

Buddy Bear unveiling to kick off German Week



The 22nd of February is a special day at the University of Namibia. This is due to the unveiling of the Buddy Bear at the University of Namibia's Visual Section. The unveiling will officially kick start German Week, which will run until 17 March.

The Buddy Bear is a life-size sculpture in the form of a bear whose open arms symbolize the spirit of friendship. The Buddy Bears stand for openness, friendliness and optimism, as well as international cooperation between nations and societies. They thus create a positive mood and transport the vision of a peaceful world. Each bear stands for the people of a different country, their culture as well as their friendship and connection with Germany. The Buddy Bear is a project that has its roots in Berlin and aims to promote tolerance and understanding between people,

cultures and religions. The bear in general is a symbol for Germany's capital Berlin, which is twinning partner of the City of Windhoek since 2000.

The Namibian Buddy Bear was designed and painted by local artist Trianus Nakale who was selected by means of a competition open to all Namibians. The Namibian Buddy Bear embodies the solidarity between Germany and Namibia.

The University of Namibia, the German Embassy Windhoek, the Goethe-Institute Namibia and a number of partner organizations invite Namibia to join the various events of the German Weeks 2019: film screenings, lectures, concerts and information events related to the German language, culture, development cooperation, arts and science.

Sixth-year students help pets with Mobile Clinic

UNAM's School of Veterinary Medicine has launched a new community project – a Mobile Animal Clinic.

The clinic was born through efforts to enhance the training of future vets, UNAM's current sixth year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine students, who are currently busy with clinical rotations. The first cohort of graduates are expected to graduate in the year 2020. The second purpose for

forming the clinic was to make real meaningful impact in communities that need veterinary services.

The mobile clinic drives around the country, dispensing much needed veterinary services to both suburban and informal communities. Dr Ian Baines, who leads the team of eager sixth year students is today in VyfrandKamp in Okahandja. They plan to sterilize and vaccinate pets for members of this community.

It is common cause that access to veterinary services is not widespread across the country, and often quite a distance for members of some communities.

The Neudamm Campus, which hosts the School of Veterinary Medicine, is busy with the construction of an Animal Clinic that will serve as the main training venue for students doing their clinical work. Plans for an Animal Hospital are also underway.



Academic Scoops Two Continental Awards

Professor Elizabeth Amukugo has walked away with two prestigious awards at last year's 2018 CEO Global Continental Awards. The awards took place at an Annual Symposium in Johannesburg. She walked away with a Continental Award (Africa); and a Regional Award (SADC) for Recognition of Achievements in the Education & Training Academic Sector.

The Symposium provided useful

viewpoints of leaders from business, academic and other professionals from eight different regions across the continent. "It was a humbling experience when I first received information from CEO Global Chief Executive, that I was selected for 2 (two) top awards, without mentioning what they were" she says.

Further adding that she realised that she was not only in the company of influential African women; but also a few influential African men. One

of the many female Award winners who impressed Prof. Amukugo, was a pilot from Cameroon, who has 30 years' experience as a pilot.

"As I took my assigned seat on Table 2, the man next to me introduced himself as Professor William Bazeyo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Makerere University, who later received the same Continental Award Recognition of Achievements in the Education & Training Academic Sector." narrates professor Amukugo.

GRADUATION DATES 2019

<i>Katima Mulilo Campus</i> 02 April	<i>Windhoek Campuses</i> 11 – 12 April	<i>Southern Campus</i> 25 April
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