

UniFiji Hosts Successful Student Orientation Day

The University of Fiji hosted a successful Student Orientation Day at the Saweni Campus on Monday, February 3 and at Samabula Campus on February 4, 2020.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sushila Chang welcomed the students to the University. Professor Chang told the students that University life may seem difficult in the beginning but gets better with time as it did for her when she was a freshman.

“The first week may seem difficult, it gets better during the second week and only gets better and better. The first semester is always the hardest, the second semester becomes better. The first year is the most difficult, the second year can be exhilarating and so empowering and thereon you are the maker of your dreams,” she stated.

She added that The University of Fiji had students at the centre of its heart.

“Everything we do is about the students. Therefore, this is not a University per say, it is your family and your home away from home,” she mentioned.

She advised students to make the most of their time at the University; to make friends and be sociable; to study hard and do things that are meaningful to them; to embrace diversity and the many differences in people and uphold values.

The Pro-Chancellor, Ambassador Kamlesh Arya spoke about the University’s Founders Policies. He stated that the University was founded on universal values including respect and discipline.

“It’s a people’s University- it was founded by the people for the people,” he noted.

The Registrar, Ms. Karishma Mani addressed the students on student administration matters and Executive Director Finance, Mr. Ravineet Sami advised the students on the fees and finance aspects of the University. The Information Technology Services department staff advised students on important tools such as Moodle, Turnitin, student emails and more. The UniFiji Student Association (UFSA) Vice-President, Ms. Maca Ratabua spoke on UFSA policies and procedures.

Ms. Christal Kapoor, final year student of the University, spoke about her experience at the University. She told the students how the University and her lecturers had supported her to achieve all her goals and developed her holistically. Ms. Kapoor was crowned Ms. Sugar City in 2019 and she credited her overall success to the lecturers and University staff.

The orientation was attended by over 350 students and parents at Saweni Campus and approximately 150 students at Samabula Campus.