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PRESS RELEASE

Students graduate from FNU's College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies

Suva, Fiji Islands. More than 300 students graduated from Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies graduation ceremony this morning at the FMF Gymnasium in Suva.

12 Masters and 52 Postgraduate Diplomas together with other certificates and diplomas were conferred in this ceremony by the FNU Chancellor Ikbal Jannif.

Chief Guest, Acting Commissioner of Police, Rusiate Tudravu challenged graduates to stamp their mark in society and show what a graduate of the Fiji National University can achieve.

"Let us show them that we are a force to be reckoned with," said Acting Commissioner Tudravu.

"The qualifications you will receive today places a higher degree of expectation on you because you have been taught by some of Fiji's leading academics and therefore your ability to produce results worthy of this proud institution should be undeniable and unchallenged by other learning institutions."

Acting Police Commissioner Tudravu also urged all graduates to work together with the Fiji Police Force in fighting crime.

"In recent years a lot of effort has been directed to strengthening our community policing arm knowing too well that we cannot achieve the desired outcome of safer communities if we work in complete isolation," said Tudravu.

"I plead with you to put your education to good use. We have an increase in white collar crimes committed by professionals who have chosen to use their education for criminal reasons rather than good."

"As with everything in life, we are guided by ethics and values that we hold dear to our hearts whether it be in our professional or personal life. The quality of programs provided by the University is second to none which is why when you are out in the professional world, there is an expectation for you to deliver the output equal to the standard of learning received during your time here," he added.

FNU Chancellor, Ikbal Jannif said the University will continue to make substantial progress in providing high quality and relevant programme choices.

Jannif informed guests that Fiji National University recorded a 9 percent increase in student enrolments this year.

"2018 began with a refreshed portfolio of TVET and Higher Education programmes with new students enrolled in semesterised programmes and the old penster programmes operating on a new 'quarter basis' aligned with semesters. This will ensure that our programmes achieve their declared aim to produce highly employable graduates who are work ready from day one of their working career," said Jannif.

“We are Fiji’s national university and carry the weight of the expectations of our stakeholders on our shoulders. In the pursuit of meeting those expectations, we are constantly upgrading our learning and teaching facilities.

“Ladies and gentlemen, we appreciate the commitment of Fijian government in providing better education facilities for all Fijians. The Fijian Government has expressed its confidence in FNU with a greatly increased operating and capital grant, and the University will continue to work closely with them to ensure that our students are provided with the best learning and teaching environment,” said Jannif.

A highlight of the ceremony was the first cohort of graduates from the Bachelor of Laws programme. Seven students graduated from this programme.

It was an emotional moment for Salaseini Vakamino Ratuvuku as she walked up to the stage to receive her certificate.

Ratuvuka dedicated her achievement to her late father.

“It has been a long journey with many hurdles but I am very excited to have finally fulfilled my father’s dream. My father passed away 18 years ago and I had promised him that I will become a lawyer one day,” said the teary-eyed Savusavu lass.

Ratuvuka’s mother, Luisa Ratuvuka said she was proud of her daughter’s commitment to fulfill her late father’s dreams.

“From the age of five she made up her mind that will become a lawyer. I wish my husband was here to see her in this attire, receiving her law certificate,” said emotional Luisa.

Other graduation ceremonies are as follows:



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The Vice Chancellor of the Fiji National University
cordially invites you to the

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY [CAFF] and NATIONAL TRAINING AND PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE [NTPC]
to be held on **Thursday 03 May, 2018** from **10am** at the **FMF Gymnasium, Laucala Bay, Suva**

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION [CHE]
to be held on **Friday 04 May, 2018** from **10am** at the **FMF Gymnasium, Laucala Bay, Suva**
and **COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES [CMNHS]**
to be held on **Tuesday 08 May, 2018** from **10am** at the **Novotel Convention Centre, Lami.**

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About the Fiji National University: The Fiji National University (FNU) was established through the merger of 7 government-owned tertiary institutions in Fiji, and commenced operations from 1 January 2010. The constituent institutions are found at over 40 different locations across Fiji, and collectively offer Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Degrees, Postgraduate qualifications and Skills Upgrading for those who are already in employment. Approximately 30,000 students pass through the University each year. Over the last six years of its operations, the University has registered major achievements with regard to new programme delivery, quality improvements and contribution to research and publications via its 5 Colleges: The College of Humanities & Education (CHE), the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences (CMNHS), the College of Engineering, Science & Technology (CEST), the College of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (CAFF), the College of Business, Hospitality & Tourism Studies (CBHTS) and the National Training & Productivity Centre (NTPC).