



The Bachelor of Education students with senior academics at the special awards ceremony.

## FNU Natabua Campus students recognised for scoring straight 'A's in all subjects

Seven students from the Fiji National University's (FNU) Natabua Campus who scored an 'A' in all their courses last semester were recognised in a special ceremony.

The students, who are studying in the Bachelor of Education programme, were honoured by the FNU Natabua Campus academic leader, Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba.

This inaugural event aims to incentivise students to excel in their studies and get recognised for academic excellence.

Professor Baba said while all students strive to get good grades, only a handful can achieve such a feat and therefore their achievements need to be celebrated.

"We are incentivising academic excellence with the hope it will boost excellence in learning and teaching," said Professor Baba.

"We are very proud of all students who have achieved straight A's in their respective education units. A special congratulations to these seven students who have achieved this goal. We are all very excited to see these young men and women excel in other units," the senior academic said.

Professor Baba, while speaking to all students during the awards ceremony, encouraged them to follow in the footsteps of the seven high achievers.

She commended the seven for setting the benchmark for their peers.

"You all are an inspiration to your peers and scoring perfect A's is a testimony of your hard work, dedication and right attitude towards your academic excellence," she said.

Professor Baba said the awards ceremony strengthened the cultivation of a culture of excellence at the University.

Proud recipient, second-year Bachelor in Education (Secondary) in English and Geography student, Krishant Swamy was excited to be recognised for his excellent grades.

"My hard work is slowly reaping the benefits and I now firmly believe that anything is possible if we have the right mindset, attitude and most

importantly the passion for achieving the unimaginable," the former Drasa Secondary School student said.

Keeping his priorities in check is the mantra for success for Swamy.

"I'm a firm believer that the sky is not the limit, and we must aim to go beyond that."

"My advice to my fellow scholars is not to compare yourself with others but be your own competitor," the former orator said.

The Lautoka lad's message to fellow scholars is to invest more time into assignments and tutorials and ensure all their assignments are completed and submitted on time.

"Scoring A's is not a difficult task if we are honest with our work and ourselves and keep our priorities right," the budding teacher said.

Echoing similar sentiments, a second-year student in Bachelor of Education (Maths and Physics), Remavini Wati said achieving good grades comes from being consistent and being dedicated.

"Time management is the key to success. It is also important to know when your assignments are due and exams scheduled," said the Vanua Levu lass.

The future Maths and Physics teacher said she was inspired by her aunt, a Math teacher in Labasa to take up the teaching course.

Her message to her peers is to have proper time management and avoid distraction from social media.

"I know it's so easy to get distracted by Facebook and Instagram when we start chatting with friends and without realising, we have wasted our precious time," said Wati.

"With so many different apps available, I have developed an app for myself called the Self Control app, which helps me to manage time efficiently," she said.

The five other students who were recognised for their excellent results are Dianna Lomaloma, Salote Sorby, Milinia Vasuvulagi, Olimivia Bunocibau and Sanjani Singh.