



NUST BRIEF

“Treasure life by knowing your status” – Dr Haufiku



FROM LEFT: Dr Bernard Haufiku, Minister: Health and Social Services; H.E Lisa Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to Namibia; The Dogg: Local Musician, and Dr Tjama Tjivikua, NUST Vice-Chancellor, pictured after lighting candles in remembrance of the lives lost to the pandemic.

NUST held its HIV/AIDS and Wellness campaign last week, where Dr Bernard Haufiku, the Minister of Health and Social Services, reiterated the call for people to get tested. The HIV/AIDS and Wellness Campaign is held annually to continuously raise awareness about the epidemic.

Speaking to an audience made up of the university members as well as high school learners, Dr Haufiku emphasised that whilst Namibia has made progress in fighting the virus, many people remain unaware of their HIV status.

“My appeal therefore to all is, especially men under the age of 25, please get tested. And if you are positive then take medication that will keep you healthy and you can truly treasure life,” the Minister said.

He went on to mention the various prevention methods such as, the use of condoms, maintaining monogamous relationships and using Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), which is an additional prevention option for those who are at high risk of contracting the virus.

“The fact that the world is still fighting this pandemic tells us that many people have been left behind – in gaining information and in getting treatment. I believe that schools and universities are ideal

places to intensify our education and awareness campaigns,” said Dr Tjama Tjivikua, the NUST Vice-Chancellor.

Her Excellency Lisa Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to Namibia highlighted the various ways the Embassy and the Ministry of Health and Social Services have partnered to address the HIV/AIDS challenges in Namibia. She specifically spoke about the Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Programme and its successes.

Local musician, The Dogg, who is the ambassador of the programme delivered an intriguing motivational talk and further gave a performance that kept the young crowd on its feet.

The event was sponsored by the American Embassy, Methealth Namibia, Nedbank and Coca-Cola, with support from Lifeline/Childline, ITEC Digital Solutions, the Cancer Association of Namibia, Namibia Planned Parenthood Association, Virgin Active, and Abt Associates (AIDSFREE).

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B360 assists unemployed graduates

B360 Education Partnerships has once again expanded its field of involvement at NUST to offer the popular Career Starter Week to unemployed NUST graduates.

The Career Starter Week, which is a five-day workshop aimed at equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to improve their employability, was first piloted by B360 Education Partnerships and the Cooperative Education Unit (CEU) in 2016. Since then, the workshop has been hosted five times for NUST graduates. Usually, Swiss Industry Experts facilitate the workshop, but this time around, the four-day workshop also involved Namibian professionals from Bank Windhoek, Pointbreak, Old Mutual and Cymot Namibia. The B360 President, Sabina Balmer, commended the involvement of local professionals, saying that the combination of their context-specific professional knowledge and experience proved to be a key added value for the Career Starter Week. “I would like to thank Oryx Properties for their sponsorship, as well as all the local professionals for their involvement in the Career Starter Week,” Balmer remarked.

During the gathering, graduates were exposed to a range of topics, including CV preparation and drafting of cover letters, interview training, organisational structure and entrepreneurship.

“This was an excellent experience, I have learned so much and have gained a new appreciation for the way employers think when they are recruiting,” said Turho Nghimbwasha, one of the participants. These sentiments were echoed by the other participants that said their expectations had been exceeded and they are more confident to enter the competitive job-market.



Workshop participants pictured with Sabina Balmer, the President of B360 Education Partnerships (second from left), during one of the engaging sessions.

Pupkewitz BMW comes on board

Pupkewitz BMW made a cash donation towards NUST’s participation in the Shell Eco Challenge Marathon in October 2018 in South Africa. The competition will be held in Pretoria and is divided into categories based on energy sources. The NUST team will be participating in the electrical battery category with their carbon-fibre prototype vehicle. For more information, visit <http://fe.nust.na/?q=shell-eco-marathon-africa>



Armand Barnard, BMW Principle Dealer (left) and James Haimbodi, 4th year Bachelor of Engineering: Electronics student and team leader (right), posing for a photo after the handover of the sponsorship.

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