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### **IUM Alumni e-Focus**



Hon. Prof. David Namwandi IUM Founder and Chairperson of the IUM Governing Council

# KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PROF. DAVID NAMWANDI, FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF IUM'S ACADEMIC YEAR ON 20TH FEBRUARY 2023

It is with great pleasure that I want to welcome you to the New Academic Year 2023 and for students joining the University for the first time. Let me also extend a warm welcome you all. This year marks 29 years since this fine University came into being. Since its inception (1994) we have overcome many challenges along the way and we are confident we shall overcome those challenges we may encounter along the way as we strive to fulfil our destiny.

Being a university dedicated to its people's future, we continue to re- evaluate what we offer to our clientele on a regular basis. We declared 2022 as "A year of consolidated performance for the betterment of our stakeholders and the nation at large." Notwithstanding the absence of self-formal evaluation or assessment, I can state here without hesitation, that indeed the university under difficult circumstances performed with diligence, redoubled stamina and unwavering dedication in fulfilling key assignments which ensured satisfaction of our stakeholders. As a tradition, we jointly as a team declared 2023 as a year of **ENHANCED SERVICE DELIVERY**, this is what we

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set ourselves to achieve and it will come to pass. I am aware that our new students are coming from education 2.0 and in only rare instances from education 3.0. The question will arise: how does IUM intend to launch this cohort into 3.0 al the way through Education 4.0. We are determined, however, to equip our graduates with problem solving skills i.e. critical thinking and creative thinking skills.

It is not in our DNA to churn out graduates with honours degrees or diplomas who end up in the streets due to the lack of skills, because our programmes are demand driven. To us capacity to transform society is an outcome measure of success as is the capacity to contribute to industrialisation.

We have decided not to harbour an "ivory tower mentality" as our research speaks to the challenges of our society today and add value to our society rather than doing research for the sake of research we create knowledge which can solve societal problems. We are constantly in touch with our stakeholders to gain a better understanding of what they are thinking and what they are concerned about so that we are positioned to translate their situations into new opportunities for the university in terms of new soft skills programmes, and long-term training opportunities for research and consultancy. Given our motto; i.e. IUM is a Namibian University dedicated to its people's future we cannot afford to slumber in our comfort

zones because the whole world around us is moving forward and we have no choice but to follow suit and be among the fastest.

## THE ROLE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY BY DR ERASTUS CHICO SHAPUMBA CLASS OF 2016



Dr Erastus Chicco Shapumba Class of 2016

The role of IUM Alumni engagement and philanthropy is crucial to the development and maintenance of the IUM Alumni Association. The Office of the IUM Alumni Relations was placed and charged to carry out planned event, programmes, community engagement and sport projects for the Association. Therefore, it is of fundamental importance for IUM Alumni to be engaged and support all planned events, programmes, community engagements and sports projects. This process can only be realized when IUM Alumni keep the spirit of generosity through philanthropic giving towards the Office of the IUM Relations.

#### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PHILANTHROPY?

- 1. It helps to establish a culture of giving towards your Alma Mater and the IUM Alumni Association to carry out its planned undertakings.
- 2. An IUM Alumni philanthropist should be able to show concern for the wellbeing of others and get into the mode to ease struggles of others and not expect anything in return.
- 3. An IUM Alumni philanthropist engagement should cultivate partnerships among the alumni to make an impact on it Alma Mater, students and the global community.
- 4. In order to become a philanthropist of the IUM Alumni Association, one does not have to be rich or a wealthy person. A Philanthropist may donate their professional skills, time and efforts to engaged with the IUM alumni, staff and students on a specific undertaking.
- 5. The Office of the IUM Alumni Relations has just started to develop its alumni philanthropic catalogue. The following are some of the first IUM Alumni Philanthropists:

#### **IUM ALUMNI PHILANTHROPIST**



**Dr Quiton Van Rooyen**Group CEO Trustco Group Holdings
Class of 2012



Dr Banda Shilimela CEO: B&E Groups Holdings Class of 2016



Dr Frieda Shimbuli
Director: IUM Alumni Relations
Class of 2016



**Dr Rakesh Wahi**Chairman of CMA Investment
Holdings, **Class of 2012** 



**Dr Erastus Chico Shapumba**CEO: Chicco Group of Companies **Class of 2016** 



Honorable Pendukeni livula-Ithana Former Minister of Home Affairs Class of 2017

#### **HOW CAN I BECOME A PHILANTHROPIST?**

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#### PROFILE OF THE DAVID NAMWANDI TRUST



David Namwandi Trust (DNT) is a non-profit organization or TRUST(T309/10) which provides funding to prospective young graduates who aspire to be business entrepreneurs. The purpose of this intervention is to identify and nurture entrepreneurs, start-up SME's (Small and Medium Enterprise) and existing SME's with viable business proposals to avail funds to enable entrepreneurs to formulate a commercially, financially, and environmentally viable growth strategy that in turn will significantly enhance the possibility of sustaining a

DAVID NAMWANDI TRUST PROVIDES FUNDING IN THE FOLLOWING AREA				
i	Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) business start- up projects.			
ii	HIV and Community Health Relates projects.			
iii	Information Technology projects.			
iv	Human Resources Developmental projects and			
٧	Energy security.			

business plan without the need for further external funding Thus, funding shall be made available to successful business proposals with a start-up capital of between N\$ 20 000.00 to N\$ 50 000.00. The business proposal execution time must be between December 2022 and June 2024. The business must be located in Namibia and give clear directions that it will operate debt free and the full capital of the funding advanced will be repaid free of any interest charges.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO THE DAVID NAMWANDI TRUS?				
1.	Namibian Citizen and or a registered SME wholly owned by Namibian Citizens.			
2.	Namibians from Previously Disadvantaged backgrounds.			
3.	Namibian Citizens and aged between 20 to 35 years.			
4.	Namibian Citizen and or a registered SME wholly owned by Namibian Citizens.			
5.	Applicants must have graduated from the following institutions: 5.1. International University of Management (IUM) 5.2. University of Namibia (UNAM) 5.3 Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) And any Private/ institution duly accredited by NQA, NCHE and or NTA			



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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAVID NAMWANDI TRUST ANNUAL HALF MARATHON 2023



David Namwandi Trust Half Marathon 2023 Participants at the Starting Point of the IUM Main Gate Dorado Campus

The 1st edition of the "David Namwandi Trust Annual Half Marathon 2023" took place on Saturday, 22 April 2023 under perfect weather conditions, which were overcast and cool. The marathon targeted university students, college students, IUM Alumni, and high school learners from the Khomas Region. All marathon runners arrived at 05:30 a.m. at the IUM main campus in Windhoek, Namibia for bib registration. The marathon started at 6:00 a.m. from the main IUM campus at Dorado Park towards the Daan Viljoen Game Reserve when Prof. David Namwandi released the run-off shot for the

marathon. The marathon attracted  $\pm$  500 participants across all levels. The universities, colleges and IUM Alumni run the half marathon (21Km) while the high school learners between the ages of 15 – 19 run a distance of 10Km. In addition, many staff members from IUM, interested parties, young and old from the metropolitan area of Windhoek joined the marathon, which was organized by the Office of the IUM Alumni Relations.

HIGH SCHOOL 10 KM RACE	POSITION	PRIZE
Male Participant: Kondjeni Shatilwa Female Participant: Linea Ndjuluwa	1st Position	N\$ 2500 cash prize + Medals + Certificate
Male Participant: Jafet Matias Female Participant: Hendrina Hangula	2nd Position	N\$ 1500 cash prize + Medals + Certificate
Male Participant: Hendrik Shikongo Female Participant: Selma Nauyala	3rd Position	N\$ 1000 cash prize + Medals + Certificate

UNIVERSITY 21KM RACE	POSITION	PRIZE
Male Participant: Mateus Megameno Female Participant: Victoria Kaliteka	1st Position	N\$ 5000 cash prize + Medals + Certificate
Male Participant: Kefas Kefas Female Participant: Lucia Andrek	2nd Position	N\$ 2500 cash prize + Medals + Certificate
Male Participant: Shigwedha Petrus Female Participant: Leena Ekandjo	3rd Position	N\$ 1500 cash prize + Medals + Certificate

IUM ALUMNI 21KM RACE	POSITION	PRIZE
Male Participant: Vaino Ashuulu	1st Position	N\$ 5000 cash prize + Medals + Certificate

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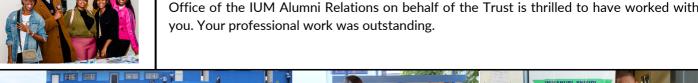






#### **APPRECIATION TO ALL OUR SPONSORS**







#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Volunteering with the Office of the IUM Alumni Association means to volunteer your professional skills and services in exchange for no monetary value. It means to work for unpaid activities planned for alumni members, the university, and the global community during the course of the academic year. Volunteering is an act of kindness in which people donate their time and labor to the IUM Alumni Relations Office.

### UPCOMING EVENT RETURN TO CAMPUS DATE: TBA FOR THE BIG 1ST IUM ALUMNI HOMECOMING MEAT FESTIVAL THIS IS A 2-DAY EVENT

The Office of the IUM Alumni Relations is extending an invitation to all the **IUM Alumni from 1994 to 2023** to the upcoming IUM Alumni Homecoming and Meat Festival 2023. This invitation also goes to all the IUM staff, students and the entire community.

IUM Alumni Homecoming is a special time of the year to reconnect with former classmates and friends, former Lecturers and Professors, IUM staff and students. This will be the 1st ever IUM Alumni Homecoming & Meat Festival event which will be organised by the Office of the IUM Alumni Relations.

Come in big numbers. There will be entertainment. Join in to celebrate the rich heritage of the IUM Alumni Association. Make it a relaxing weekend for yourselves and join in the excitement in this upcoming event.

#### BECOME A DONOR TOWARDS THE IUM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In order to make a difference in the IUM Alumni Association, it is prudent to show care by becoming an active donor towards the IUM Alumni Association.

#### **DONOR CATEGORIES**

Individual donor | Major donor | Corporate donor

Many universities rely on donations from students who graduated from their respective universities.

Let us make a difference ● Let us donate ● IUM for live.

Please sign up as a donor towards the IUM Alumni Association.

Please contact Ms Talenl Matheus | Email: alumni@ium.edu.na | Cell: 081-452-4420 for further assistance.

#### BECOME A MEMBER OF THE IUM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### REGISTER AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE IUM ALUMNI ASSOCIAON

The Office of the IUM Alumni Relations wishes to encourage all the students who graduated from IUM from 1994 to current students, to register with the alumni office to become members of the association.

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#### **PROMINENT IUM ALUMNI**



Ms Sisco Kaduwah
Bacherlor's Degree
(Honours)
Class of 2019



**Ms Pandu Shangula**Bacherlor's Degree
Class of 2018



Mrs Chiquitha Upora Master's Degree Class of 2021



**Ms Maria T. Niimwene**Master's Degree
Class of 2022



**Ms Ms Rauna Ngelenge** Postgraduate Diploma Class of 2022



**Ms Tulonga lyambula**Master's Degree
Class of 2021



**Ms Cecilia Mafupe** Master's Degree Class of 2019



**Mr Michael Neema**Bachelor's Degree
Class of 2014



Mr Liyerenge Hausiku Master's Degree Class of 2016

#### **PROMINENT IUM ALUMNI**



Mr Amunyela Eliakim Bachelor's Degree (Honours) Class of 2022



Ms Victoria N Kantewa Bachelor's Degree (Honours) Class of 2016



**Mr Matthew Kashihalwa** Higher Diploma Class of 2019



Ms Loide M. Vilho Bachelor's Degree (Honours) Class of 2022



Mr Joseph Lakanemo Bachelor's Degree (Honours) Class of 2022



Ms Anna Hango Bachelor's Degree (Honours) Class of 2017



Ms Selma M Abel Bachelor's Degree (Honours) Class 2017



Mr Cornelius Hendrik
Bachelor's Degree
(Honours)
Class of 2019



Ms Metiwa Paulina Bachelor's Degree (Honours) Class of 2023