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FNU Open Day 'opens up a world of opportunities'



Students of Nasinu Secondary School with Meli Derenalagi (far left), Paula Dranisinikula and Alosio Naduva

High school students and visitors to Fiji National University's (FNU) Open Day at the Valelevu Grounds in Nasinu were in for a surprise when members of the Fiji national 7s team graced the venue with the Paris 7s, London 7s and IRB Series 2018-2019 trophies.

HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series Rookie of the Year, Ratu Meli Derenalagi, captain Paula Dranisinukula and winger Alosio Naduva toured all the College booths and took photos with all their fans. During their interaction with students, the national rugby stars encouraged them to work hard, listen to their elders and strive for success.

"It's an honour to be here today at the FNU Open Day and to meet the high school students, visitors and FNU staff and students. I would like to thank the Almighty for his guidance in my life and we are so proud that we got this opportunity to meet all our fans," Naduva said.

"The displays are awesome and informative and we encourage the students to make the most of being here. It's important that students set their goals and work hard towards achieving them."

The two-day annual event hosted booths from FNU's five Colleges - namely the College of Humanities and Education (CHE), College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF), College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS), College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) and the College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST).

Interactive displays such as anatomical, agricultural and animal models, freshly baked pastries from the hospitality students, science equipment, hair and manicure sessions, and current students ready to share their first-hand experiences of University learning kept the students busy throughout their tour.

Basden Anglican College were quick to claim their title of being the first school to arrive at the FNU Open Day and took full advantage of the tours.

Year 12 science students Lewabale Sainiana, Shirley Tara, Amy Reami and Kesaia Raratabu were excited to visit the CEST booth and learn about the different programmes on offer.

"As science students visiting this booth, we were amazed to learn that there is so much we can do in terms of learning in a science field and we also learnt of the career fields so that was also interesting," Sainiana said.

"This is our first time at an FNU Open Day and being here truly opens up a world of opportunities for us because we are now more aware of life after high school."

Raratau said although she had initially decided on becoming a nurse, the CAFF displays caught her attention and made her reconsider her field of study.

"I went through the different departments of CAFF and now I am really interested in maybe taking up a course in Agriculture and I am so glad I came here today because the Open Day has made me realize that university studies is something I should take very seriously," the 17-year-old said.

"I will now go back to take time to do my research and speak with my careers teacher and parents and friends before deciding what I will study at university."