



FAO endows trophy for Best Student in Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNAM

11 October, UNAM Neudamm Campus: The Office of the Dean: Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR) at the University of Namibia (UNAM), hosted an award ceremony for best performing students of the Faculty.

The purpose of the annual award ceremony, which was held at Neudamm Campus on 11 October, is to motivate students to perform their best and succeed in their studies, and following completion, contribute successfully to the development of our nation.

The Dean of the FANR, Simon Nangombe in his welcoming remarks, stated that the FANR believes that quality education plays a crucial role in building a future for students. He reiterated his Faculty's commitment to provide an atmosphere where students can learn positive values and gain knowledge every day.

"Our students have not only excelled in academics but are also very good at extra-curricular activities like sports, organising campus events and many other things. They have not only made us proud, but brought accolades to our faculty, Neudamm in particular, and have given it a faculty-wide recognition. Students like you are responsible for the continuous growth and development of our faculty in combined efforts with the extremely proficient SRC council members as well as our lecturers," he said.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) supported the University by sponsoring a floating trophy for the 'Best Overall Student' in the FANR. Each year, the top performing student and their hard work will be honoured with the trophy.

The FAO Representative, Farayi Zimudzi presented the trophy during the event. "By endowing this trophy, we are signalling FAO's commitment to developing the capacities of Namibian youth to participate meaningfully in the country's development. It is my organisation's desire that the graduates of this esteemed institution of higher learning earn sustainable and profitable livelihoods in agriculture," she said.

The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof Frednard Gideon, also present at the event, reiterated the vision and mission of UNAM by saying, "Our core values of Professionalism, Mutual Respect, Integrity,

Transparency, Equity and Accountability are the foundation of our commitment to help you grow personally, intellectually, professionally, and culturally.”

“To the top performers, I need to remind you that your life journeys as professionals have yet to begin. But with confidence, I can say that any of our students can stand up to any other student from another university and as they say, ‘give them a run for their money’,” he added.

The FAO Namibia Representative Farayi Zimudzi, pictured with the

Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR) at the University of Namibia (UNAM) and the Faculty’s top performers. *FAO Namibia*