

# VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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## Bula Vinaka to our FNU Vuvale!

This week marks a truly momentous occasion for our students, as the Fiji National University's (FNU) three-day December graduation ceremony takes place from 9–11 December at the Vodafone Arena in Suva. This year's celebration is especially exciting, as we will witness a historic milestone: the graduation of our first-ever Doctor of Philosophy candidates from the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF) and the College of Engineering and Technical Vocational Education and Training (CETVET). Both pioneering doctoral graduates are proudly local.

In addition, the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) will celebrate the achievement of its first local PhD graduate—another remarkable moment in FNU's history.

Next Tuesday, we will continue the celebrations at our Naiyaca Campus in Labasa, where we will honour a PhD graduate from the College of Humanities, Education and Law (CHEL). The energy, pride, and joy around our campuses this week are truly inspiring.

Reflecting on last week's accomplishments, the FNU Foundation Board of Trustees convened at the Nasese Campus on Wednesday. Executive Director Kanito Lovobalavu presented the Foundation's eight-month progress report and outlined key recommendations to further strengthen and streamline the Foundation's work

in fulfilling its core objectives. The Foundation Chair and Chair of the Great Council of Chiefs, Ratu Viliame Seruvakula, reaffirmed the Board's continued commitment to supporting the Foundation's initiatives in the coming year.

On the same day, the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences hosted its inaugural research symposium. Organised under the School of Health Sciences, the event saw students proudly presenting their research. This symposium also aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3—Good Health and Well-Being—demonstrating our dedication to advancing health education and research.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates and to their families for the unwavering support shown throughout their FNU journey. Graduation is not the end of your academic story—our doors remain open should you wish to pursue further studies.

**Vinaka vakalevu, congratulations, and every success in your future endeavours!**

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