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Mr. Ridge Kheimseb
IUM SRC President 2024/2025

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT ACADEMIC YEAR 2025

At the official opening of the International University of Management (IUM) academic year 2025, the SRC president Mr. Ridge Kheimseb welcomed all new students who were admitted to IUM in 2025. He also congratulated students who advanced to the next level of their academic studies.

The SRC president informed students that hard work and determination are the cornerstones of success. He encouraged students to strive for excellence, aim for academic success, sports achievement, and any other activity scholarly advanced by IUM.

He expressed his gratitude towards IUM management and the founder of IUM Prof. David Namwandi for his unwavering support and applauded IUM for offering students affordable registration fees. Thus, make it possible for students to access higher education. Furthermore, he addressed an issue that is very close to his heart – “The Boy Child.” He mentioned that historically, the male students

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struggle academically, and few are in leadership roles at IUM. Many dropped out of the university or in the worst-case scenario committed suicide.

“Dear Boy child as your male SRC president, one of my main goals this year is to mentor, uplift, and empower you. We cannot afford to lose any more of our young men. Dear staff, we need your support, encouragement, and guidance to navigate the challenges we face”.

As the SRC president and the SRC leadership embraced the theme “Celebrating Impactful Achievements,” he equally pledged that he will not neglect the girl child. He believes that every student at IUM regardless of gender, deserves an equal opportunity to succeed and that it is a collective responsibility to ensure that all students are given the tools to succeed.



IUM SRC Leadership 2024/2025

PROF. DAVID NAMWANDI EULOGIZED THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA H. E. THE LATE DR. SAM NUJOMA



Prof. David Namwandi on the left and H. E. Dr. Sam Nujoma the late first President of the Republic of Namibia on the right
(Born 12 May 1929 – Departed 8 February 2025)

Prof. David Namwandi, Founder of IUM and Chair of Governing Council and former Minister of Education in Namibia, remembered the unwavering role the late first President of the Republic of Namibia played in the Namibian education system. The late Founding Father as he was affectionately known was, eulogized as being passionate about education. Prof. Namwandi described the late Founding Father a “fearless leader, a visionary statesmen, and an unwavering advocate for education and self-reliance”.

Furthermore, Prof. Namwandi stated that H. E. Dr. the late Sam Nujoma “believed that education was a cornerstone of national development.”

His guidance and support during the formative years of IUM played a pivotal role in its success today. As Namibia mourned the passing of the First President of the Republic of Namibia, the Namibian nation

reflected on the visionary leader who dedicated his entire life to the liberation of Namibia from colonial occupation. His leadership was marked by the promotion of national unity, economic advancement, and social development. In addition, his advocacy for education, healthcare and development of infrastructure took center stage during his presidency. His remarkable contributions are endless. His legacy as a charismatic statesmen shall forever remain in our hearts and minds Prof. Namwandi Emphasised.

“We remain forever grateful for his wisdom, encouragement and leadership. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate his life and legacy, ensuring that his vision for an educated and self-sufficient Namibia continues to thrive”.



Dr. Frieda Shimbuli, Director: Alumni Relations, Class of 2016 on the left and Ms. Taleni Matheus, IUM Alumni Events Officer, Class of 2016 on the right signing the condolence book at the Nujoma residence on 12 February 2025

POSTGRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION SESSION 2025



Dr. Frieda Shimbuli
Director: IUM Alumni Relations | Class of 2016

The IUM postgraduate student orientation programme is designed for students who have successfully completed their undergraduate studies at IUM and are undertaking postgraduate diploma's, master's degree and Ph.D. level courses.

The postgraduate orientation programme disseminates pertinent information and familiarises new graduate students with IUM academic programmes and qualifications, academic policies and procedures, non-academic policies and procedures, academic support services, student support services and the registration procedures for postgraduate students.

It is against this backdrop that the Office of the IUM Alumni Relations provided a presentation on the "Overview of the Office of the IUM Alumni Relations" on 7 March 2025 at IUM Dorado Park main campus, Tunana hall. It disseminated information on the (a) IUM Alumni

Association (b) IUM Alumni Association Model (c) Catalogue of IUM Alumni Activities (d) Information on Pertinent Documents (e) IUM Alumni Scholarship Fund and (f) Information on the David Namwandi Trust (DNT) Annual Half Marathon.

The objectives were as follows:

- Welcome postgraduate students to the university.
- Provide a comprehensive understanding of the learning environment during the course of their academic studies;
- Provide postgraduate students with basic tools and skills to apply to succeed in their adjustment to the university;
- Promote a positive environment of academic success and encourage participation in social, cultural and sports activities;
- Disseminate information on the "Catalogue of IUM Alumni Activities (Events; Programmes; Community Outreach and; Sports Activities);
- Disseminate information on IUM Alumni Constitution, IUM Alumni By-Laws, reference books for IUM Alumni Staff;
- Provide information on the IUM Alumni Scholarship Fund and;
- Promote the mission, vision and values of the university.

During the "Postgraduate Student Orientation" session, students were advised to be disciplined in their studies, forget about procrastination and focus on academic success. The essence was to kickstart the academic year with positive energy, and for the postgraduates to embrace an academic culture full of accomplishment and purpose.



Postgraduate Student Orientation session on 7 March 2025 at IUM Dorado Main Campus, Tunana Hall

JOHANNES ENKONO'S SUCCESS STORY



Johannes Enkono | Class of 2017

Mr. Johannes Enkono hails from Oshigambo, Oshikoto Region, Namibia. He graduated from IUM in 2017 in the field of Business Information Systems. Shortly after graduation he became a statistic of an unemployed youth. Through his navigation, he landed on an internship with the Khomas Regional Council, which played a pivotal role in advancing his career outlook.

As Founder and CEO of “Johannes Technology Solutions” and a young entrepreneur, an advocate for climate justice as well as an energy transformation advocate, his VISION is to have a “leading company by providing high quality reliable printing services of T-shirt printing, banners, canvas printing, branding and event recording services for clients”.

Through his perseverance and effort, he aimed high despite challenges. He never gave up as a young up-coming professional. He is focused and worked continuously towards his long term goals. With his entrepreneurial navigation, Mr. Johannes is of the belief that perseverance is the cornerstone of success. His visionary leadership led him to be nominated by the Lutheran World Federation to be the Namibia Lutheran youth climate representative at the global level, representing

Namibians in 2023 at the United Nations Change Conference (COP).

During his career development journey, he worked on four climate projects, namely (a) the Lutheran Youth climate programme in 2022, (b) the Lutheran indigenous climate boot camp in 2023, (c) Omukwiugwemya climate debating club in 2024, and (d) Oshikoto regional environmental day 2024. In addition, his interest also encompasses renewable energy. As a result, Mr. Johannes won a travel grant to one of the Energy Summits in 2023 through EnergyNet and is currently working on two (2) Energy Transition Projects.

Mr. Johannes has travelled a long way with perseverance. He obtained an Entrepreneurial diploma from the Africa Leadership Institute through Olafika SME Development Mentorship Programme in 2022. He was awarded the certificate from the SADC Renewable Energy Entrepreneurship Support Facility in 2023. Furthermore, he received a certificate from the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network in 2023. Other accolades included being a recipient of a certificate from African Peer Review Mechanism in a Changing International Development Landscape: Opportunities for Africa in 2023. Also, awarded by IRENA as SADC entrepreneur in 2024.

In 2024, Mr. Johannes pursued a master's degree in IT from the University of Cambria. He is also pursuing his M.Sc. in Computer Science and International Business at the same university. He is also doing a course with UNAM School of Diplomatic Studies in 2025.

The “Johannes Technology Solutions” was awarded a grant by David Namwandi Trust in 2024. His business is on the right track and promising. The business includes printing of T-shirts, banners, canvas, branding, designing and event recording.



Johannes Enkono class of 2017 on the left and others received N\$ 150,000.00 from the David Namwandi Trust during the October graduation 2025 for his business

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality”.

THE 3RD EDITION OF THE DAVID NAMWANDI TRUST ANNUAL HALF MARATHON 2025

The Office of the IUM Alumni Relations organised the 3rd edition of the David Namwandi Trust (DNT) Annual Half Marathon, which took place on Saturday, 5 April 2025, at the IUM Dorado Park main campus in Windhoek. There were two (2) categories of the DNT Annual Half Marathon. The colleges and university students ran 21KM, which started at 06:45am. While the high school learners ran 10KM which started at 06:50am. The participants started the run from IUM main campus entrance from Dorado Park towards Hendrik Witbooi drive to Sam Nujoma Drive heading in a western direction towards Daan Viljoen Game reserve and back to the main campus again. About 350 students and learners from all 14 Regions participated in the marathon. Many staff members from IUM, interested parties from other institutions, young and old from the metropolitan area of Windhoek joined the marathon.

MARATHON GOALS:

Goal 1: Personal Development: Set marathon run as a personal lifetime goal and build self-confidence and accomplishment of winning a marathon.

Goal 2: Physical Health: Marathon runs have many health benefits such as improved overall physical health. It enhances better sleep since a marathon run can be exhausted. It keeps one in good fitness shape.

Goal 3: Mental Health: A good marathon run keeps mental health in check. It helps one feel content, work productively and cope with day to day challenges at work and at home. It also increases resilience.

At the DNT Annual Half Marathon award ceremony, Dr. Iyaloo Shiimi, member of IUM Council encouraged the participants to take the DNT Annual Half Marathon very serious. She emphasised that the marathon is a springboard towards global marathons. Furthermore, she indicated that marathon runs have numerous benefits such as (a) it improves the physical health (b) it improves mental health and it also improves social skills. She encouraged the participants to develop a love for DNT Annual Half Marathon run. It provides an opportunity to open marathon doors worldwide. She encouraged the participants to maintain sport discipline in order to succeed.

Dr. Aquilinus Nashilundo, IUM Registrar, welcomed every person from near and far who participated in the DNT Annual Half Marathon 2025. He recognised Prof. David Namwandi's beautiful drive to engage the youth in sports. In his welcoming address, he stressed that the participants should remain disciplined in the sport for them to succeed. He noted that the marathon is structured in such a way that the participants can win money and medals.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPONSORS



EasyEquities

The David Namwandi Trust (DNT) Annual Half Marathon 2025, is grateful for the unconditional sponsorship during the past 3 years (2023 - 2025). The sponsorship is a true testimony of the partnership with RISE Easy Retire, South Africa. Further DNT appreciated the presence of Mr. Ronald Katlego Maako, the Marketing manager who witnessed the DNT Annual Half Marathon in person. As we gear up for the 4th DNT Annual Half Marathon 2026, we trust that RISE Easy Retire, South Africa sponsorship will empower the DNT marathon runners again.



The sponsorship from Coca-Cola Beverages Africa helped the brand build excitement by offering, Coca-Cola beverages and water for all four water points for the marathon runners. The DNT Annual Half Marathon is grateful for the unconditional support and partnership. DNT further appreciate the presence of Mr. Theodore Shikongo, the Youth Market Developer who witnessed the DNT Annual Half Marathon in person.



The partnership between DNT Annual Half Marathon 2025 and Chico Group of Companies has a huge impact on the David Namwandi Trust Half Marathon in which learners from high schools and students from colleges and universities partake. The contribution made significant. As an Alumnus of IUM, the DNT Annual Half Marathon is proud to have you on board for future marathons.

Thank You

DAVID NAMWANDI TRUST ANNUAL HALF MARATHON 2025 PARTICIPANTS



UNIVERSITY 21KM RACE	GENDER	POSITION	PRIZE
Petrus Shigwedha	Male	1st Position	N\$ 5000 cash prize + Medal
Aina Beata Jeremia	Female		
Megameno Mateus	Male	2nd Position	N\$ 2500 cash prize + Medal
Shipolo Shiyukifeni	Female		
Michael Paulus	Male	3rd Position	N\$ 1500 cash prize + Medal
Linea Thomas	Female		



HIGH SCHOOL 10 KM RACE	GENDER	POSITION	PRIZE
Kalili Julias	Male	1st Position	N\$ 3000 cash prize + Medal
Frans Nyanyukweni	Female		
Henock Henock	Male	2nd Position	N\$ 2000 cash prize + Medal
Monica Kandjembo	Female		
Johannes Natanael	Male	3rd Position	N\$ 1500 cash prize + Medal
Emma Kadhila	Female		

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 3RD DAVID NAMWANDI TRUST ANNUAL HALF MARATHON 2025



David Namwandi Trust Annual Half Marathon Participants (colleges and universities) on the 21KM marathon course on the Daan Viljoen road

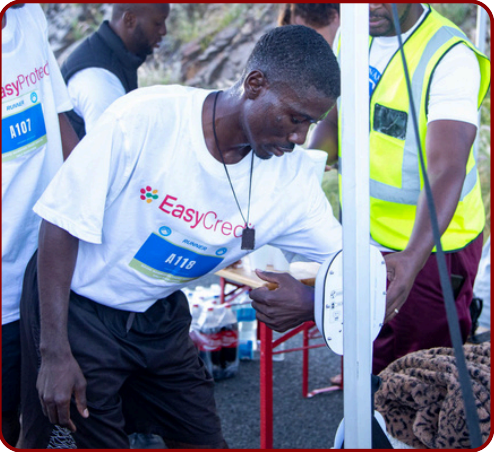
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Bishop Lukas Katenda of the Reformed Evangelical Anglican Church of Namibia



Marathon Participant from Dagbreek School for the Intellectually Impaired



PROMINENT IUM ALUMNI



Ms. Mpoi Sylvia Motanyane
Master's Degree
Class of 2024



Ms. Hileni Metusalem
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Mr. Ndeumona S Nambala
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Generosa Joseph
Postgraduate Diploma
Class of 2024



Ms. Velishana Hashiyana
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Edith Ndapandula
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Tresia Victorlinu
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Aina N. Sakaria
Diploma
Class of 2024



Ms. Teresia N Frans
Diploma
Class of 2024



Ms. Cecilia Amuthenu
Diploma
Class of 2024



Ms. Iuanisa Tjikotoke
Diploma
Class of 2024



Mr. Eliakim Amungela
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Mr. Hamungela Simon
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Mr. Efraim Asino
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Ndjamba Helvi Liyawo
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Shalimba Auwa
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024

PROMINENT IUM ALUMNI



Mr. Thomas Vaino Fikameni
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Mr. David Uupindi Musilika
Postgraduate Diploma
Class of 2024



Mr. Johannes Enkono
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Mr. Jacob NT shatipamba
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Natasha Musonda
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Abigail Nyamuzunza
Bachelor's Degree
Class of 2024



Ms. Shalimba Elizabeth Auwa
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



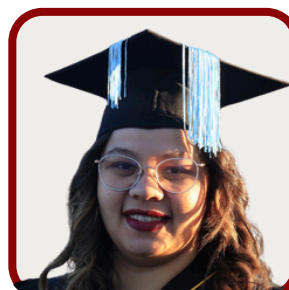
Ms. Petrina G. Kambonde
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Mr. Fares N. Nghilukilwa
Master's Degree
Class of 2024



Ms. Mirjam Erastus
Bachelor's Degree
Class of 2024



Ms. Lee-Ann McKayla Pietersen
Bachelor's Degree
Class of 2024



Ms. Frieda Ndinelago Erastus
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Fransina N. Stefanus
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2024



Ms. Martha Ndahafa Hangula
Master's Degree
Class of 2021



Ms. Alina NV Andrias
Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2019



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Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
Class of 2015