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FNU students provide guidance to visitors at Engineering & Science Fair

Students from the Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST) had an opportunity to escort and interact with secondary school students who visited the Derrick Campus in Samabula today to participate in the Engineering and Science Fair.

A further encouraging factor was the strong presence of female students enrolled in various science, technology and engineering programmes inspiring the younger girls to take-up courses in these fields of study.

A final year Trade Diploma in Electronics student, Naine Rose was confidently explaining to a group of students about the electrical displays at the School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering booth.

According to Rose, this was the first time for her to share her knowledge with someone else apart from her classmates and it was a gratifying moment when the students understood what she was explaining.

She said she was very reserved by nature and had to overcome this character trait to stand before the students today and speak about her experiences as a University student.

"Today, I feel more confident while conversing and explaining about these projects to the high school students and the general public," said Rose.

"My family and friends felt I would not be able to get through this programme because of my shyness. However, I proved that one can achieve anything if there is self-confidence and the will to do so."

Rose loved mathematics and physics during her high school days, which led to this career choice.

"When I was in high school and had come for FNU Open Day, this very booth captured my interest and that was the day I had decided to get out of my comfort zone and take-up a career in electronics."

"Just the way I am speaking to the students today; I was also greeted with the big encouraging smile from a female student enrolled in this programme back then. The experience of getting to interact with her boosted my interest and morale to enrol in this programme."

Rose said she hopes to leave the same inspiration with the visitors attending the Engineering and Science Fair at FNU Derrick Campus, Samabula today and tomorrow.

The event provides an opportunity to visitors to speak with current staff and students, explore student projects and participate in activities to get a better understanding of their field of interest. The two-day event was open to the public and high school students attended in large numbers.