our team who represented FNU at the Nadi Careers Expo hosted at Fulton Adventist University College. Thank you to everyone who

visited our booth and expressed interest in our diverse range of programmes and student support services.

At our Pasifika Campus in Suva, we were privileged to host Mr Mark Shaheel Lal, an inspiring human rights advocate and the founder of Living Positive Fiji. Mark led a powerful and thought-provoking student dialogue, where he courageously shared his personal journey and advocacy for HIV awareness, LGBTQI+ rights, mental health, and equitable healthcare across Fiji and the Pacific. His message challenged stigma, fostered compassion, and reminded us all of the importance of inclusion and understanding in our communities. We thank Mark for his voice and vision.

I encourage our students to remember that help is always available. FNU offers support through qualified counsellors, trained medical professionals, and discreet access to HIV/STI testing. Your wellbeing matters, and you are not alone.

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