

Orientation Program for new students commences at FNU

More than 300 first-year students attending the Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism (CBHTS) packed the Valelevu Lecture theatre in Nasinu Campus this morning as part of the Orientation program.

The students were welcomed by the CBHTS Dean Professor Ram Karan and presentations were also made by representatives from the academic and support services.

Nineteen year old student Adi Vasemaca Gadolo was excited to attend her first day at the University adding she was looking forward to starting classes next week.

The former Sacred Heart College student is enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce programme with a double major in Economics and Information Systems.

"I chose to enrol in this programme because I have dreams of becoming an Information Systems officer when I graduate from FNU," Gadolo said.

"I also chose a major in Economics in order to be on par with the needs of the workforce as this will enable me to secure and adapt into any working environment."

"I believe that FNU is the place for me as it gives me the place to learn and be the best at what I set out to achieve."

The teenager said the Orientation program was informative as it provided her with information that would help her transition into university learning.

"During the Orientation welcome program, I learnt of the campus and lecture room locations, ICT labs, library and the support services available on campus that would help me in my studies," commented the new student.

"University learning is different from high school but I know that with the support of my family, friends and lecturers I would be able to complete my first year successfully."

Gadolo was accompanied by schoolmates and friends Maria Tuicau and Nadine Martina, who are also 19 years of age.

Tuicau is enrolled in the BComm (Human Resources and Industrial Relations) programme whilst Martina has undertaken studies in BComm (Human Resources, Industrial Relations and Management).

Both teenagers said they chose their programme of study after deciding on their career paths and job opportunities in their respective fields.

"We came early this morning to get a seat at the lecture theatre at the Orientation venue because we did not want to miss out on anything," Tuicau said.

"The session was very interactive as the academic staff engaged with the students by asking questions during the quiz segments and giving out prizes."

CBHTS Dean Professor Karan reiterated that many students will begin university with the academic expectations of family members and guardians.

"All of you come from different family backgrounds and I believe your parents and guardians have worked hard to ensure that you are able to enrol at FNU," Prof Karan said.

"They want you to excel in your studies and at FNU we aim to provide you with the relevant staff, resources and infrastructure to ensure you achieve your dreams."

"We have made a number of major development announcements of state-of-the-art facilities such as the four-storey CBHTS building currently being constructed at Nasinu Campus and this shows the commitment of the university in providing quality education to all."

"At FNU we equip you with specialised and broad-based skills because we know that learning is not static."

"Therefore, you will be able to enter the workforce with the qualification and knowledge you need plus the ability to adapt to changes in the industry."

The Orientation Week will be held at various FNU Campuses around the country. Semester One commences on Monday 4 February.



From left; Nadine Martina, Maria Tuicau and Adi Vasemaca Gadolo at the FNU College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) Orientation at Nasinu Campus.