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## NAMCOL Annual Career Fair

The Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL) hosted its 2nd Career Fair for the Windhoek Community on the 9th to 10th August 2023. It took place at Nahas Angula Hall, Jetu Jama in Katutura.

The event was attended by approximately 490 learners over the 2 days.

The Career Fair focused on creating awareness of tertiary and vocational programmes on offer at various institutions of higher learning. It also served as a platform where student funding institutions engaged and informed learners about financial assistance opportunities.





## NAMCOL Career Fair

Institutions that exhibited for the career are the University of Namibia, First National Bank, African Hospitality College, Namibia Student Financial Assistance Fund, Stadio Namibia, Triumphant College, Tulipohamba Training and Assessment Institute, College of Arts, Academy of Banking Namibia, Old Mutual Namibia, Electoral Commission of Namibia, Namibian Police Force and Atlantic Training Institution.

Invitations were extended to secondary schools in Windhoek and surrounding towns for Grade 10, 11 and AS learners to attend the fair.

During the event, learners from schools such as Jan Jonker Afrikaner Secondary School, Mount View High School, David Bezuidenhout High School, A Shipena Secondary School, Ella du Plessis High School, Acacia High School and Khomastura Secondary School were present. The learners benefited on information sharing and possible training opportunities.





# Poems

## THE TWO BROTHERS

There were twin brothers, we are told,  
Whose mother at their hour of birth  
To satisfy some curious whim,  
Gave them the oddest names on earth.

She named one Can, the other, Can't,  
And, lest confusion might be made,  
She stamped their names upon their breasts.  
In letters that would never fade.

Time passed; Can was a wondrous man,  
God-like in every thought and deed.  
And somehow everything he touched  
Straightway would prosper and succeed.

Can't was the victim of bad luck.  
And failed at everything he tried;  
'Till finally, the story goes,  
Bad luck assailed him and he died.

O mothers of the sons of men,  
O mothers of the race to be.  
Stamp only Can upon their breasts;  
Stamp deep that all the world may see!

By: Kenneth Maswabi

## KEEP GOING

When failures come - keep going  
When you feel like giving up - keep going

When people mock your idea - keep going

When challenges you face - keep going

When mistakes are made, learn - but keep going

Because perseverance just keeps going!

By: Kate Summers,

## THERE ARE OTHERS

If times are hard, and you feel blue.  
Think of others, worrying, too.  
Just because your trials are many  
Don't think the rest of us haven't any.

Life's made up of smiles and tears,  
Joys and sorrows, mixed with fears;  
And though to you, it may seem one-sided,  
Trouble is pretty well divided.

If we could look in every heart,  
We'd find that each one has its part.  
And those who travel Fortune's road  
Sometimes carry the biggest load.

By: Unknown

Source: <https://www.poemhunter.com/poems/education9>





# Up close with the NAMCOL Choir

Enews had an interview with the popular choir, after their performance at the billboard inauguration.

## 1. When was the choir formed? Who is the brain behind the choir?

The Choir was formed as an initiative by the SRC whose mandate is to ensure a conducive environment for students to learn and grow. The initiative was set into motion and executed on 22 April 2023 by Araseb Joram and myself (Mr Mootu Raturumana).

## 2. What is the role of the NAMCOL Choir? Does it have a name?

The role of the NAMCOL Choir is to help enhance the institution's image and overall reputation. The choir also promotes school spirit by fostering a sense of pride and unity amongst the members, staff and students. NAMCOL does not have to venture out to external resources for entertainment, having a choir of its own. The choir also provides an opportunity for the college to collaborate with other institutions via competitions through invitation which does not only provide a network for students but adds value to NAMCOL's reputation. The name of the Choir is NAMCOL Choir.

## 3. Where have you performed thus far?

As a newly established choir, thus far, the NAMCOL Choir has made 3 appearances, and I can attest we gave a dynamic performance. Its first performance was at the 2023 NAMCOL Graduation on April, 27th, just a week after the formation of the choir. The choir then performed at the Dr Murangi Mental Wellness Walk, on a day for African Child. Its latest performance was at the Billboard Announcement on the 31<sup>st</sup> of June 2023.

## 4. How many hours of choir practice do you conduct?

Our rehearsal hours are very limited but we do take time to gather at lunch hour, 13h00-14h00 weekdays and 14h00-16h00 on Saturdays. During these times most of the choir members are free, as we have no intentions to temper nor interfere with their academic work. Whenever the choir has an upcoming event, we go the extra mile on the weekdays and practice twice a day; at lunch hour and knock-off time, 17h00-18h00.

## 5. What are the future plans for the choir?

We plan on starting and maintaining this legacy by recruiting members annually to keep on representing the college for years to come. We plan on having a recording session for the choir to have its very own CD. The choir would love to collaborate with other choirs via competitions and concerts. Choral Workshops with professionals and tour travels are also one of the future plans for the choir.

## 6. How many members do you have and from which fields?

Since it was initiated, the total amount of consistent members is 35, whereby 50% of the members are from TVET, 45% are PETE students and the remaining 5% are from Tertiary Programmes and one Staff member.





**7. How do you inspire your team?**

Complimentary comments and the clear pride the staff have is one of the external forms of motivation. Providing this positive feedback it automatically encourages them to improve their vocal skills and overall performance. I do my part by communicating effectively and leading them with tolerance, passion, patience and energy. I believe by sacrificing my leisure time to be with them is one thing that keeps them going. I keep on reminding them how much potential and talent they have and how proud I am of them.

**8. What motivates you?**

An opportunity to cascade my experiences with numerous choirs, and the love I have for music is an absolute honour. In addition, most prominently I have been warm with receptions of compliments from fellow Staff members, which certainly contributes to my reasons for not giving up.

**In conclusion, I have confidence that everything is constantly established in God's time, so forward ever backwards never.**



# A little motivation goes a long way



**Foibe Amupembe**  
VICE SECRETARY  
(JETU JAMA)

We may have made mistakes in the past, but that failure is not permanent. Education is the key that can unlock countless opportunities for ourselves. By investing in our studies, we are investing in ourselves and your future. Surround yourself with positive influences and supportive individuals who believe in your potential.

Don't let self-doubt hold you back. Embrace a positive mindset and envision your success. Each day is a new opportunity to rewrite your story. Don't let your past define you; instead, let it be the motivation to create a brighter future. Believe in yourself, invest in your education, and never give up on your dreams.

The road may be challenging, but the reward will be worth it. So, my friends, I urge you to pick up your books, dust off your dreams, and embark on this incredible journey of self-discovery and growth. Remember, you have the power to create a future that you can be proud of.



**Even Hashikutuva**  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
OFFICER JETU JAMA

Dear fellow students, As the upcoming exams draw near, it is essential that we gather our determination and commit ourselves to the pursuit of knowledge and academic excellence. These exams are not just hurdles to overcome; they represent opportunities for us to showcase our understanding and potential. Let us approach this challenge with a positive mindset and a hunger for success.

Firstly, remember that studying is not merely about memorizing facts and figures, but about grasping concepts and understanding their applications. Seek to comprehend the underlying principles of each subject, as this will not only aid you during exams but also equip you with a deeper understanding that lasts a lifetime.

Secondly, prioritize time management and create a well-structured study plan. Break your study sessions into manageable chunks, focusing on different subjects each day. This will prevent burnout and ensure that you cover all the necessary topics thoroughly. Lastly, support each other in this journey.



**Merian Shipena**  
CHAIRPERSON (JETU JAMA)  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON (NEC)

It's important to stay focused and motivated. Remember, the exams are your chance to show what you know and what you've learned throughout the semesters.

Make a study schedule, take breaks, and use your resources like textbooks and notes. You have the power to achieve greatness and accomplish your goals! You've worked hard all year long, and now it's time to show off your knowledge and skills.

Believe in yourself, stay focused, and stay motivated. You all got this. Keep pushing forward and keep striving for success! I know studying can be tough, but it's important to give it your all! Remember, your hard work and dedication will pay off in the end, and you'll be proud of all that you've accomplished. You have the power to succeed. Best of luck.



**Esther Niinkoti**  
VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
SWAKOPMUND NAMCOL  
CENTRE

Many say education is the key but have not seen the door to open it yet but however it's your mission to find it and this is exactly what is meant by your upcoming exams you already have the key. All you got to do is put in work and effort to accomplish your goals.

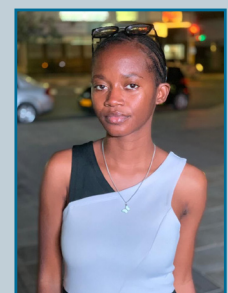
Remember nothing is perfect but u have to see perfection from your side and that should be your motto "That nothing is perfect but my work and effort always is". I wish you all the best.



**Paulus Chahila**  
CHAIRPERSON RUNDU  
NAMCOL CAMPUS

Greetings to you all, we are all aware that exams are around the corner, and panicking is not the way forward. Early preparations are key because it saves time, reduce stress and give you enough time for revision. Remember "the best time to study is between today and tomorrow"

Wishing you all nothing but good results.



**Iyaloo Fotelela**  
SERVES AS: SECRETARY

Warm greetings. As we approach the exam season, my advice to students would be to give a pause to the world and focus on academics as things don't like to be complicated/ juggled. Stay determined and give it all that you have, because this is for yourself. Pray and believe that you have achieved something already but you will have to start now.

Even by little steps. There is a saying that goes "You choose to start now, or to regret later" and I agree because the choice is yours. With that being said make the right decisions and all the best.





# NAMCOL attends career fairs to engage school learners

The College has been in the public domain engaging school learners on opportunities that await them at NAMCOL. It attended career fairs such as the Delta Secondary School Windhoek on the 29 July 2023, and the youth week held by Eameno Charity Organisation from 24th-29th July 2023. The Namibian College of Open Learning was also well represented at the Eros Girl's School Career Fair that took place on the 21st of July 2023 at the school grounds. The event was held under the theme "Career Guidance in Digital World."

This specific fair was unique as the school has a standing agreement with the College to enable their learners an opportunity to experience and study Educare Certificate course (Early Childhood Development) giving them a chance to gain skills aligned with the needs of the labour market for enhanced development. The key concept behind the career guidance event was focused on emphasising Pre-Vocational Education (PVE) & Technical and Vocational Training and Education (TVET) and Early Childhood Development.







# A moment with Petrus Mbarundu



## 1. Tell us more about your story?

I am Petrus Mbarundu, I was born in Windhoek, and raised by my grandmother at North. She took me to Ontoko combined school, where I attended grades 1 up to seven. By the year 2014, I was in grade seven, and my biological parents planned to take me to another school, even though it was after their divorce. Unfortunately, before the end of 2014, my biological mother passed away in November. By the abundance of God's grace, I passed grade 7 with flying colours, then my father took me to Anna Maasdrop combined school, based in the Hardap region. During the three years at (grade 8 -10) of academics at Anna Maasdrop, I performed well till I gained favour before my teachers. In 2018 I moved to Swakopmund Secondary School, where I attended grades 11 and 12. In my favour, I met Miss Somoses Betty, and by that time she was employed by the Erongo regional council. She was such a devout woman, and I used the opportunity to share with her my hardships. After sharing with her, she went to the superintendent of Namib High School hostel, and requested that I may be admitted into the hostel, and it went accordingly. By the end of the year 2020, I sat for the grade 12 final examination, and I did not make it, since I have been going through a trials.

## 2. Which year were you at NAMCOL and what did you study?

It was 2021 when I was enrolled with NAMCOL under Windhoek High School. I was registered for English

(NSSCO) and Mathematics, Geography, and Physical Science on NSSCH. It was because of higher-level subjects that I was at Windhoek School. I failed English again and I came back in 2022 to improve my English with some extra subjects on the Advanced level, the subjects were Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

## 3. What motivates you

It is believed by many that motivation describes why a person does something. Briefly, it is a driving force behind human actions. A lot of things drive my actions. Beginning with the fact, that I am the only person from my family who reached grade 12, it was more than enough to help me reach the university. I have always fought to bring in motivation to my siblings. Imagine a family without any students from higher institutions or grade 12, thus gave me the courage to fight till my dreams came true. I cannot talk of my inspiration without mentioning my grandmother. She has been always there for me and expected me to complete school, so that I may become somebody in life and in my family. Her income was pension only, however, I can tell you that by all means, she tried to give me a share. Another motivator is Mr Kamwi, a teacher from Anna Maasdrop Combined School. He is such a caring and loving teacher for learners. Thirdly, it is Mr Ntoni a teacher from Swakopmund Secondary School and he was my Mathematic teacher. I can't leave out Mr Kavetuna Joel, from YETU JAMA. He is such a good an inspirer and caring for someone's tomorrow.





#### 4. What principle guides you in life

Well, as a young man, I have been guided by principles which I believe if they are admired by any falling into my category, he will soar high in life. The principle such as:

- Striving for efficiency
- Prioritizing passion
- Working hard
- Staying consistent
- Adapting easily
- Being honest
- And most importantly acting respectfully is a

ladder to success in life. Someone might work hard but if not acting respectfully, it becomes another story, which can be different from what is expected from you. According to my experiences in life, I got to realize that being friendly to everyone is vital in life.

#### 5. What role has NAMCOL played in your life?

During my two years of studying at NAMCOL, I perceived that NAMCOL is not only there to help you obtain your points or certificate, but it can also play a major role in helping those who came from disadvantaged places to have their proper studies. The 24-hour study rooms were such a help to me as I used to overnight there with my two brothers, Batista Maonga and Stephen Muhamumbi. In fact, those study rooms played in major role in our studies and accommodation too, because for the whole two

years we have been there. We are really grateful for NAMCOL having in possession of those study rooms, even though it was not easy to sleep on the chair every night. We decided to use those study rooms because at home there is no electricity and a proper network for studying. On the other hand, we had no taxi money for coming to attend classes every day since Havana is a bit far. A little challenge we have been facing was every day we had to slumber during lessons since we had no proper sleep during the night. To some tutors, it seemed to be disrespectful, but because we had no choice we could just come to class, hoping that in some minutes we would pick up some relevant information. Overall, NAMCOL played a major role in our studies, as because it helped us to excel academically. As we are talking now we are all at the University of Namibia, and one might want to know what exactly are we studying. I am majoring in Math and physics as stated earlier and Batista Maonga is doing a Bachelor of Chartered Accountancy (CA), while Stephen is doing nursing.

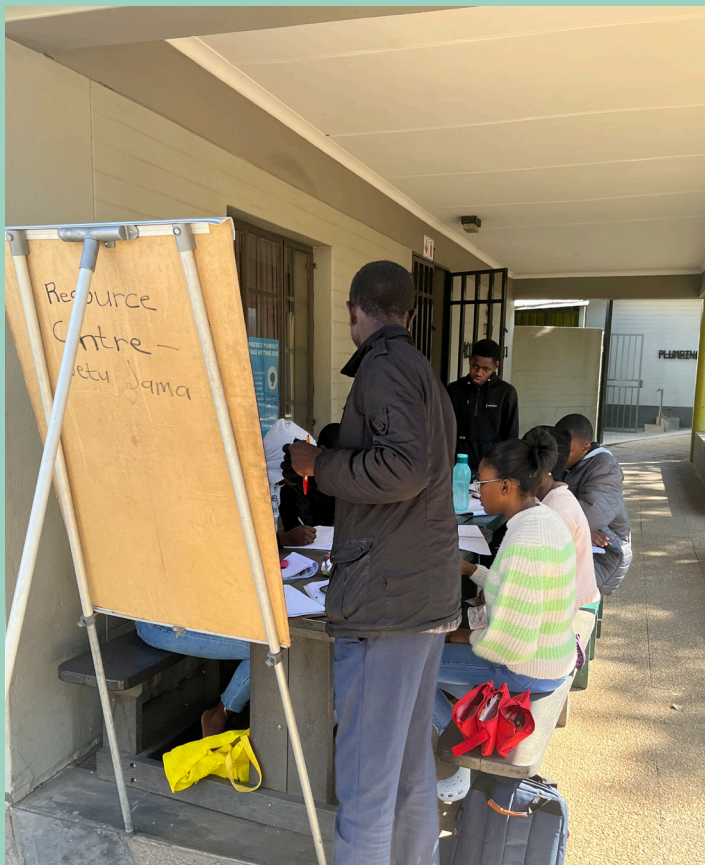
#### 6. What are you currently doing professionally?

Pursuing a Bachelor of Education Degree (Secondary Education) majoring in Mathematics and Physics. I am also a part-time private tutor for Mathematics Advanced Subsidiary Level and Ordinary Level, I also tutor for the module Basic Mathematics. I do prepare students for tests and exams, particularly in Mathematics. I am happy with what I am doing because I love Mathematics too much, There is nothing I love more than to become a professional Mathematics teacher.

#### 7. In terms of support system, how has your family helped you through your school journey?

From first grade through eighth grade, my family gave me their complete support as I started attending school. My father and grandmother used to be the main sources of support for me. My father's support started to wane when I entered grades 9 and 10, but I had no idea why since I was still doing well academically and consistently ranking at the top of my class. I used to find it very annoying to keep asking myself why my father changed in such a way. My grandma, on the other hand, has always been there for me. Despite the fact that she truly doesn't have much, we just split the government pension that she receives. When I was in grade 11, I made the decision to support myself by selling sweets and chips both at the hostel and school.





However, the amount of money that I used to get from selling sweets and chips was insufficient to cover my living expenses, so I made a decision to open up with my teachers at Swakopmund Secondary School. Where I attended for grades 11 and 12. I told them about my story and they were really helping me out. There are plenty of them who were helping me out, including Mr. Penda, Mr. Ntoni, Miss Nakashimba, Mrs. Mutilifa, Mrs. Shikongo and others. I failed my grade 12 in 2020. I travelled to Windhoek to come and improve my subjects at NAMCOL. My family did not give me enough money to register for NAMCOL, so I called my teachers at Swakopmund Secondary School to ask for assistance with the registration fee.

I was able to register thanks to the money Mr. Penda and Miss Nakashimba sent for me. That occurred in 2021. I restarted my business for sweets and chips at NAMCOL in order to sustain myself. I constantly try to refrain from asking my grandma for money because many of my siblings still live with her and they only rely on her pension fund. That is why I restarted my business when I registered at NAMCOL. I had the fortune to meet staff members at NAMCOL who have shown genuine concern for me. The likes of Miss Eveline, Mr. Joel Kavetuna, and others. They buy my sweets and chips, not because they want to eat sweets and chips, but rather to help me out. Not only do I buy my chips and sweets but they also give me money to help myself out.



#### **8. Looking at 5 years from now, what future plans can we expect from you?**

In the next 5 years, I should be a qualified Mathematics and Physics Teacher. I hope to expand my tutoring services, to more people. I also aspire to become a Mathematics Advanced Subsidiary level national marker.

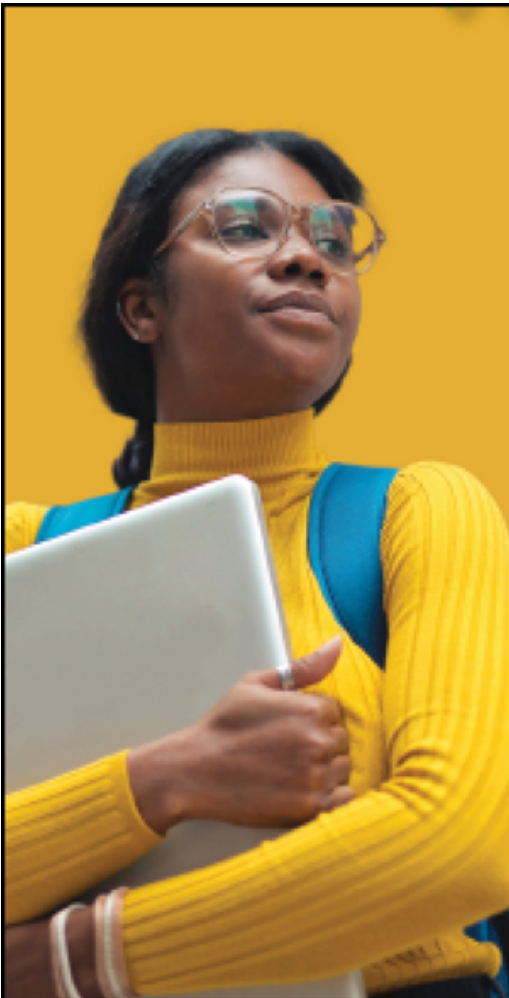
#### **9. Any inspirational words to youngsters?**

My message to the young people enrolled with NAMCOL, is that always ask themselves why are enrolled with NAMCOL. What is that, which drew your attention in order to enroll with NAMCOL? If you have answers to those questions, then get prepared while it is early. Sometimes, it might be that you failed because you were not fully prepared or you allowed certain barriers to put you down. A separate word to the marginalized is that even though financially, you are struggling just hope in the Lord Jesus work hard and pray. For God to help you.





# NAMCOL Career Fair Rundu



## APPRECIATION

In appreciation of exhibiting and being part of the 2023 NAMCOL Career Fair.





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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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