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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STUDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

I am Sinte Mathe, the Chairperson of the Students Representative Council at NAMCOL. Like many of you, I am currently pursuing my Bachelors in Business and Entrepreneurship with NAMCOL. This year in April at the NAMCOL graduation, I received my Certificate in Business and Entrepreneurship. I understand both the excitement and challenges that come with this journey and I am grateful for the trust you placed in me to represent you.

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I am committed to serving you with integrity, dedication and a strong sense of purpose. Besides my role here, I am also pursuing a professional career as an administrative officer in the Omaheke Health Directorate, which gives me deep appreciation for the value of persistence and dedication. Looking ahead, I aspire to complete my Bachelors in Business and Entrepreneurship and be an Entrepreneur and in the process, contribute to community development. I know that my studies with NAMCOL are essential to achieving these dreams.

As we approach our final exams, I want to remind each one of you that this is your time to shine. You have worked hard, sacrificed and preserved to get here and you deserve this moment to showcase all you have learned.

As the saying goes, "success is not an accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do". Remember that every late night, every hour of study, and every challenge you have faced has strengthened you for this moment.

And if things feel tough, keep in mind these words by Nelson Mandela: "it always seems impossible until it's done." Push through, keep believing in yourself and take each day as

it comes. Success isn't about never failing, but it's about getting up every time you do.

Finally, remember that we're all in this together. You are not alone on this journey. Connect with others and lean on the NAMCOL community. With dedication and support, we can all achieve the dreams we are working towards.

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To our respected staff, we thank you for your guidance, your patience and your dedication,

you made this journey possible

and we are grateful. To my fellow

When we work together, we are stronger, let's take pride in our journey here and know that every small step brings us closer to our goals.

Let's face these exams with courage, determination and the belief that we are capable of amazing things.

Good luck, study well and know that you are stronger than you think, I believe in you, you got this!!

Thank you.





Motivation from the CEO

Mr. Kulobone

Acting CEO, NAMCOL

Dear NAMCOL Grade 11 and 12 Learners,

s you approach your final examinations, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt encouragement and support for each of you. This is a significant milestone in your educational journey, and I commend your hard work, dedication, and resilience. Remember that every challenge you face is an opportunity for growth. Trust in your preparation and the knowledge you have gained throughout your studies. Stay focused, manage your time wisely, and believe in your abilities.

You have the strength to overcome any obstacles that may arise during this period. Take care of yourselves—both physically and mentally. Ensure you get enough rest, eat well, and reach out for support if needed.

Your well-being is paramount as you navigate these exams. I have every confidence that you will rise to the occasion and achieve the success you deserve. Embrace this moment with courage and determination. I wish you all the best in your examinations!

Warm regards, Mr. Kulobone **Acting CEO, NAMCOL**







NAMCOL NEWS spoke to Dr E Karipi, Head: Open Schooling, NAMCOL about the recent launch of Integrating AI and Open Educational Resources" Workshop.

"THIS WORKSHOP IS A PIVOTAL MOMENT FORNOLNET PARTNER INSTITUTIONS, AND NAMIBIAN EDUCATION AS A WHOLE. WITH AI RAPIDLY RESHAPING INDUSTRIES WORLDWIDE."

he highly anticipated workshop, "Integrating Al and Open Educational Resources (OER) in Course Development for Quality Teaching, Learning, and Assessment," has officially commenced, marking a significant advancement in educational practices.

Sponsored by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), this forward-thinking workshop brings together participants from the Namibian Open Learning Network Trust (NOLNet) partner institutions, including the Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL), Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), University of Namibia (UNAM), National

Institute for Educational Development (NIED), and the Institute for Open Learning (IOL). The workshop aims to integrate cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) and open educational resources into strategies for teaching, learning, and assessment.

Running over five half-days, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, this workshop is designed to explore the transformative power of AI in education. Each day is dedicated to a unique aspect of AI and OER, beginning with foundational concepts and moving through course design, student assessment, inclusive learning, and future planning. The sessions blend lectures, discussions, group work, handson practice, and reflective activities, ensuring that participants not only learn theory but also apply their knowledge in practical and creative ways.

The following themes are addressed:

Theme 1: Introduction to AI and OER in Education

Participants explore the basics of Al and OER, understanding how these resources can elevate teaching practices and enhance student engagement.

The day includes group activities where participants brainstorm how AI and OER can support current teaching practices.

Theme 2: Al and OER in Course Design and Development

This theme focuses on using AI tools for content creation and course design. Participants engage in hands-on activities, using AI to develop quizzes and interactive lessons with OER materials, ultimately learning how to build more adaptive, student-centred learning experiences.

Theme 3: Al and OER for Student Assessment and Feedback

With Al-driven assessment tools, educators can offer faster, more personalised feedback and support. Theme 3 dives into these tools, empowering educators to design assessments that not only measure understanding but also adapt to individual learning paths, ensuring fair and inclusive evaluation.



This initiative embodies the spirit of continuous professional development, aiming not only to equip educators with the latest tools but also to inspire a shift towards more flexible, inclusive, and technology-driven learning environments. As these educators take what they've learned back to their institutions, we can expect to see a ripple effect, benefiting students across Namibia.



Theme 4: Supporting Inclusive Learning with Al and OER

One of the most exciting aspects of AI in education is its potential to create more inclusive environments. Participants learn how to tailor learning experiences to diverse needs, using OER to provide accessible and adaptable educational resources that meet students where they are.

Theme 5: The Future of Al and OER in Education and Action Planning

The workshop concludes with a forward-looking discussion on emerging AI trends and the role of OER in shaping the future of education. Participants will create action plans to integrate AI and OER into their own practices, with feedback from peers and facilitators.

In conclusion

This workshop is a pivotal moment for NOLNet partner institutions, and Namibian education as a whole. With Al rapidly reshaping industries worldwide, it is essential that education keeps pace. By learning to leverage Al and OER, educators an enrich their teaching, address diverse student needs, and ultimately contribute to a more equitable and effective educational system.





NATIONAL EXAMS THE ULTIMATE TEST

NAMCOL's Grade 11 and AS learners are currently sitting their 2024 national exams, which began on September 16th with oral exams and are scheduled to conclude on November 20th. NAMCOL News visited the Jetu Jama campus to hear from the students.



Tangee Hange Accounting and Business Studies

The exams are going fine thus far, I am paying more attention now as I do not want to make the same mistake. I just wrote Accounting and it went well compared to last year. I am using my study materials from NAMCOL that I received during registration and also some books from the NAMCOL library.

My message to other learners is you have to study, work hard and earn it. You will have to compromise on a lot of things though, especially social media so you can be proud of yourself at the end of the day



Shilyomunhu Inomen History and Development Studies

The exam is going super great! My message to my fellow learners is to work hard so they improve their subjects to progress to institutions of higher learning like NUST or UNAM. It is not good to improve again next year.



Martha Kandjeke Development Studies

So far, the exam is going well. I am shocked as I was not expecting it but I must say, the exam I wrote today for Development Studies was very easy. I am really hoping for good results at the end of the year. My advice is to put more effort into their studies and they will make it.

IMPORTANT TIPS TO EXCEL IN ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY EXAMS:

Did you know? Even the most relaxed students decide it's time to study, time to carefully interrogating questions and actually write the exam. Here are a few of preparation strategies to help students revise effectively.



Have A Strong Grasp Of All The Content:

You should not let any topic slide away if you do not understand them. It is always advisable to understand it properly and then only move to the next topic. It is important as every topic is interrelated and skipping one means breaking a chain which will create problems in the future.

Understand The Need For The Exam and Practice Past Year's Questions:

Go through the previous year's questions to get an idea of the question pattern, and practice answer writing so that you churn out answers exactly what the question demands. Another advantage is that many questions get repeated so if you properly practice the past year's questions, you can get lucky with a few questions.

Set Learning Goals:

You need to set learning goals for every subject. This helps before the exam when you have less time and want to efficiently spread out your time.

Take Mock Exams Seriously:

Mock exams will be one of the most important things in your exam preparation. Mock tests are a great indicator of where you stand in the preparation.

Relaxation Is Also Important:

Keeping yourself in good mental and physical condition is also an important part of the preparation. During the course of preparation, you should spend some time out with your friends and family apart from studies. Keeping your body physically active also has a positive impact on your thinking and memorizing skills.

Time Management:

You should make a proper timetable and allocate the most ideal time that you may require for each subject.

82%

Sikukutu N Priskila

Certificate in Office Administration

Year graduated: 2024

"Even though I didn't pass my Grade 12 with high marks, that never stopped me from seeking opportunities to be in school," said Priskila.

As the youngest in her family and an orphan from a very young age, Priskila has learned to be her own source of motivation and to build her path to success. She lost her father when she was in Grade 4 and her mother when she was in Grade 7. Despite these challenges, she earned the Best TVET Trainee award at the NAMCOL September 2024 graduation ceremony.



KEY TIPS

hard work pays off and God can never put you in a position or situation that you cannot handle Whatever decisions you make now, will play a big role their future

Get yourself a support sysem

Priskila completed her Certificate in Office Administration, describing the experience as both amazing and challenging. "It was a journey filled with determination, and giving up was never an option for me," she said.

Like many university students, Priskila faced technical challenges, including sleepless nights preparing for tests and exams, as well as struggles with inadequate stationery and gadgets. To overcome these hurdles, she made use of the computer lab at her study center for all her academic work. "After classes, when my fellow students would head home, I would stay behind and practice more. As they say, practice makes perfect," she shared.

Filled with inspiration for her future, Priskila views her Level 3 Office Administration qualification as just the beginning. She envisions many opportunities to continue her education at other higher learning institutions in the country.

"My advice to other students is that hard work pays off, and remember that God will never put you in a situation you can't handle. Study hard, because the decisions you make now will shape your future," she said.

Priskila also expressed gratitude for the support she received from her siblings and extended family. "As an orphan, my family was always there for me. They motivated and encouraged me, so I never felt alone, and giving up was never an option," she said.



Wilkka Hilinganye Hainyondo

Certificate in Community - Based Work with Children & Youth (CWCY)

Year graduated: 2024

With her vibrant personality, Wilkka Hilinganye Hainyondo graduated as the Top of the NAMCOL Tertiary Programmes during the September 2024 graduation ceremony. Scoring an impressive 81%, Wilkka completed her Certificate in Community-Based Work with Children & Youth, (CWCY) and is now a certified Community Development Facilitator.



KEY TIPS

Choose your career wisely

Stick to it dont give

be persisitant

She shared that the study materials for her course were invaluable, helping her with both assignments and examination preparation.

Wilkka's journey was not without challenges. "At the beginning of last year, until November, I had ample time to study due to being unemployed. However, once I got employed as a Community Care Worker, balancing work and study became difficult. I had to find a way to manage both," she explained. Despite these obstacles, she worked diligently to graduate and earn her qualification. Being certified in her field is a significant accomplishment, and she is eager to continue gaining more experience in the community development sector.

Looking ahead, Wilkka shared her future aspirations: "My goal is to establish an NGO that addresses poverty among adolescent young men and women, helping to build their confidence, self-esteem, and empowering them through skills training."

Her advice to fellow students is to choose their careers wisely, as they will stick with them for life. Wilkka also expressed deep gratitude for her family's unwavering support throughout her studies. "I'm so thankful for my family and friends who stood by me during my academic journey. Thank you for believing in me, especially when I doubted myself," she said.

78%

Gillian L. Nawatiseb

Certificate in Early Childhood Development (CECD)

Year graduated: 2024

Born and raised in the beautiful coastal town of Swakopmund, Gillian L. Nawatiseb has always had a passion for reading, research, and writing. Her dedication to academics was recognized during NAMCOL's September 2024 graduation ceremony, where she was awarded a N\$2000.00 voucher for her outstanding academic performance.

Nawatiseb's educational journey with NAMCOL began in 2023 when she enrolled in the Certificate in Early Childhood Development (CECD) programme. She describes her experience as smooth sailing from registration through to the third semester. Her approach to studying is guided by a simple motto: "From postponement comes disappointment."



KEY TIPS

Set your mind on goals

Start Reading your books as soon as you get them

Read to understand not to memorize

She emphasizes that she never delays her goals and objectives, setting clear targets from the first assignment, which aligned with her personal values and mission in life. According to Nawatiseb, this approach helped her achieve success throughout her studies. She found the study materials provided by NAMCOL to be incredibly useful, as they highlighted important concepts and improved her comprehension. Additionally, the materials helped her organize information and develop her metacognitive skills, including planning, monitoring, assessing, understanding, and performance.

Like any academic journey, Nawatiseb faced challenges, particularly technical difficulties related to the e-learning platform. However, she was able to adapt and manage, ensuring her schoolwork was submitted on time once the platform was restored.

Looking ahead, Nawatiseb plans to continue developing her skills and experience while building a valuable professional network. She is open to exploring various opportunities, including internships and entrepreneurial ventures.

Her advice to others is simple: "You can achieve whatever you set your mind to. Start reading from the very first day you receive your modules. Read to understand, don't just memorize. This method will make it easier to answer questions during exams." In reflecting on her success, Nawatiseb credits her family, particularly her husband, for their unwavering support. As a family-oriented person, she acknowledges that their encouragement played a crucial role in her journey. "My husband was always there with words of moral support, saying 'You can do it' and 'I'm so proud of you.' It is what kept me going," she said.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- have at least an E symbol in the four target subjects for Ordinary Level;
- a C symbol in order to qualify for Advanced Subsidiary;
- NSSCAS students may repeat a subject;
- be prepared to write an aptitude test.

Application forms can be obtained from and submitted at NAMCOL offices

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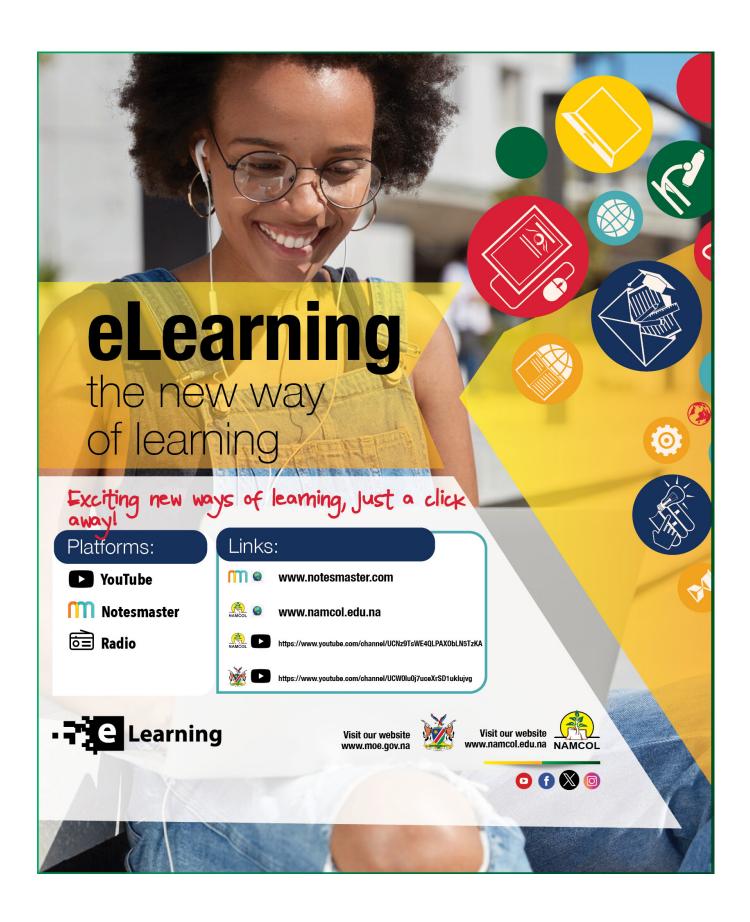






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The programme aims to provide a strong foundation in educational theory and practical applications specific to junior primary education.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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- A Diploma in Early Childhood and Pre-Primary Education (DECPPE) (Level 7) from NAMCOL, with a minimum of two years' relevant work experience. Students may be required to do additional modules from the Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood and Junior Primary.
- Any other relevant bachelor's degree at level 7 from a recognised institution of higher learning.





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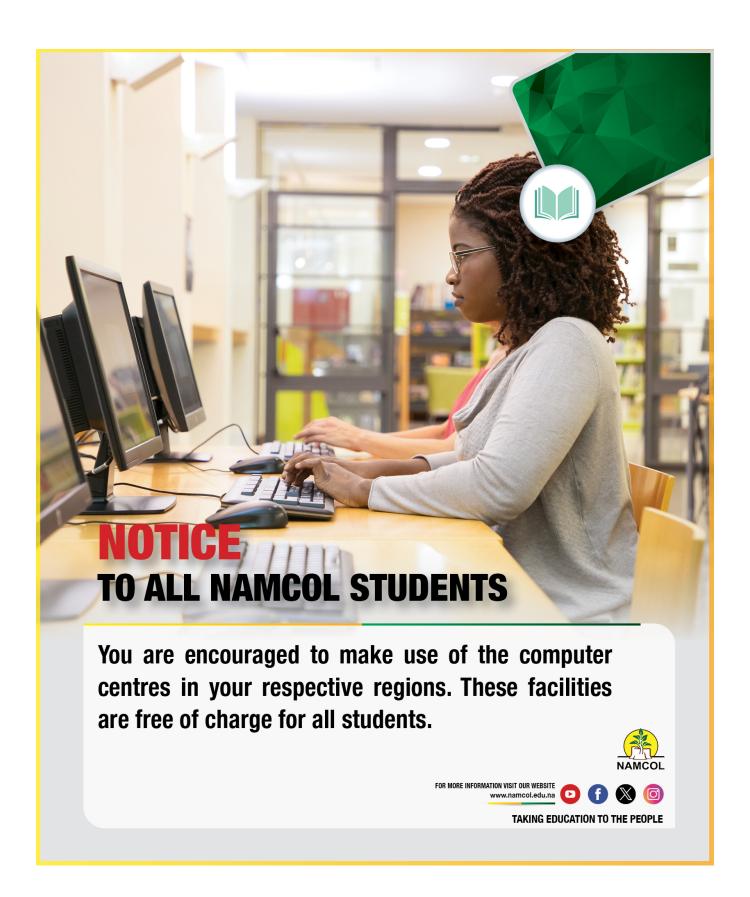




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The Power of Positive Thinking

In the thoughts, where dreams take flight, Resides the power of inner light, For in the tapestry of the mind's design, Lies the key to futures undefined.

With every thought, a seed is sown, In the fertile soil of the unknown, Each belief, a beacon bright, Guiding us through the darkest night. So let optimism be your guiding star, In the landscape of dreams, near and far, For in the embrace of positivity's sway, Lies the courage to seize the day.

Believe in the beauty of your dreams, In the strength that within you teems, For with a heart that's steadfast and true, There's naught that you cannot pursue. So let your thoughts be a symphony, Of hope, of faith, of boundless glee, For in the power of positive thinking, Lies the magic of endless reawakening. So let not fear or failure sway, Your steadfast will, your path array, For on this road, through toil and test, Lies the essence of true success.

Rise Above and Conquer

In every classroom, in every hall, Rise above, stand tall. Knowledge gained through sweat and tears, Builds a future without fears.

Challenges met with a steady hand, Determination, where you stand. With each failure, a lesson learned, With each success, confidence earned.

Stay focused, don't lose sight, Of your dreams, burning bright. Work hard, strive for more, For your potential, explore.

The journey is long, but worth the while, With each step, find your smile. For in the end, you'll surely find, Success awaits the determined mind.

The Road to Success

The road to success is not an easy one, But it's a journey that's worth taking. There will be obstacles along the way, But don't give up, keep fighting. Believe in yourself and your abilities, And you will achieve your dreams.

Onward, through the valleys deep, Where shadows dance and doubts may creep, The road to success, though steep and long, Beckons with a steadfast song. Each step you take, a testament, To courage, faith, and firm intent, For greatness lies not in the end alone, But in the journey, finely honed.

In every trial, a lesson learned, In every setback, wisdom earned, With perseverance as your guide, No challenge can your spirit chide. For in the heart of every trial, Lies the seed of your truest smile, And with each stride, you draw more near, To the dreams that spark, that vision clear.

Knowledge Is Your Compass

In the sea of learning, you're the guide, With knowledge as your compass, stride. Every lesson, every page, Marks the start of a brand-new stage.

Effort and grit, your steadfast crew, With each challenge, skills renew. Stay curious, always seek, For it's in questions, answers peak.

Push through the trials, don't back down, In your success, wear the crown. For every failure is a chance to rise, In the journey of learning, be wise.

In the end, the prize is great, For those who work and patiently wait. So, sail forth, with dreams in sight, With knowledge, guide your path to light.



NIVERSITY

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 sugestions of the Institutions you can apply to.



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