

FNU records historic back-to-back win at the annual inter-university sports competition



Team FNU with Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey

The Fiji National University (FNU) retained its champion status at the recent Fiji Universities Sports Association (FUSA) games, after winning the annual event for the second year in a row.

The University fielded 73 teams who participated in rugby, touch rugby, soccer, volleyball, mixed volleyball, futsal men, basketball and netball in the three-day competition.

FNU won 11 Gold and 9 Silver medals.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey said the students had trained hard to ensure they make FNU proud.

“The whole university is elated with the win,” said Professor Healey.

“We are thrilled to have matched the historic result achieved in the 2018 FUSA Games. Even Sir Alex Ferguson, the legendary Manchester United coach, would be impressed by such dominance,” said the excited Vice-Chancellor.

“I would like to say congratulations to every one of the 900 athletes who were part of the FNU team. Not forgetting our chef de mission, our Registrar Sarita Devi and her team for their outstanding logistical support,” added the VC.

FNU Soccer team captain, Mohammed Tazim Hussein said strong commitment and hard work by the players resulted in their win. The team trained for four weeks for the soccer competition.

“We played a few practice matches to help us prepare for the tournament. We trained hard as a team and learnt from each other. This gave us the confidence to go and win the soccer competition,” Hussein said.

Sharing similar sentiments, FNU Rugby team captain, Siose Cama thanked the players for the hard work and sacrifices which led to their success.

“We planned team training around our class schedules. This ensured that we worked together as a team and achieved our goal which was to win the rugby trophy,” said Cama.

FNU Netball and Volleyball team leader Nacanieli Goneyali said hard work put in by the players and officials laid the platform for the victory. He said it was a proud moment for Team FNU to win twice in a row.

“All the players went beyond their efforts and proved to be winners once again this year,” he added.

FNU has won the FUSA Games in 2013, 2016, 2018 and 2019.

The annual FUSA games coincide with the International Day of University Sports each year.

FUSA GAMES 2019 - FINAL RESULTS					
	Games		Institute		Institute
1	Rugby Men 15s	Winner	FNU Suva 2	Runner - Up	FNU LTKA
2	Rugby 7s Men	Winner	USP LTKA	Runner - Up	FNU LTKA
3	Rugby 7s Women	Winner	CCTC	Runner - Up	FNU SUVA 1
4	Rugby U20	Winner	FNU 1	Runner - Up	USP SUVA
5	Rugby League	Winner	FNU 1	Runner - Up	USP SUVA
6	T/Rugby - Men	Winner	FNU SUVA 1	Runner - Up	FNU WEST
7	Soccer - Men	Winner	FNU SUVA 1	Runner - Up	USP SUVA 2
8	Mixed Volleyball	Winner	USP SUVA 3	Runner - Up	FNU 1
9	Basketball - M	Winner	USP SUVA 1	Runner - Up	UOF
10	Basketball - W	Winner	FNU SUVA 1	Runner - Up	USP SUVA 1
11	Volleyball - M	Winner	USP SUVA 1	Runner - Up	FNU WEST
12	Volleyball - W	Winner	FNU WEST	Runner - Up	USP SUVA
13	Volleyball - B - M	Winner	FNU SUVA 2	Runner - Up	USP SUVA 1
14	Volleyball - B - W	Winner	USP SUVA 2	Runner - Up	USP SUVA 1
15	Netball - M	Winner	FNU SUVA 1	Runner - Up	FNU LTKA
16	Netball - W	Winner	USP SUVA 1	Runner - Up	FNU SUVA
17	Netball - Mix	Winner	UOF	Runner - Up	FNU WEST
18	Futsal Men	Winner	FNU SUVA 1	Runner - Up	USP SUVA
19	T/Rugby Mix	Winner	FNU WEST	Runner - Up	USP SUVA

INSTITUTION	GOLD	SILVER	TOTAL	POSTION
Fiji National University	11	9	20	1 ST
University of the South Pacific	7	9	15	2 ND
University of Fiji	1	1	2	3 RD
Corpus Christi	1			4 TH