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The success of completing a qualification at an institution of higher learning is a top-notch achievement, especially in this era of many challenges facing the youth today.

1. Tell us about yourself?

Well, I am Mwinanu Makalicha a graduate from the field of Lifelong Learning and Community Development. I have been working in an Open School environment for the past 8 years now, as an Admissions and Student Support Administrator. I love reading and taking up tasks that challenge my thinking ability. In Addition, I recently obtained a Post-Graduate Diploma in Open School Operations and Management from one of the best institutions in Namibia, NAMCOL.

2. What did you study with NAMCOL?

As mentioned earlier, I studied towards a Post Graduate Diploma in Open Schools Operations and Management. It is a 2-year programme offered completely online that prepares you on how to effectively plan and manage the day-to-day operations of an Open School.

3. Tell us about your study journey with NAMCOL?

Even though the course required me to be online 90 % of the time, I had the best experience ever.

Firstly, I did not have to stress about tuition fees because I was offered a scholarship that covered all fees.

Secondly, I did not have to worry about internet connection, because NAMCOL provided us with internet devices to aid our studies. So I could access my course anywhere, anytime as long as there is good network coverage.

4. How did the study material provided for your course guide you to succeed in achieving your qualification?

The study materials were relatively easy to comprehend and assisted me to direct my own learning. It provided activities and assignments after every completed unit.

The one thing I enjoyed most was the discussion forums. This platform gave me the opportunity to discuss what I thought or how I felt about a certain topic and also I could comment on the views of my class cohorts.



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5. What would you say are the challenges faced during your studies?

My major struggle was time management, the course was really demanding.

Being a mother, a wife, a student and employed is a hand full of work.

So, basically, I had to stay up late to do my schoolwork and try to complete assignments and discussion forms over the weekends.

Managing my time help me get 3 distinctions, of which I am really proud.

6. Now that you have graduated and have your qualification, what are your future plans?

The plan is to definitely go ahead and do a Master's degree. I gained knowledge about educational technologies and pedagogies from the PDOSOM programme as a result I would like to further my studies in Educational technologies.

7. As a graduate of NAMCOL, how would you motivate current NAMCOL students?

There's no doubt that the cost of education is on the rise. The financial concerns of earning your education should never stop you from doing so because, as Benjamin Franklin once said," this investment in yourself will pay you back with interest over your entire lifetime."

In short, if there's one thing that's certain in life is that everything is constantly changing. You may suffer loss or whatever the case may be. But, the thing that you can never lose is your education.

8. How did your parents and family support your education journey with NAMCOL?

A huge thank you goes to my husband, who always encouraged me not to give up, he would always take care of our little princess and other chores just to allow me to do my school work.



Poems

Education.

Wants us to be attention,
In older to build the nation.
Education,
It shows direction,
In older to do correction.
Education,
Needs people more than ten,
In older all to learn.
Education,
It is your way,
Which you can stay.

Education,
Nothing will remain,
It will remove your pain.
Education,
It has alot of information,
Which are being hiden.
Education,
It has alot of section,
Which I can't mention.

By: Husna Chikwela

Unwarranted Pressure

The path to higher education is littered with obstacles
Not to examine the physical make-up of the student
But to exempt millions of poor children from a better life

“Education is the key to success, “ many of them are told
Without education they are deemed to be failures
Not worthy to be given the key to success
This is a narrow-minded approach to life
Life was fully established before education was conceived

Look at the birds of the sky
They are fully educated in their own way of life
Not even a day spent in school
They have mastered the techno-savvy skills of flight
It's not a skill for those with low IQs
Yet birds have proudly adopted it
Look at wild berries
They are succulent and richly flavoured
Not out of years of education
But out of the intrinsic knowledge
Passed from generation to generation
Surely humanity is not cursed
To be without the ancient skills embedded in them
It's perfectly fine to encourage education from an early age

But first we have to provide resources
Poor countries are struggling with the adopted systems of
education
Yet they are supposed to be competitors in a globalized
world
Students in third world countries are put under immense
pressure
To excel under squalid conditions
Inequality, for some, begins in the classroom
Without proper grooming and resources
They are already marked for the trenches of this world
Without proper allocation of resources
Inequality, human trafficking, poverty and diseases
Will continue to threaten the pedestal of hope
Humanity will never progress beyond selfishness and
hopelessness

Into the vast terrain of consciousness
Where unconditional Love is a basic necessity
And sharing of resources is the only achievement worth
praising

By: Kenneth Maswabi

If You Can Read This Thank Your Teacher You Can Read

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By: Deluke Muwanigwa



**VOX
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our voice

The Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL) recently held its prize giving ceremony to award best achievers in the 2022 Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSCO) and Namibia Senior Secondary Advanced Level (NSSCAS) examination. Below are some of the best performers.



Haufiku Priskilla
(BEST OVERALL
PERFORMANCE IN NSSCAS
OSHIKWANYAMA)

I did grade 11 AS

There was no teacher to teach AS simply because the student were not enough to be in 1 classroom to be taught. So it was really difficult for me to study on my own considering the fact that there was no teacher and the books were not really full of information.

Motivation

What motivated me was my former languages teacher, she was really a good teacher if I should say that even if I cannot explain in details why she was so good. She really inspired me to become a language teacher as I am currently doing with my education focusing on languages.

Feelings

I am really happy because I never expected it. I will pass that subject considering the fact there was no teachers.

Advice to fellow learners

With reference to academic performance I will just say they should consider the fact there are not teachers. This should not mean they should not study because no one is teaching them, they should learn to study on their own considering different opportunities and their backgrounds to make them better.



Tuwiliika Hamukuya
(BEST OVERALL
PERFORMANCE IN NSSCO
OSHIKWANYAMA)

I did grade 11 NAMCOL last year, I did Oshikwanyama and Agriculture in which I obtained an A* in Oshikwanyama and B in Agriculture

Feelings it is was whole lot of mixed up emotions I am so excited, feel emotional I wish my parents here so I am happy.

Challenges

Challenges for me were to get to the NAMCOL centre where the learning was taking place, I had to walk 7km to get there and sometimes I will find the classes already started, so it was really challenging. For me on transport was my biggest challenge and sometimes I used go and write my exam in the morning and afternoon so I needed to stay in Okalongo and not go home to the village I had to stay there on an empty stomach, only having a bottle of Oshikundu. That was how I made it.

Motivation

Self-motivation most of all. I also got motivation from other people, a lot of them in my community were telling me, you can still make it that was my first time to fail ever since grade 1. I never failed even in the middle of the year but this was my biggest fall I also got to experience what failure is so for me I kept up myself I stand on my two feet and just say this is not the end of the world I must just continue studying I will make it by God's grace.

Advise to fellow learners

Most importantly they should believe in themselves, they should not give up on their lives NAMCOL is not the end of the world. If you failed and go to NAMCOL and be like though NAMCOL I will make it. You are a star you can make it for yourself.



Joseph Othello
(BEST OVERALL NSSCO
CANDIDATE GR11)

I am Othello Joseph and I am 22 years old. I got 4 A* in all 4 of my subjects making me the BEST OVERALL NSSCO CANDIDATE FOR GRADE 11

Motivation

I wrote my exam last year and it was quite a difficult time to be doing that because I was working part-time and studying part-time. What I really needed to do was find the fuel inside me to push me to excel and get good grades. I value tertiary education and education in general because my family has always insulted education as a key tenant of human society, being educated is one of the most important things a person could be because it gives them the opportunity not only to get a job or to get into university also to think for themselves. To think of new innovative ways to help change society for the better.

Advice to fellow learners:

My advice to young people is that NAMCOL has the best study materials for your learning. It has helped a lot during my time of study, the library facility and study areas are very quiet places to study you're your exams. Students take up the challenge to focus on their academics so as to improve and invest in their community and their family.

Feelings

My desire to finally be done with my secondary education was the drive for me, I really just wanted to move on to tertiary education. I am grateful to NAMCOL for awarding me with these prizes. My future plans are to go study abroad, of which I have already applied I will use this money to pay for my studies.



Anabella Valombola
(BEST PETE CANDIDATE
PER CENTRE)



Fidel Malumane
(BEST OVERALL NSSCAS
CANDIDATE GR12)



Hileni Kamati
(NSSCO BEST CANDIDATE PETE
SUBJECT ACCOUNTING)

Did AS Level Chemistry and Biology

Time management, it was difficult for me to manage my time but I managed to do a study timetable it helps.

Motivation

My parents were there for me but my biggest support was my brother, he has been there for me motivating me every day even when I fail a test he lifts me up.

Feelings

I am proud of myself I am grateful that God has given it to me.

Advice to fellow learners

Hard work and dedication and putting God above everything else.

Challenges

I didn't get study materials and access to the internet those were some of the challenges I faced during this course.

Motivation

What motivated me was I might sound as though I might be making it up but it's like knowing really knowing where you come from, know the situation you left at home how the people live at home and so you can't afford to mess up it's a one-time thing, you do it and get done with it.

Feelings

I really feel happy and proud of myself because I was not expecting it, even when I was studying I was not thinking of it and I didn't even know about it.

Advice to fellow learners

To the fellow NAMCOL students and others doing full time at schools take every chance you have. Take it as your last chance because you never know what that chance can bring for you, you never know what you can cultivate from that chance.

I did accounting and obtained a B symbol on ordinary level. The time I was studying I was at the village and there would be a lot of work to do but I never gave up studying while others lived in towns where they had electricity, but I was just struggling with my phone to google some topics that I didn't understand.

Motivation

Getting a lot of awards motivated me so much which is my first time to get these things.

Advice to fellow learners:

Never give up on their studies and for them to study hard, they should not worry about the place where they are. Avoid things like I am at the village and I will not get access to the internet.

Feelings

I am very surprised that I got all those things, I did not expect it and I am feeling very comfortable.

The event was made possible by the following stakeholders through sponsorships



MEET THE TEAM

NAMCOL recently held elections for the National Executive Committee of the student representative body. Below are the newly elected students and their portfolios:



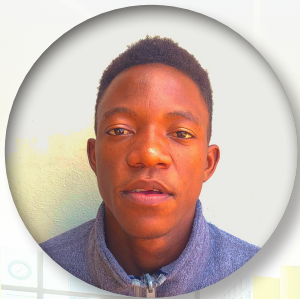
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(Vice Chairperson of NEC)



John Kauhanda
Chairperson
Southern Region



Marth N Hafyenanye
(NEC Sport and Culture)



Chahila Paulus
Treasurer, NER



Sylvia Hoaes
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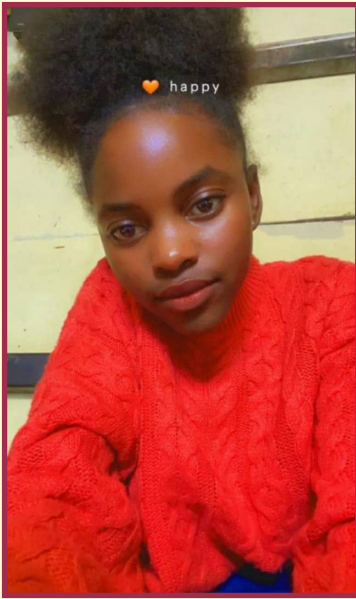


Erastus Kasavi
Education and Training
Officer



Henry Gwai
NEC Southern Region

Vice Chairperson of the National Executive Committee (NEC)



Merian Shipena
(VICE CHAIRPERSON OF NEC)

1. Tell me about yourself?

I am an exceptional and phenomenal young woman, one that is so ambitious and has many interests at heart. I really love doing work and am so happy when I know how to do the work.

2. Your positions, what value would you add?

As a vice chairperson of the NEC students, I would like to become the bridge between the students and the college. Furthermore I would mouth their opinions to management and provide them with feedback.

3. What do you think NAMCOL should do differently to accommodate the needs of students?

On the WIFI devices, students struggled to pay for them as some have wifi at home and found it difficult to pay. Furthermore the College should re-access the Notes master

online classes for mathematics.

4. What are the plans for the regional body for 2023?

We plan to go to NAMCOL sub-centres during the block tuitions to interrogate academic activities by the learners to make sure that both students and tutors are doing their duties towards learning.

5. What plans does the national body have for 2023?

To make NAMCOL known in villages and towns even though the marketing of NAMCOL is already doing that, we feel it is not that effective hence we would love to expose it more.

10 Steps To Ace Your Next Test



As unpleasant as taking a test can often be, it actually does more than just show your teacher what you know: it can actually help you learn.

Studies have shown that students who are tested regularly actually learn more content and retain it longer than students who have not been tested. Great news for final exam. Frequent testing has even been shown to help decrease test anxiety.

Not sure how to study for a test? Follow these study tips to make your best grade!

1. Get informed

Don't walk into your test unprepared for what you will face. Before you start studying, find out:

- textbook chapters and topics the test will cover
- test format

Will there be multiple-choice questions or short answers? Will you write an in-class essay? The goals and layout of the test will determine how you tackle learning the material.

2. Think like your teacher

Your homeworks assignments, quizzes, handouts, daily notes, and classwork are all indicators of what your teacher thinks is important about the information and what might appear on the test.

3. Make your own study aids

When it comes to learning, a 2013 study showed that practice tests work BETTER than simply highlighting or re-reading your notes. So, turn your notes into flashcards



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or use a flashcard app for memorizing Spanish vocab. Ask your friends to quiz you or write your own practice test.

4. Practice for the inevitable

Outline essays ahead of time. For math tests, do plenty of practice problems similar to ones that you KNOW will appear. Make a list of questions that you think might show up on the test (and then make sure you can answer them!).

5. Study every day

If you have a test in a week, studying a little each day will help you identify tough concepts or weak areas in your knowledge in advance. Can't figure out factoring? Log on to Homework Help and get your questions answered.

6. Cut out the distractions

Distractions make it difficult to pay attention to what you're doing, which in turn makes it harder to commit facts to memory. Give yourself a leg up by turning off the notifications on your phone, temporarily blocking your favorite websites, or sticking to instrumental music while you study (so you're not tempted to sing along!). Taking a break every 45 minutes or so will also help you stay focused.

7. Divide big concepts from smaller details

If you're studying a big topic—like the Civil War for history or cellular processes for biology—try breaking the material you need to study into chunks. Study one battle at a time or one chapter section at a time—and then quiz yourself. Ask yourself questions about what you've just studied, and even write your answers down.

8. Don't neglect the "easy" stuff

Even if you've been acing a certain subject or concept all year and think the test will be a breeze, you should still give it a review before the big day. You don't want to lose points for careless errors or forget to memorize a key geometry formula.

9. Don't skip school

Missing classes automatically puts you at a disadvantage. Make sure you go to class (especially during the week leading up to the test) and attend any review sessions your teacher holds. Did you have to miss an important class? You can always ask your teacher or one of our tutors for help catching up.

10. Review the day of the test

Before you take the test, give yourself time for a quick review. Shuffle through those flashcards a couple of times or re-read your chapter outline. This will ensure the material is fresh in your mind.

Source: <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/how-to-study-for-a-test>

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SBU

Short Course - Project Planning

AIM
This course enables candidates to use project management software to prepare project plans and monitor projects, including planning and managing time, costs, tasks, and project resources.

DURATION AND FEES OF THE PROGRAMME:
Training Duration - 3 weeks
Training Mode - Face-to-face & online training
Training Fee - N\$ 1 700.00 (administration fee included)

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SBU

Short Course - IT Security Training

AIM
This course provides an understanding of the main concepts underlying the secure use of ICT in daily life. It covers techniques and applications to maintain a secure network connection, the use of the Internet safely and securely, and managing data and information appropriately.

DURATION AND FEES OF THE PROGRAMME:
Training Duration - 2 weeks
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AGRICULTURE PRACTICALS 2023

Information for Tutors and Learners in Khomas, Omaheke, Hardap & //Kharas Regions.

PRACTICAL NUMBER	TOPICS	PRACTICAL DATE	PRACTICAL DAY	TIME
PRACTICAL 1	Biltong making	12-13 July 2023	Wednesday & Thursday	14H00
PRACTICAL 2	Testing for soil ph	17-18 July 2023	Monday & Tuesday	14H00
PRACTICAL 3	Seed viability	10-11 July 2023	Monday & Tuesday	14H00
PRACTICAL 4	Farm records and marketing of agricultural produce	19-21 July 2023	Wednesday & Friday	10h00

CENTRE NAME	REGION
1. A Shipena	Khomas
2. Jan Jonker	Khomas
3. Hosea Kutako	Omaheke
4. Danie Joubert	Hardap
5. Keetmanshoop	//Kharas

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STANDARDIZED TEST TIMETABLE

The Standardized Test is designed to assess the students' readiness for the Mock Examination. It will take place during second Block Tuition.

23 RD & 30 TH JUNE 2023				
	08h00-09h15	10h00-11h15	14h00-15h15	15h30-16h45
23-Jun-23	Economics	Business Studies	English	Agriculture Science
Friday		Physics	Development Studies	Entrepreneurship
		History	Geography	
30-Jun-23	Biology	Oshindonga	Accounting	Mathematics
Friday		Oshikwanyama	Chemistry	
		Rukwangali	English	
		Rumanyo		
		Thimbukushu		
		Afrikaans		
		Otjiherero		
		Khoe-khoegowab		
		Silozi		

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Choosing the right course and the right institution for you may be one of the most important decisions of your life. Not only can it affect which career options are open to you after graduation, but you'll have to spend at least three years at this institution, so it's important to find one that you'll be happy at.

Below are some suggestions of the Institutions you can apply to.

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