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Sanlam awards 15 students with bursaries and internships

Sanlam today awarded fifteen students with internship and bursaries. As part of the company's corporate social responsibility programme and a "Friend of Education", Sanlam has been awarding students with bursaries for the past 18 years. The Bursary programme has benefited over 50 students since its inception in 2002. The Sanlam bursary scheme aims to reward well performing but disadvantaged Namibian students studying at Namibian tertiary institutions with an opportunity to pursue their education. The bursary programme further aims to make a meaningful contribution to the country by developing the much needed skills in the fields of Accounting and Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, Business Administration, legal and Actuarial Science.

At the same event Sanlam announced its recent recruits of Interns as part of the company's formalised internship programme. The formalised internship programme was created in 2019 with the objective of cultivating and nurturing skills development to assist students to acquire the necessary work experience and supplement their theoretical knowledge with practical work experience. The majority of the interns are expected to do a formal internship in their field of study as part of their academic year and failure to do so results in students not graduating on time. Sanlam responded to the call from universities and students by creating the formalised internship programme.

Speaking at the official media event this afternoon, Sanlam Group CEO, Tertius Stears said, the awarding of bursaries and internships is a show of Sanlam's commitment to education in Namibia. "We have been a partner in education for many years and take the role we have to play as a stakeholder very seriously. We also understand that government cannot do this alone and needs the support of everyone to make a success of our nation and young people" He said. Stears added that despite the many initiatives Government has put in place, education, especially at tertiary level is not affordable to many students hence stakeholders need to come on board to supplement governments efforts.

The six bursary recipients and their field of study are:

1. Joel Kagola – Bachelor of Economics (Honours) – NUST
2. Uvatera Mahua – Bachelor of Economics – NUST
3. Maria Ngolo – Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics & Statistics – NUST
4. Namanda Mbeha – bachelor of Economics (Honours) – UNAM
5. Magdaleena Kashuanu – Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Honours) – UNAM
6. Alexander Iipinge – Bachelor of Accounting – UNAM

The six bursary students join the three students who were awarded last year and are currently in the final year of their studies.

The nine appointed interns are:

1. Liina Angula – Bachelor of Science in Statistics – UNAM
2. Merrinah Siboli Bachelor of Economics (Honours) – UNAM
3. Erastus Zeepi – Bachelor of Finance Management – IUM
4. Mbekaapi Njembo – Bachelor of Finance Management – (IUM)
5. Cara Allen – Bachelor of Law (Honours) – UNAM
6. Germary Dunn – Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) – UNAM

7. Foibe Emvula – Bachelor of Communication – NUST
8. Johannes Shikudule – Bachelor of Finance Management (Honours) – IUM
9. Hilya Alugongo – Bachelor of Human Resources Management (Honours) – IUM

The internship will run for 3 months and the students will be placed within different department including Marketing, Finance, Legal and compliance, Human Resources, Client Service and Investments. Here, the students will be exposed to the ins and outs of these respective departments and acquire the much needed on-the-job training while applying the theoretical knowledge they learned at school in a practical work environment. The majority of the students employed are required to undergo an internship or experiential learning before they can graduate and this programme will assist them with that.

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