

FNU student crowned Mr Friendly North

Fiji National University (FNU) electrical engineering student, Meli Yonathan Selah Ledua has proven that anything is possible with proper time management, passion and perseverance.

Ledua, 22, was crowned Mr Friendly North at the Labasa festival last weekend.

The Labasa Campus student, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Labasa, said a major reason he participated in the event was to encourage the public to prevent pollution and encourage youths to work with communities and organisations to address the issue.

Hailing from Lau with maternal links to Nasekula Village, Macuata, Ledua said he was able to balance academic commitments alongside his participation at the festival with proper time management.

“I arranged for my classes with my lecturers to ensure I would not miss out on anything and I am thankful to my lecturers for their understanding,” he said.

“Making sure I prioritised everything I needed to helped me achieve all my academic and pageant work on time.”

“Special thanks goes out to my families locally and internationally and also to my sponsor for believing in me.”



Mr Friendly North, Meli Ledua with FNU Labasa Campus staff.

Ledua said being a Rotarian was about doing good for one’s community.

“To the general public, let’s all unite and communicate more to tackle issues because it all begins at home. Nature is the key to our survival and the sole survival of our future generation so I encourage us all to sow into nature and I doubt not that we will reap from nature.”

“My experience was a memorable one because I gave my all into this by sharing not only my advocacy but encouraging the public to stand as one and unite for a lasting change.”

“It is on us as families and communities to take that step in saving our environment for future generations.”

“Bishop TD Jakes once said ‘I want to be effective, not famous’”, he shared.

FNU Labasa Campus Head, Pardeep Lal said they were proud of Ledua’s achievements and said this would encourage other youths to be involved in organisations that would help make a change to the environment and communities.