

NURSES A VOICE TO LEAD - HEALTH IS A HUMAN RIGHT

"Nurses are the hospitality of a hospital"

Over 100 student nurses, robed in classic nursing attire, attended the International Nurses Day celebrations hosted at the University of Namibia Main Campus, early last month.

Speaking at the ceremony, Senior Lecturer at the University of Namibia School of Nursing: Department of General Nursing Science, Prof Lischen Hoases-Gorases, expressed her belief in the nursing student's abilities in what she described as a "remarkable" profession. At the same time, however, she also warned them against the hurdles that lie ahead.

The event, which was co-hosted by the International University of Management (IUM) Faculty of Health Sciences, ran by the theme: "Nurses a voice to lead - Health is a human right" and attracted dignitaries from significant sectors of Namibia,



Prof Lischen Hoases-Gorases

including representatives from the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

"Nurses are the backbone of the health sector," said Prof Hoases-Gorases, who also stressed that a nurse's importance was at par with that of medical doctors.

"There will be times in future when you will get demotivated, but remember that motivation is critical because the patients are dependent on you," she added.



Dr Louise Pretorius

First year Nursing student Magritta Hashipala described the event as "informative and phenomenal." "It is a day to create awareness not only in areas where we are not performing well, but also where we have reached great achievements, and reminding ourselves why we chose this path."

International Nurses Day is a world event celebrated on 12 May every year in recognition of the efforts of nurses the world over.

NORED HONOURS STUDENTS AT OGONGO CAMPUS AWARDS CEREMONY



Each year, Ogongo Campus organises an Annual Awards Ceremony to celebrate the previous year's academic achievements and most significantly to recognise and reward students for exceptional work done in their respective study programmes.

At this year's event, held in LyaKandenge Hall, NORED's Public Relations Officer, Mr Simon Lukas, who delivered a speech on behalf of the CEO, reminded the audience that the company is a "friend of education." NORED has supported various education initiatives in the form of sponsorship, donation and in kind, in order to give students and learners from disadvantaged communities access to quality education, with the aim of strengthening the fight against poverty and unemployment.

He remarked that NORED has sponsored this Awards Ceremony to the tune of N\$20,000 for the purchase of trophies for ten award categories, which included the Best Overall Students, Best Special Studies projects, and Best Research Projects for all the undergraduate programmes offered at Ogongo Campus. The Campus offers a Diploma in Agriculture, Diploma in Natural Resources Management, BSc Degree in Integrated Environmental Sciences, BSc Degree in Integrated

Environmental Sciences with a Forestry Specialisation, as well as the BSc Degree in Crop Science.

Mr Sacky Kayone, Chairperson of the NORED Board of Directors, and former governor of the Omusati Region, presented the sponsor's symbolic cheque to Ogongo Campus Assistant Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr Christopher Mberema. A member of the Ogongo Community, Mr Kayone congratulated UNAM for this prestigious event and implored all academics and students to develop programmes and projects that serve the immediate community and to compliment the food security initiatives of the government.

At the same occasion, the northern electricity distributor announced that it will finalise a memorandum of understanding with UNAM soon. This memorandum seeks to address the aspects of on-job training for both students and academic staff. Therefore, through the company's Training and Development Policy, NORED pledged to offer bursaries to prospective students that are studying towards engineering related courses and this may include BSc in Agriculture Engineering which the Faculty of Agriculture & Natural Resources plans to host at the Ogongo Campus.

The Campus is grateful to NORED, for the support towards the Award. Dr Mberema encouraged prospective students to apply online for admissions to these programmes at the Campus, "in order to be potential bursary recipients, as well as respond effectively to national developmental goals".

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP PROJECT RECEIVES GRANT



A core group of school principals, inspectors of schools, University of Namibia lecturers, together with Teaching Practice/School Based Studies coordinators, participated in a workshop to establish an instructional leadership group in Namibia. The group strengthen and support effective instructional practices and develop mentor schools that are

recognised for effective teaching and learning. The project was made possible through a grant (N\$1 004 180) that the Faculty of Education at UNAM with support from the Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), received from the US Embassy in Namibia.

In the above picture, the US Ambassador, H.E Lisa Johnson is joined the core team of instructional

leaders from UNAM, PLU and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. The project will expand the training initiative to 100 more school principals and other educational leaders in July this year. The participating schools would become training sites for pre- and in-service teachers to promote effective teaching and leadership.