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By Sanelisiwe Andile B Siwela

Lupane State University (LSU) joined numerous companies and academic institutions from Zimbabwe and abroad,

to showcase its programmes and innovations at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) 2025, with the hope of improving its enrollment and contribution to economic development.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Dr. Fedrick Shava, LSU Vice-Chancellor, Prof Pardon Kuipa and LSU Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Thulani Dube, during a tour to the institution's exhibition stand at the ZITF 2025 edition

This year's ZITF Blue Sapphire edition ran under the theme: Industrialisation: Crafting an Integrated Economic Landscape.

LSU's participation was a significant milestone, with most of its

exhibition strategies receiving a huge admiration from visitors.

Its presence at the fair was marked by its Admissions Department, which offered free enrollment to prospective students.

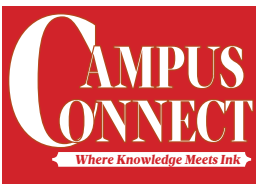
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LSU Campus Radio presenters Sanelisiwe Siwela (Left) and Thomas Ndemera (Right) speak to Ms Nokuqala Nyoni, from the Department of Crop Sciences during the fair.



LSU Campus Radio presenters Sanelisiwe Siwela (Left) speaks to Mr. Bekithemba Ndlovu from the Admissions section during the fair.



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This initiative was aimed at promoting education and making it more accessible to everyone.

The response to the free enrollment offer was overwhelming, with many people eager to further their education.

Mr. Bekithemba Ndlovu, from the Admissions Department, said: "We've had an overwhelming response from people who are eager to further their education. This is a testament to the university's commitment to providing quality education and making it accessible to everyone."

The free enrollment offer was a great opportunity for people to improve their skills and knowledge, and many attendees were thrilled about enrolling without having to pay any amount for fees.

One such attendee was Happiness Dube, who expressed her excitement about the opportunity to enroll for free.

"I'm so happy to be able to enroll without having to pay any fees. This is a great opportunity for people and I'm looking forward to learning more about the various programmes offered by the university and how they can help me achieve my goals," Dube said.

Dube's enthusiasm was shared by many others who visited the stand, and it is clear that the free enrollment offer was a hit with prospective students.

LSU remains committed to making education accessible to everyone. It believes that access to education is a fundamental right, and it is doing its part to make it more accessible.

The free enrollment offer is just one way the university is working on to promote education and support the development of the country.

Mr. Ndlovu said that the free enrollment offer would have a significant impact on the lives of many people.

LSU's exhibition strategy lives to its billing



Vice-President, His Excellency General (Rtd) Dr. Constantino Chiwenga during his visit to the LSU exhibition stand

"Education is a powerful tool for personal and economic empowerment," he said. "We're excited about the opportunity to make a positive impact on people's lives and contribute to the development of our country," he added.

The university's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences was also well-represented at the event, showcasing traditional cereals like rapoko, rice, and sorghum, which are produced at the main campus farm in Lupane.

Miss Nokuqala Nyoni, a Lecturer from the department, said: "We're proud to be part of the ZITF, which provides a platform for us to share our research and innovations with a wider audience."

"Our traditional cereals are not only nutritious but also resilient to climate change, making them an important crop for many farmers."

"By promoting these crops, we can help farmers improve their livelihoods and contribute to food

security in our communities."

The department's exhibit was well-received by attendees, who were impressed by the quality and nutritional value of the traditional cereals.

The department is committed to researching and promoting sustainable agricultural practices, and their exhibit at the ZITF 2025 was a testament to this commitment.

In addition to the university's exhibits, Dr. Emma Gonye showcased some innovative products, including banana chips and baobab yoghurts.

"We're passionate about developing products that are not only delicious but also nutritious and sustainable. The banana chips with jackets are good for people who are diabetic," Dr. Gonye said.

"Our products are made from locally sourced ingredients, and we're committed to promoting sustainable agriculture and supporting local farmers," added Dr. Gonye.

The products were a hit with the attendees, who were impressed by the quality and taste of the banana chips and baobab yoghurts.

The university's commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship was evident in its various products and services showcased at the fair.

Overall, ZITF 2025 was a testament to the country's commitment to innovation and economic development.

The event provided a platform for various stakeholders to come together, showcase their products and services and share ideas and innovations.

The event had something for everyone, from innovative agricultural products to educational opportunities.

Attendees were able to network and learn from each other, and many took advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the various products and services on display.

VP impressed by LSU's innovative products at ZITF

By Sanelisiwe Andile Babongile Siwela

The Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) 2025 continued to attract high-profile visitors on its fourth day, with the Vice-President, His Excellency General (Rtd) Dr. Constantino Chiwenga and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Prof. Fanuel Tagwira, paying a visit to the Lupane State University (LSU) exhibition stands.

During their tour, they were particularly impressed by the innovative leather products showcased at the stand.

The university specialises in the unique and friendly tanning of livestock hides and skins, producing high-quality leather that is both durable and aesthetically pleasing.

Dr. Chiwenga and Prof. Tagwira spent a considerable moment at the stand, engaging with the exhibitors and learning more about their products and processes.

They were thrilled by the university's commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility, as well as their innovative approach to leather production.

The Vice President's visit to the ZITF 2025 highlights the government's commitment to supporting local industries and promoting economic growth.

By showcasing innovative products and technologies, the ZITF provides a platform for local com-



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the time to visit their stand and learn more about their products.

The Vice President's visit to the ZITF 2025 is a significant endorsement of the event's importance in promoting economic growth and development in Zimbabwe.

This owes to this year's theme

which was: Industrialisation: Crafting an Integrated Economic Landscape. The University's innovative approach to leather production is a testament to the creativity and ingenuity of Zimbabwean entrepreneurs. The ZITF 2025 was a major platform for showcasing

products and services powered by innovation and entrepreneurship in Zimbabwe. The event provided a unique opportunity for local companies to gain visibility, attract investment, and promote their products and services to a wider audience.

By Sanelisiwe Andile Babongile Siwela

The National AIDS Council of Zimbabwe (NAC) recently hosted a two-day Youth Indaba at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF), bringing together young people to discuss critical issues affecting their health and well-being.

Team LSU available at the fair had the opportunity to attend the Indaba, with members from the LSU Campus Radio covering the event.

The Indaba focused on promoting safer campuses, climate change and health, economic empowerment, and health financing.

During the discussions, youths raised concerns about the handling of sexual assault cases in institutions, with one participant asking: "How will the sexual assault case be handled without protecting the institution's image?"

This question highlighted the need for transparency and accountability in addressing such cases.

CEO of the NAC, Dr. Bernard Madzima, responded to a question about safeguarding policies in tertiary institutions.

"We do have a sexual harassment policy which highlights the measures that must be taken if, for instance, a student or lecturer or any member of staff is involved. That person will be dealt with according to the policy," he explained.

The youths also expressed frustration about the lack of feedback

Youths demand action on sexual assault in academic institutions



Proceedings during the Youth Indaba

on their recommendations, with one participant urging government representatives to "take up our recommendations and come back to the community."

This call to action emphasised the need for policymakers to engage with young people and address their concerns.

The Member of Parliament for

Pumula Constituency, Mrs. Sichelesile Mahlangu, addressed the youths, stressed the importance of substance over superficiality.

"Approach this event with a mindset of gaining valuable information that will benefit you in the long run," she advised. "Don't just attend for the sake of appearances."

Mrs. Mahlangu's message resonated with the youths, who are eager to learn and grow.

"By adopting this approach, you can maximise the benefits of attending the Youth Indaba and set yourselves up for future success," she added.

The NAC workshop at the ZITF provided a platform for important

discussions and initiatives, highlighting the need for continued engagement between young people and policymakers.

The youths' demands for action on sexual assault and health issues underscored the importance of prioritising their needs and concerns.

One of the key issues raised during the discussions was the lack of awareness about reporting procedures for sexual assault.

A youth participant noted: "We don't report sexual assault because we don't know the procedure."

This highlights the need for education and awareness-raising efforts to empower young people.

The Youth Indaba also demonstrated the power of young people coming together to demand change and advocate for their rights.

As Mrs. Mahlangu noted: "The NAC workshop at the ZITF provides a platform for important discussions and initiatives, and my message serves as a timely reminder of the value of proactive engagement and personal growth."

The NAC's efforts to engage with young people and address their concerns are crucial in promoting healthier and safer communities.

The youths' demands for action and accountability are a call to action for policymakers and stakeholders.

As the youths move forward, they will continue to advocate for their rights and demand action on the issues that affect them most.

...More pictures taken during LSU's exhibition at the ZITF 2025 edition



Amnesty International launches LSU Chapter

The Chapter aims to advocate for the recognition of human rights as well as educating students about their rights.

By Buhlebenkosi Makalisa

Amnesty International Zimbabwe has officially launched its Lupane State University (LSU) Chapter with the event coinciding with the World Water Day commemorations.

The launch of the Chapter followed its establishment which took place late last year.

Informative sessions by the Chapter's secretary, Sheanesu Zindove, outlined the aims and objectives of the Chapter, chief among them being advocating for the recognition of human rights as well as educating students about their rights.

The LSU Chapter has since expressed its commitment to that regard and pledged to provide a platform for students to learn about human rights, participate in awareness-raising campaigns and engage in activism to promote social justice.

The launch of the event was a resounding success, attracting students and LSU members who share a common passion for human rights and social justice. The event was honored by the presence of the LSU Director of Campus Life, D.E Ndlovu, who delivered a keynote address emphasising the importance of human rights awareness.

The Director encouraged students to join the Chapter in large numbers, underscoring the pivotal role of youth in advancing the principles of human rights advocacy.

During the launch, discussions centered around the significance of water as a whole, emphasising its crucial role in sustaining life, promoting health, and supporting economic development.

Members of the Chapter emphasised that access to water is a fundamental human right and

stressed the importance of access to clean water as well as water conservation.

During the discussions, the Chairperson of the Chapter, Arthur Sibanda, explored the vital connection between access to safe and clean water and the protection of human rights.

Attendees participated in interactive games and sessions meant to empower students with knowledge on human rights and social justice. Vibrant displays of artistic talent depicted themes related to water, human rights, and social justice, leaving a lasting impact on the attendees. There was a presentation of a poem that emphasised on the need for the youth to learn about their human rights.

Additionally an exhibition was done by the Taikondo LSU team, showcasing defensive karate moves to the audience.

The skills were symbolic of the event that was being celebrated as they communicated a message of defense against prospective human rights violations.

A group of singers that goes by the name Theocentric also performed. Their song was characterised by lyrics that communicated a message of hope to those whose human rights have been violated.

This hope being the collective members of the society who are willing to support them in voicing for justice.

The launch of the Chapter marked an important milestone in empowering students to become advocates for water rights.

By educating students about the importance of water as a fundamental right, this Chapter will help to create a new generation of leaders who are committed to promoting water justice and sustainability.



Proceedings during the launch of the Chapter



Members of the Chapter



The Taikondo LSU team showcased defensive karate moves to the audience

By Buhlebenkosi Makalisa

On a recent episode of Lunchtime Crunch on LSU Radio, Lupane Acting District Health Promotions Officer and a representative from the Ministry of Health and Child Care, Mr. Brightwell Sibanda, alluded malaria is a critical health issue affecting communities worldwide.

He was speaking on the sidelines of the Malaria Awareness and World Malaria Day which was commemorated on 25th of April 2025 and ran under the theme: "Malaria ends with us, re-invest, re-imagine and re-ignite."

'Malaria: A critical health issue'

Mr Sibanda said it is important that health officials raise awareness against malaria and campaign for collective action to eliminate malaria.

The officer enlightened the public about the Lupane District reported cases and highlighted the uptick of the ongoing struggles against malaria in the region.

He reminded the public about the importance of vigilance in preventing the spread of the malaria.

He also urged the residents to take safe precautions, such as using insecticide-treated bed nets, elimi-

nating mosquito breeding sites and wearing protective clothing.

Moreover, he encouraged the public experiencing symptoms of malaria, to seek immediate medical attention at their nearest clinics.

He added that early treatment is crucial in preventing complications and reducing the risk of transmission.

The officer added that during the rainy season, the risk of malaria transmission remains high.

It is imperative that residents take proactive steps to protect

themselves and their loved ones from this preventable disease.

He emphasised that working together will reduce the incidence of malaria in Lupane District and move closer to achieving the goal of a malaria-free Zimbabwe.

Mr Sibanda outlined the preparations underway to mark World Malaria Day, which included various activities and events aimed at raising awareness about malaria prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

He highlighted the Ministry's efforts to combat malaria, including

distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets.

A crucial measure to prevent mosquito-borne transmission. Indoor residual spraying which is done in areas where malaria cases are very high. Improved access to diagnostic testing and treatment. Ensuring timely and effective care for those affected.

Mr Sibanda stressed the importance of community engagement and ownership in the fight against malaria.

He encouraged listeners to take an active role in preventing malaria, emphasising that everyone has a responsibility to protect themselves and their loved ones.

LSU community, stakeholders partake in the Staff Wellness Day

By Sibusisiwe Lunga

Lupane State University hosted a Staff Wellness Day on the 29th of April 2025, bringing together various stakeholders to promote the health and well-being among staff members.

The event featured various exhibitors from Bonville Medical Aid, AFC bank limited, CABS, Fidelity Life Financial Services, Nyaradzo, Zimbabwe Insurance Brokers, Zimnat, Doves, Calm Health International and Dr George Mutizira.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Thulani Dube, Vice Chancellor Professor Pardon Kuipa emphasised the importance of work life balance, noting that it can lead to increased productivity, stronger relationships, and longer careers.

"Small habits like taking a walk and eating healthy meals can bring a difference in people's lives, mental health and emotional wellness," the statement read.

He also encouraged people to have a work-life balance and mentioned that it is very easy to blend and have a life full of stress that can lead to burnouts and challenges.

Staff members were told that a healthy work-life balance leads to improved productivity, stronger relationships with friends and longevity in careers.

Wellness is more than physical health but it encompasses regular exercise, proper nutrition and adequate rest.

The event aimed to foster a supportive and healthy environment for staff members and to also encourage self-care, stress management, and overall well-being.



“We prioritise our staff wellbeing”

By Michelle Moyo

Lupane State University (LSU) recently hosted a Wellness Day initiative for its staff, promoting physical and mental well-being within the university community.

The event brought together lecturers and staff from various departments, fostering a sense of unity and teamwork.

The initiative aimed to provide a platform for staff to prioritise their health, engage in fun activities,

and rejuvenate their minds and bodies.

The Wellness Day revealed LSU commitment to supporting staff well-being, enhancing productivity and creating a positive work environment.

Lupane State University's Director of Quality Assurance Dr Shynet Chivasa said the Wellness Day at LSU was inspired by a growing recognition of the critical role employee well-being plays in the University's success.

"The fast-paced, high-stress nature of workplaces, rising rates of chronic illness and increasing awareness of mental health challenges have all driven LSU to prioritise staff wellness. Thus, LSU envisages wellness day as both a necessity for employee support and a way to foster a thriving, resilient workforce."

She added that the main objectives of Wellness day were to promote physical and mental health for instance, offering health check-ups fitness activities, nutrition guidance and mental wellness support to address a broad spectrum of well-being needs.

"We raised awareness on educating employees about health risks, stress management and healthy lifestyle choices. We also provided opportunities for relaxation, mindfulness and stress relief to combat workplace pressures,"

she said.

Dr Chivasa also emphasised that the Wellness was to boost morale and engagement in the case of a supportive environment where employees feel valued, leading to higher morale and engagement.

"Healthy employees lead to increased productivity and reduced absenteeism and Wellness initiatives foster a sense of support and belonging, leading to higher engagement, motivation, and job satisfaction," said Dr Chivasa.

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Chief Dakamela Imiklomelo event: LSU collaborates with stakeholders for success

By Michelle Moyo

Lupane State University (LSU) proudly partnered with key stakeholders to bring the vibrant Imiklomelo event to life, showcasing cultural richness and community spirit. This dynamic collaboration not only highlighted the university's commitment to preserving and promoting cultural heritage, but also fostered a sense of unity and shared identity among participants. Through Imiklomelo, LSU and its partners demonstrated their dedication to community engagement and cultural exchange, creating a lasting impact on all involved. Chief Dakamela of Nkayi District in Matabeleland North Province said Imiklomelo ka Dakamela

represents appreciation, a place of love, networking and recognising individuals who excel and are appreciated for their efforts. He explained that the concept of appreciation is inspired by village settings where community leaders are respected for their positive contributions. "Our vision is to unite as a nation, embracing our traditions and the principles of Ubuntu, which embodies love, appreciation, care and mutual support. We aim to bridge cultural and linguistic divides." He emphasised the significance of partnering with LSU, an institution renowned for its research capabilities. "As a community, we value education and LSU's expertise in agriculture can guide us in improving our farming practices," he said.

Chief Dakamela expressed hope that the partnership would yield development opportunities, including scholarships for deserving students. "We aspire to support those in need who excel academically through our social corporate responsibility initiatives," he stated. He also highlighted potential collaborative projects, such as climate-friendly housing, ecological sustainability and biogas creation. Chief Dakamela concluded by thanking LSU for participating in the Imiklomelo event and appreciating the attendees. LSU's Acting Dean for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr Mbulisi Ndlovu, said it is an achievement because as a university they champion culture and heritage.

"Imiklomelo are a celebration and recognition of culture and heritage. Remember, we have adopted Education 5.0, which is championed using heritage-based philosophy," he said. He added that the university's participation in the event is testimony to the fact that it subscribes to the idea and fully supports it. "Benefits include fulfilling our mantra of Building Communities through Knowledge. Education 5.0 requires us as a university to offer services to the community. We also benefit through gaining first-hand experience in seeing culture in action. There are a lot of cultural and heritage elements that get to be performed, practised and revived during the event," added Dr Ndlovu.

"As a community, we value education and LSU's expertise in agriculture can guide us in improving our farming practices."

Weekday Shows on LSU Campus Radio

0600-0900 – Morning Mingle (Dr Jazz & Malunga)

0900-1200 – Mid Morning Insider (Melz & KayBee)

1200-1500 – Lunchtime Crunch (Makhalisa)

1500-1800 – Campus Drive (Smallest & BLQ Italian)

1800-1900 – Boots on Brains (Uncle Tom)

1900-1930 – Main News Roundup (Sthabisile Mthonisi Sibanda & Shepard Sibanda)

1930-2030 – Open Chat (umaNare)



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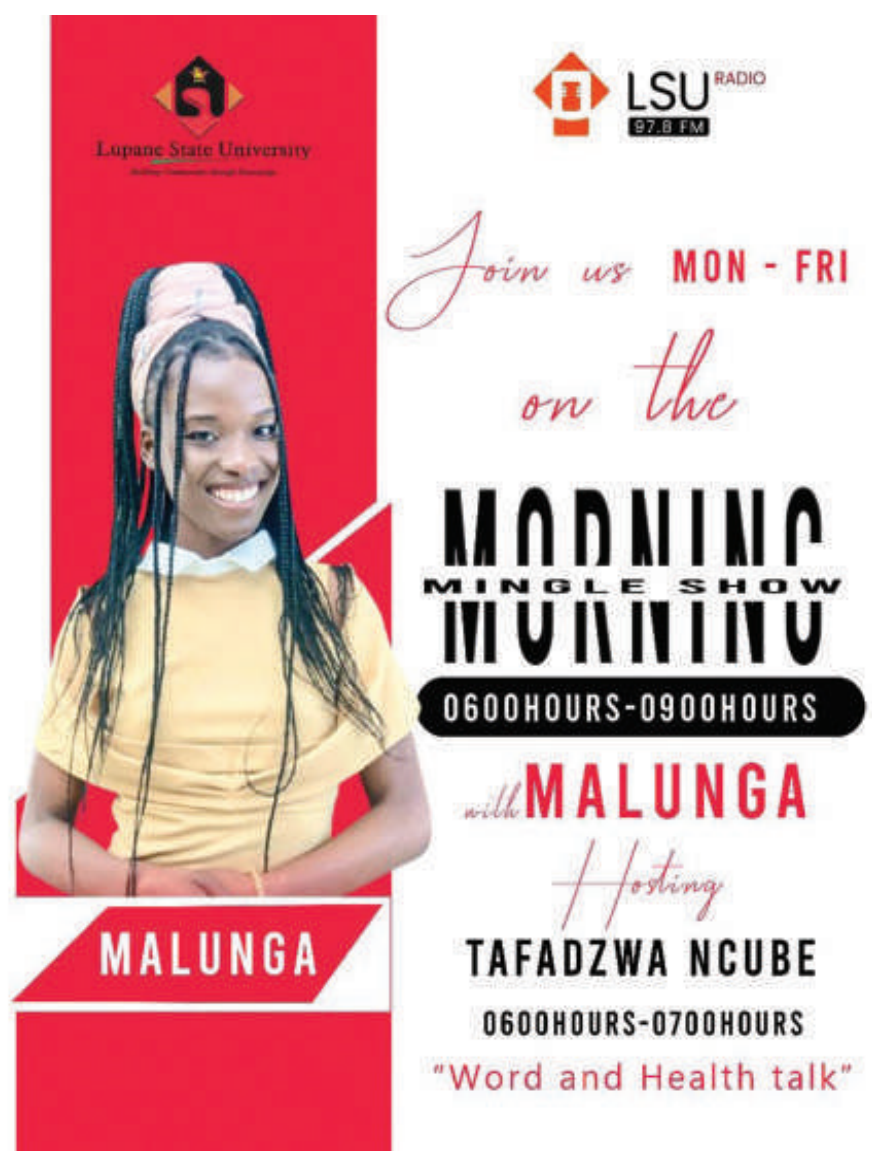
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'Universities are doing their best to service the industry'

By Thembelani Moyo

Universities across the country, including Lupane State University (LSU), are working hard to equip graduates with knowledge and practical skills that are relevant to their respective industries, Ms Sanelisiwe Sibanda has said.

Ms Sibanda, who is the current LSU Acting Chairperson for the Department of Languages, Communication and Media Studies, revealed this during the third edition of the ZITF Media Indaba held in Bulawayo.

Organised by the Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services, the Indaba ran under the theme: "Celebrating the Creative Economy for Industrial Growth".

The discussions focused on how the creative sector, which includes filmmaking, music, dance, theatre and poetry, can be utilised to stimulate industrial growth.

Ms Sibanda's sentiments followed questions and concerns about the contribution of tertiary institutions towards the development of the creative sector.

As one of the panelists, she admitted that universities are facing challenges but have managed to make strides in equipping learners with necessary knowledge and skills.

"Universities are doing their best to produce graduates relevant to the industry. We are aware that the creative industry is always evolving. We stay abreast to the changes and make sure that what we produce is a graduate who has a role in national development," she said.

"We do this by coming up with curriculums and modules that are relevant to industry changes. Universities do this in partnership

with ZIMCHE (Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education). Our media modules are similar across universities, what may differ is how they are delivered," she added.

Ms Sibanda reiterated that tertiary institutions are facing challenges related to lack infrastructure and equipment used for training graduates and appealed to the industry to foster more collaborations.

"We need the industry itself to pitch in and partner with us and bring their equipment, expertise and maybe establish creative hubs for our learners. We are not expecting the industry to train students for us, but to capacitate us especially in practical modules," she said.

So far, apart from sending students for industrial attachments, LSU teams up with industry experts in conducting workshops for learners.

Ms Sibanda also appealed to the government to consider investing in the creative sector through the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development.

Veteran playwright and educationist, Thabani Moyo, concurred with these sentiments saying the government should commit in resourcing universities so that they do not "produce under cooked graduates".

According the Acting Principal of the newly-established Zimpapers Institute, Limukani Ncube, such an investment is critical because the media sector has been immensely transformed by technology.

"There is a need to move with times and acquire new state of the art equipment for training purposes. The government must come up with policies that allow investment in the creative sec-



The panelists during the Indaba

tor", he said.

Ncube added that the sector is not only for entertainment, but contributes to economic development and has employed a lot of people.

During the Indaba the Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services, Hon Jenfan Muswere, revealed that the previous edition encouraged the government to revisit various legislations and ensure that there are in line with the Constitution.

Notable developments in this regard include the enactment of the Freedom of Information Act, the amendment of the Broadcasting Services Act and the ongoing process of the promulgation of the new Zimbabwe Media Policy.

The minister said these measures

are meant to support the development of the creative sector so that content creators produce and contribute to the economy.

He promised that the government is determined to improve the sector and is currently preparing to launch a media fund and establish creative hubs across the country.

Just like Minister Muswere, Deputy Minister Hon Omphile Marupi hoped that the discussions of the 2025 edition of the Indaba will positively impact efforts meant to develop the media sector, especially when it comes to how it can contribute to economic development.

"This gathering is key in the development of the media sector. The government have had strides

to promote that because the media is a formidable economic force in employment and marketing sectors. Creative minds should also position the national brand so that it attracts investment," he said.

This was also the observation of the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry, Nick Mangwana, who said the Indaba has gone a long way in promoting the media sector development, evidenced by the implementation of the suggestions from last year's edition.

Notable individuals who participated in this year's discussions include Dj Olla 7, ASAPH, Mzoe 7, Sandra Ndebele, Cde Phil and the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, HE Edward Kallon, among others.

About the Advanced Certificate in Green Technologies Urban Food Systems Course

Initiated in September 2023, the 6-weeks course enrolled an initial 2 cohorts of a total 52 students. The course covers 12 modules, both theoretically (in-class) and practically (through field visits once each module is covered). The modules include:

- **Module 1: Introduction to sustainable urban food system** – this module explores the challenges and opportunities associated with urban food production, distribution, and consumption, emphasizing the importance of sustainability in addressing issues such as food security, nutrition, environmental impact and importance of indigenous organic foods.
- **Module 2: Vertical farming** – The module sets out essential concepts and skills relating to utilizing vertical space in urban areas, with candidates introduced to the design, development and management of soilless farming techniques such as hydroponics, aquaponics, and aeroponics. At the end of the course candidates submit one hydroponics model using local material.
- **Module 3: Horticulture in urban food systems** – Candidates will be introduced to fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and herbs cultivation and supply chain, with principles, practices, and applications of horticulture within the context of urban environments also explored. Candidates are taught how to get extension support from public and private institutions. One urban farm is visited by the candidates.
- **Module 4: Soil management and the environment in urban food systems** – candidates are introduced to urban soil management, including challenges and opportunities of managing soil in densely populated urban areas. It covers soil composition, structure, soil health and quality, urban soil contamination and remediation, composting and organic waste management, urban soil nutrient management, urban green infrastructure and soil-based solutions and best practices for sustainable food production. Candidates then submit an assignment that shows how they improved soil quality or health in any urban food garden of their choice.
- **Module 5: Water conservation in urban food production** – Candidates explore various techniques and technologies for conserving water, optimizing irrigation practices, and promoting water sustainability in urban food production. It covers water cycle and water availability in urban environments, quantifying water requirements for different crops, analysis of water sources and water quality issues, efficient irrigation techniques, soil-water dynamics and management, rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling and water-energy-food nexus. Candidates submit a grey water recycling model and visit one urban irrigation system.
- **Module 6: Livestock production and feed formulation in urban food systems** – This explores livestock production and feed formulation within the context of urban food systems, covering animal husbandry, nutrition, health management, housing, handling, transportation and sustainable feed formulation (e.g. Black fly for chickens), with a focus on small-scale and urban farming contexts (e.g. poultry farming, fish – ponds / conversion of idle swimming pools to fish ponds, goat and cattle pen fattening). It also covers opportunities and challenges of raising livestock in urban environments, including regulations, space limitations, and waste management.
- **Module 7: Local food value addition in green urban food systems** – It explores various methods and techniques for value addition, including processing and preservation. It covers value addition to support small-scale producers and local food enterprises, food processing methods, including drying, canning, fermentation, and freezing, for adding value to local food products. It also covers best practices for preserving nutritional quality, flavor, and safety during food processing in urban



settings. Candidates then produce three (3) value added products of their choice (e.g Sausages, fruit juice, mango yoghurt and any other) and will either solar dry one vegetable or visit a vegetable solar drying facility.

- **Module 8: Food grading, packing, and transportation** – candidates are introduced to processes and practices involved in grading, packing, and transporting food products from farm to fork/table. Candidates examine various aspects of food grading standards, packaging technologies, logistics (Considerations for temperature control, humidity control, packaging integrity, and food safety during transportation) and supply chain management to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of food distribution systems. Criteria for grading food products based on factors such as size, color, texture, appearance, and nutritional quality are covered for different food products, including fresh produce, meat, poultry, fish, and processed foods. Best practices for refrigerated transport, cold storage facilities, and temperature monitoring systems to prevent food spoilage and contamination are covered. Candidates then visit a logistic company with refrigerated trucks to understand food transportation.
- **Module 9: Food safety, standards and waste management** – This covers food safety principles, standards, and waste management practices within the context of the food industry. It also covers food safety hazards, including biological, chemical, and physical contaminants, and their impacts on public health, including associated by local laws. Candidates are introduced to strategies for preventing food waste generation, including waste reduction, recycling, composting, and food donation initiatives. Food loss and food recovery concepts are also covered.
- **Module 10: Green business development and management** – This course will cover food safety principles, standards, and waste management practices within the context of the food industry. Moreover, it will cover food safety hazards, including biological, chemical, and physical contaminants, and their impacts on public health, including associated by local laws. Candidates will also be introduced to strategies for preventing food waste generation, including waste reduction, recycling, composting, and food donation initiatives. In addition, food loss and food recovery concepts will be covered as well. The test at the end of the module will consists of multiple choice and context-based questions.
- **Module 11: Green policy advocacy and lobbying** – candidates are introduced to the green business concept, where they will examine various aspects of green business management, including sustainability frameworks, eco-friendly practices, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and green marketing, with a focus on creating value for stakeholders while preserving natural resources and enhancing societal well-being. It also covers topics such as green marketing, basic financial management, basic human resource management and business plan structure and development. At the end of the course the candidates submit green business plans.



Scite AI revolutionises academic research

By Reina Tavengwa

Lupane State University (LSU) Library recently held an engaging online training session on Scite Artificial Intelligence (AI), attracting participants from various academic backgrounds eager to explore this innovative platform that leverages on machine learning to enhance scientific research.

The training was facilitated by the Deputy Librarian, Mrs. Hlomphang Pangeti and the Research Service Librarian, Ms. T. Tshuma.

Their insights into Scite AI provided a comprehensive understanding of its capabilities and significance in the current research landscape.

Scite AI is revolutionising the way researchers approach scientific literature by moving beyond traditional citation metrics.

Unlike conventional tools that simply count citations, Scite analyses how research is cited in various studies, categorising citations as supporting, contrasting, or merely mentioning.

This nuanced approach allows researchers to grasp the context and impact of research findings more effectively. During the session, Mrs. Pangeti and Ms. Tshuma emphasised the platform's ability to provide a clearer picture of the research ecosystem, which is increasingly important in a time when the volume of published studies continues to grow exponentially.

Mrs Pangeti began by discussing the Origins of Scite, which was developed in response to the limitations of existing academic tools.

She highlighted the necessity for a more sophisticated understanding of citations, particularly given the challenges researchers face in navigating vast amounts of literature.

Mrs. Pangeti shared insights into how Scite aims to democratise access to knowledge, making it easier for researchers, especially those in developing regions, to engage with global scientific discourse.

As the session progressed, Ms. Tshuma delved into the role of AI in enhancing research capabilities.

She explained how Scite's algorithms analyse citation patterns, enabling researchers to identify influential studies and emerging

trends relevant to their fields.

"This feature not only saves time but also enriches the research process by connecting users with critical insights that might otherwise go unnoticed".

One of the highlights of the training was the practical demonstration of Scite's features. Participants were guided through the platform, learning how to utilise tools such as the citation categorization feature.

This hands-on experience allowed attendees to visualise how Scite could be integrated into their own research workflows. The facilitators encouraged questions throughout, fostering an interactive environment where participants could voice their thoughts and queries.

The training also touched on the future of academic research in light of technological advancements.

Both Mrs. Pangeti and Ms. Tshuma expressed their optimism regarding the potential of tools like Scite to enhance the quality and accessibility of research.

They emphasised that such innovations are crucial for fostering a culture of excellence and collaboration in academia, particularly in an era marked by rapid technological evolution. The session concluded with a lively question-and-answer segment, where participants shared their excitement about adopting Scite in their research.

Many expressed gratitude for the insights provided, recognising the platform's potential to streamline their research processes and improve their engagement with scientific literature.

Overall, the online Scite AI training was a resounding success, equipping researchers with valuable tools and knowledge to enhance their work.

The collaboration between LSU and the facilitators underscored a commitment to advancing academic research through innovative solutions.

As the academic community continues to adapt to the changing landscape, platforms like Scite are poised to play a vital role in shaping the future of research, ultimately empowering scholars to make more informed contributions to their fields.

Harnessing Heritage for Innovation: LSU students uplifted at the Scholastica Indaba

By Thomas Ndemera

Lupane State University (LSU) students had a privilege to participate in the 2025 Scholastica Indaba, which brought together a diverse group of students at the recently-held Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF).

The Indaba which was running under the theme: "Heritage-Based Education as a Catalyst for Industrialisation," aimed to inspire young minds to leverage their cultural heritage as a foundation for innovation and moving beyond conventional technological solutions.

During the workshop, LSU students engaged deeply with the concept of integrating innovation and heritage.

They participated in interactive sessions that encouraged them to explore their cultural roots, discovering how these elements can inform and enhance their creative processes. By understanding the

rich tapestry of their heritage, students learned to develop solutions that are not only relevant to their communities but also capable of driving economic growth.

One of the key benefits of attending the Scholastica Indaba for LSU students was the opportunity to collaborate with peers from various backgrounds.

This exchange of ideas fostered a spirit of innovation and adaptability, essential qualities for future leaders in any field. The event emphasised that cultural heritage is not just a relic of the past but a vibrant source of inspiration that can shape the future.

One of LSU students, Sanenisiwe A.B Siwela who attended the Indaba the event, highlighted the importance of this approach.

"By embracing their heritage, students can become catalysts for change, creating solutions that resonate within their communities," she noted.

"This perspective is particular-

ly vital for LSU students, who are encouraged to think creatively and critically about the challenges they will face in their careers."

As they move forward, LSU students are now equipped with new insights and skills that will enhance their academic and professional journeys.

The experience at Scholastica Indaba 2025 has instilled in them a sense of responsibility to innovate within their cultural contexts, ensuring that their contributions are meaningful and impactful.

The Scholastica Indaba 2025 not only empowered students to think outside the box, but also reinforced the idea that heritage can be a powerful tool for innovation.

With the knowledge gained from this event, LSU students are poised to make significant contributions to their communities and beyond, paving the way for a new generation of innovators and entrepreneurs who can drive industrialisation in Zimbabwe and beyond.

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LSU's Dr. Wayne Malinga on water service delivery

In his presentation on "The role of public private partnerships in water service delivery: Lessons from other countries on the implications of the privatisation of water provisions" at a #WaterIndaba held in Bulawayo, Dr. Wayne Malinga highlighted the benefits of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in water service delivery, such as access to private funding, risk-sharing, innovation, and efficiency.

However, he also pointed out potential risks, including affordability concerns, regulatory weaknesses, and public dissatisfaction.

The government has approved water privatisation, receiving five investor proposals, with plans to cover the entire water value chain in Harare, Bulawayo, and Victoria Falls.

Infrastructure upgrades will incorporate smart metering and draw lessons from Nigeria and Algeria, with a special focus on Victoria Falls as a key tourism hub.

Drawing from global and African case studies, Dr. Malinga examined experiences in the UK, Chile, France, Australia, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Uganda, and others.

These cases show the need for strong regulation, balancing public-private roles, and ensuring affordability.

However, research shows a growing trend of cities reversing privatisation due to rising tariffs, poor infrastructure investment, and governance issues.

In the past decade, over 180 cities, including Buenos Aires, Paris, and Johannesburg, have remunicipalised their water services.

Dr. Malinga noted that in developing countries, public resistance and affordability concerns often drive policy reversals, as seen in Tanzania and Ghana.

Weak regulatory frameworks have also contributed to PPP failures.

While PPPs can provide financial and technical benefits, remunicipalisation trends suggest that public management may be more effective in ensuring affordable, quality water services.

He emphasised the need for careful evaluation before committing to long-term privatisation agreements.



Dr. Malinga making his presentation during the conference



The conferences attendees included Bulawayo Mayor, His Worship, Hon David Coltart

Lupane State University, Shangano Arts Trust empower Hwange youth through theatre workshop

By Mthabisi Tshuma, Zimpapers Arts & Entertainment Hub

As part of World Theatre Day celebrations, a vibrant leadership development workshop was recently held at the Resource Centre in Hwange, targeting young men and women passionate about community transformation.

The workshop, facilitated by Innocent Mwapangira, a lecturer in the Department of Languages, Me-

dia and Communication Studies at Lupane State University (LSU), was hosted in partnership with Shangano Arts Trust.

It employed applied theatre techniques to build leadership capacity, boost confidence, and encourage civic engagement among participants.

This initiative forms part of LSU's ongoing community outreach programme, with a special focus on empowering girls and young women in Matabeleland North.

The collaboration with Shangano Arts Trust has been pivotal in creating platforms for skills development and youth leadership.

Mwapangira highlighted the workshop's core themes and goals.

"The sessions focused on introducing fundamental leadership principles, enhancing public speaking and teamwork skills, and empowering young women to take on leadership roles in their communities," he said.

"Interactive theatre techniques such as role-playing, improvisation, and group performances were used to explore real-life leadership scenarios. These were complemented by confidence-building exercises and action planning sessions, where participants designed personal or group initiatives using theatre as a tool for community engagement."

Expected outcomes of the workshop include improved self-awareness, practical tools for community-based problem solving, and the establishment of a growing network of young leaders dedicated to positive change.

LSU Vice Chancellor, Professor Pardon Kuipa, expressed strong support for such partnerships, reinforcing the university's vision and mantra: "Empowering Communities Through Knowledge."

Shangano Arts Trust director Petros Ndhlovu also applauded the collaboration.

"The partnership with Lupane State University has been a resounding success. We're proud to have contributed to building the capacity of young leaders, both women and men, in the creative sector," said Ndhlovu.

"This initiative not only enhanced leadership competencies but also strengthened social cohesion and community engagement. Investing in young people is key to the sustainable development of our communities, and we're committed to continuing this work with LSU and other partners."

He added, "We are grateful for the opportunity and look forward to many more collaborative programmes aimed at empowering youth and fostering social change."



Innocent Mwapangira sharing notes with the youths during the workshop

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Administrative Assistant within the Student Affairs Recreation Division, Mr. Jabulani Mpofu praised the athletes for their exceptional performances.

LSU Athletes defy odds at ZUSA Paralympics

By Thomas Ndemera

In a remarkable display of talent and determination, LSU's Shamaine Ndlovu and Yolanda Decilane proudly represented their institution at the ZUSA Cluster 1 games in the Paralympic category. Despite facing challenges that limited their participation in some events, both athletes showcased their tenacity and competitive spirit, securing an impressive array of medals for LSU.

Shamaine Ndlovu, classified as T46, delivered an outstanding performance throughout the competition. She captured silver medals in both the shot put and discus events, demonstrating her strength and skill.

Ndlovu further distinguished herself by clinching the gold medal in the 100-meter race, solidifying her status as a leading competitor in her category.

Her performances not only reflect her hard work and dedication but also elevate the profile of LSU athletics on a national platform.

Yolanda Decilane, competing in the T56 classification, made her mark with a commendable bronze medal in the 100-meter race. This achievement underscores her individual prowess and contributes significantly to LSU's impressive medal tally. Decilane's determination and athleticism highlight the potential of Paralympic athletes and inspire those around her.

LSU's Administrative Assistant within the Student Affairs Recreation Division, Mr. Jabulani Mpofu,

praised the athletes for their exceptional performances.

"Shamaine and Yolanda have not only showcased their remarkable talent but have also embodied the spirit of resilience and determination that defines our university. Their accomplishments serve as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through hard work and dedication, inspiring not just our athletes but our entire community," he said.

The efforts of Ndlovu and Decilane exemplify the spirit of perseverance and excellence that defines LSU athletics.

Their accomplishments at the ZUSA Cluster 1 games serve as an inspiration to aspiring athletes and a testament to the strength of the university's Paralympic programme.

LSU continues to rise as a formidable force in the world of adaptive sports, pushing boundaries and breaking records while fostering an inclusive environment that champions the achievements of all athletes.

As LSU celebrates these remarkable achievements, the university reaffirms its commitment to supporting athletes with disabilities, promoting a culture of excellence that transcends traditional athletic boundaries.

The successes of Ndlovu and Decilane not only enrich the LSU legacy but also pave the way for future generations of adaptive athletes striving for greatness.

The tournament was sponsored by the Ministry of Sports, Arts and Culture and featured six teams from the Lupane ZIFA Area Zone League.



LSU team players

LSU clinches Uhuru Cup trophy

By Blessing Khanye

Lupane State University (LSU) football team was crowned the champion of the Independence Cup tournament that was played at the Somhlolo Stadium, as the country commemorated its 45 years of independence from British rule.

The tournament was sponsored by the Ministry of Sports, Arts and Culture and featured six teams from the Lupane ZIFA Area Zone League.

The LSU team demonstrated exceptional skill and determination throughout the tournament.

In the group stages, they won 2-1 against Lupane Celtics, with Bong-

inkosi and Midzi scoring the crucial goals respectively.

The team then proceeded to the semi-finals, where they faced Lupane City in a tightly contested match that ended in a 0-0 draw.

However, LSU emerged victorious in the penalty shootout, winning 4-2, with Atipa saving two penalties and Bongokuhle (Bonzo) Prince, Atipa, and Midzi converting their penalty kicks.

In the final match, LSU faced off against Mpofu FC, who had beaten Elitsheni FC 1-0 in the other semi-final.

The match was intense, but LSU's Prince, nicknamed "14," scored the winning goal, securing a 1-0 victory for the team.

The winning team lineup consisted of:

- Atipa (goalkeeper)
- Bonas Dibmira, Konte, Wagwizi, and Noel (defense)
- Mdizi, Prince Sibanda, Prince Sibanda Bongokuhle Moyo (Bonzo), Prince Ncube (Nickname 14), and Ronaldo.

Coach Njabulo Sibanda led the team to victory, demonstrating exceptional leadership and tactical acumen.

LSU was awarded a prize from the Ministry of Sports, Arts, and Culture for their outstanding performance. This victory marks a significant achievement for the team and demonstrates their commitment to excellence in football.



LSU team Coach Njabulo Sibanda



As the LSU football team reflects on their performance, they remain a formidable force to reckon with in future competitions.

Rondo team shines at the ZUSA games

By Thomas Ndemera

The Lupane State University (LSU) soccer men's team, affectionately known as the Rondo team, showcased their resilience and skills during the recent Zimbabwe Universities Sports Association (ZUSA) cluster 1 games, ultimately finishing in an impressive fourth position out of 16 teams.

Their journey through the tournament was filled with thrilling moments and emotional highs and lows.

They competed in Group B alongside the University of Zimbabwe, Gwanda State University, and the Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE).

LSU began their campaign with a dramatic match against BUSE.

Head coach Anele "Guardiola" Nyathi was left emotional and in disbelief as his team mounted a remarkable comeback, securing victory courtesy of a penalty from Nyasha Manyere after Prince 14 was fouled in the box.

Brendon "Seven" Ngwenya sealed the win with a stunning goal, igniting the team's momentum.

However, the next match presented a tough challenge as LSU faced the former champions, the University of Zimbabwe.

Despite their best efforts, LSU was tactically outsmarted, suffering a painful loss.

Meanwhile, BUSE dominated

Gwanda State University with a resounding 5-0 victory, leaving the group wide open for the following day.

In a do-or-die situation, LSU rebounded impressively, bringing a baptism of fire to Gwanda State University.

Their determination led them to victory, ensuring a second-place finish in the group by outscoring the University of Zimbabwe. This positioning allowed them to advance to the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, LSU faced Great Zimbabwe University, the top team from the opposing group.

The match was fiercely contested, but LSU ultimately lost in a penalty shootout.

The heartbreak was palpable as

the team shed tears of disappointment, wishing for a stroke of luck.

However, fate smiled upon them when they learned that GZU had fielded non-students, resulting in LSU's advancement to the semifinals.

LSU found themselves tied once again with BUSE.

Despite a valiant effort, they were edged out 1-0. The same outcome occurred in the third-place playoff against the National University of Science and Technology (NUST), leaving LSU without a medal but with their heads held high.

It is a Season to remember for LSU. Despite not clinching a podium finish, the LSU team demonstrated exceptional skills and teamwork throughout the tour-

nament. Their masterclass style of play earned them respect and admiration from fans and opponents alike.

Notably, Brian Ndlovu stood out as the only player to score a hat trick during the entire tournament, further highlighting the talent within the Rondo team.

Coach Nyathi received accolades for his strategic expertise, guiding the team through a challenging but rewarding journey.

As the LSU football team reflects on their performance, they remain a formidable force to reckon with in future competitions.

The Rondo team's spirit and determination continue to inspire their supporters and set the stage for future success.