

Nursing graduates encouraged to be the best



FNU's College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, School of Nursing students at the graduation ceremony.

Nursing is a privileged profession where people have the opportunity to comfort people and share humanity's most intimate moments.

Speaking at the Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) School of Nursing graduation ceremony yesterday, Chief Guest, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pacific Sub-Regional Office Director and Representative, Bruce Campbell while congratulating graduates said nursing was one of the few professions offering an option that profoundly touched the lives of the most disadvantaged.

The Nursing graduation ceremony was held yesterday afternoon at FMF Gymnasium in Suva where a total of 485 nursing students graduated.

"I believe, nursing is a profession where every morning when you wake up and plant both feet on the ground, you can actually feel that what you are going to do that day will really matter," said Campbell.

"That you will touch someone with your eyes, your hands or your heart that will help them on a path to good health and well-being."

"I would suggest that of the millions around the world, who will graduate during 2018, those of you who are fortunate to have a career serving others may be the luckiest of all," he added.

FNU Acting Vice Chancellor Professor James Pounder said the Chief Guest's words had inspired the future medical professional and they would go forth and treat all their patients with great care and dignity.

"We continue to undertake market research and work closely with key stakeholders including employer organisations, government, public and private sector to develop study programmes that ensure Fiji's employment market is provided with graduates who possess the right skill sets and expertise".

"At FNU we have a friendly, vibrant and exciting environment, enabling the students to seamlessly transition into University and we are continuously working towards improving our students' experiences of tertiary-life," Prof Pounder said.

Maraia Nawalowalo, who graduated with Bachelors in Nursing, said their success today was proof that they could achieve anything.

"All those sleepless nights, day lights, revising and prepping with eye bags and caffeine, the result is what you proudly hold in your hands (graduation certificate). Truly hard work pays off – Let's strive to achieve more, the race doesn't end here," Nawalowalo said.

She also acknowledged everyone who had helped them successfully complete their programmes.

"Thank you for your commitment, sacrifices and tolerance. Commitments towards helping us attain excellence; dedicating your time and energy towards providing a holistic learning experience."



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