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Lupane State University's Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences transformed the World Environment Day's institution commemorations into a rallying for ecological responsibility.



### Soft skills seminar empowers students / 9

Lupane State University recently hosted a highly successful Soft Skills Seminar in line with its motto of "Building communities through knowledge". The seminar was held under the theme "From the Classroom to Career: Strategies for Success", which was specifically designed for Second and Fourth-year students.



### LSU hosts wine tasting show / 5

Lupane State University's Department of Accounting and Finance recently held a wine tasting show in Bulawayo in a bid to provide notes to students and local manufacturers so that they can withstand stiff market competition within the tourism and hospitality sector.



### Crowned for excellence: Mister and Miss LSU make their mark on campus / 7

Lupane State University (LSU) recently hosted the highly anticipated Mister and Miss LSU pageant at its main campus, bringing together students and staff to celebrate beauty, talent and charisma.

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Lupane State University Staff during the ZNCC Awards Ceremony

# LSU shines at ZNCC Awards ...Takes Home Top Honour

By Michelle Moyo

Lupane State University (LSU) has once again made its mark, winning a prestigious award from the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce (ZNCC).

This recognition is a testament to the university's commitment to excellence and innovation, solidifying its reputation as a leading institution in Zimbabwe.

Located in Matabeleland North, LSU has been making strides in various fields, including agricultural sciences, commerce, humanities and more.

The ZNCC event aimed to recognise and celebrate outstanding

achievements in business and academia, highlighting the importance of partnerships and collaborations in driving economic growth and development.

By honoring LSU, the ZNCC is fostering a culture of excellence and encouraging others to strive for similar recognition.

With its strong focus on innovation and industrialisation, LSU is poised to continue making significant contributions to Zimbabwe's development.

Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Julius Tapera said that the awards are an acknowledgement of their stakeholders that they are exhibiting academic excellence in human capital development.

"They are a reflection of the good work that we have been doing in driving innovation and industrialisation, giving a practical orientation to our teaching and learning, with a keen focus on the production of goods and services to solve industry and societal problems.

"We endeavour to produce graduates that have a strong practice orientation, equipped with the requisite skills and competences to join industry as employment creators," he said.

He added that future innovations revolve around applied research by their academic staff and students across all six facilities.

"We continue to encourage our researchers to focus on research

that addresses socio-economic and community developmental issues for continued relevance in meeting industry and community needs.

"Typical examples of some of the innovations include the digital goat weighing scale, avian artificial insemination, grafting wax, various juices from indigenous fruits, innovative financial solutions to local entrepreneurs and curated tourism and hospitality products and services," said Dr Tapera.

LSU lecturer in Irrigation Engineering Mr Canisius Mpala highlighted that the award is a recognition of LSU's strides in providing quality education, research and community outreach programmes.

"Last year and beginning of this year, some LSU staff received some awards," said Mr Mpala.

The ZNCC is a non-profit, membership-based organisation that supports business development and advocates for the interests of its members.

Established over 100 years ago, it plays a crucial role in promoting economic growth and business empowerment in Zimbabwe.

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**As part of the Urban Futures Project in the City of Bulawayo, LSU has continued to offer technical knowledge to a consortium of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) seeking to review the City's Urban Agriculture Policy.**

# LSU makes strides in building communities through knowledge

By Thembelani Moyo

Lupane State University continues to live by its motto of building communities through knowledge as evidenced by its relentless support to urban centres that are formulating policies guiding urban agriculture.

As part of the Urban Futures Project in the City of Bulawayo, LSU has continued to offer technical knowledge to a consortium of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) seeking to review the City's Urban Agriculture Policy.

The project is funded by Hivos and implemented by NGOs which include Bulawayo Vendors and Traders Association, GreenHut, African Food Revolution and Unemployed and Vulnerable Foundation Trust.

Recently the project hosted a workshop where a policy brief draft for reviewing the City of Bulawayo Urban Agriculture was presented after preliminary data was collected from urban farmers, gardens and key informants for a situation analysis report against policy provisions.

Participants in the workshop included key stakeholders such as ARDA, Veterinary services, EMA, City of Bulawayo departments, and other government agencies.

"The discussed policy brief presented an updated situational analysis of City of Bulawayo's current urban agriculture landscape. It also reviewed the current well drafted Bulawayo Urban Agriculture Policy which was informed by national laws as well as global and regional conventions that Zimbabwe is committed to," reads the brief.

The City of Bulawayo's Urban Agriculture Policy was last reviewed in 2006. The policy discus-



Mr Nkululeko Mpofu (standing), a LSU lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness facilitates the policy review in Bulawayo

sions were led and facilitated by Mr Nkululeko Mpofu, a LSU lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness.

One of the key findings of the preliminary report was that youth were excluded in the urban gardens as most membership targeted vulnerable groups who were 60 years and above.

Some farming activities were conducted in wetlands and most farmers were not value adding their farm produce. Mr Mpofu said for example, if urban farmers value add their broilers, the value of one

bird could move from the current price of \$7 to \$11.

The document made a number of proposals meant to create an enabling "framework for young men and women to drive climate-smart and innovative urban agriculture".

These include the "adoption of resilient practices, innovative practices such as vertical farming, rainwater harvesting, and efficient irrigation systems to improve food and nutrition security, create employment and reduce environmental impact and climate challenges".

Additionally, the policy brief highlighted challenges for urban agriculture such as limited access to land, water scarcity, youth disengagement, and weak stakeholder coordination.

Mr. Mpofu emphasised that reviewing urban agriculture policies was important as advanced cities such as City of Johannesburg review their urban agricultural policies every three years. Other cities in Africa with urban agriculture are Nairobi, Kampala and Kigali. Many cities in the world promote urban agriculture.



## LSU farm exchange programme gets recognition

By Sithabisile M Sibanda

Lupane State University's Farm exchange programme has been hailed by local farmers for improving productivity through the establishment of farming methods that adapt to harsh climate conditions in the re-

gion.

In the heart of Lupane, in Daluka Ward 19, a prominent farmer Mr. F. Sibanda has expressed his heartfelt acknowledgement to the LSU Farm for facilitating an important exchange that has yielded unquestionable success.

Mr. Sibanda recently swapped

one of his goats for a male Matabele goat, renowned for its exceptional adaptability to hot and dry climates and resistance to diseases.

The Matabele goat is not only resilient, but also plays a crucial role in enhancing local livestock genetics. Mr. Sibanda noted that this breed's ability to spread its semen

to other goats in the area is a significant advantage for local farmers looking to improve their herds.

"There is a huge economic impact of this initiative because the Matabele goats grow exceptionally well and are profitable," he said.

When slaughtered, these goats can yield over \$120 in meat sales,

providing a substantial income source for farmers in the region.

This exchange has not only benefited Mr. Sibanda, but has also positively influenced his neighbors.

The improved livestock quality and potential for increased income are paving the way for a stronger agricultural community in Daluka.



#### ADMISSION INTO UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES FOR THE AUGUST 2025 INTAKE

Lupane State University is inviting applications for admission to the listed Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes from candidates who meet the specified entry requirements. The programmes will commence in August 2025.

FACULTY AND PROGRAMME	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	DURATION OF STUDY & CAMPUS
<b>FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES</b>		
Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences Honours Degree in Animal Science and Rangeland Management	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and At least 2 'A' Level passes in Biology and/or Agriculture or their recognised equivalents and any of the following subjects: Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Food Science and Geography; <b>OR</b> a relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences Honours Degree in Crop Science	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics and At least 2 'A' Level passes in Biology and/or Agriculture plus any of the following subjects: Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Geography; <b>OR</b> A relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional /Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences Honours Degree in Soil Science	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics and At least 2 'A' level passes in Chemistry plus any of the following subjects: Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Geography, and Agriculture; <b>OR</b> A relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Irrigation Engineering	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics and At least 2 'A' level passes in the following subjects: Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Agriculture and Biology; <b>OR</b> a relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences Honours Degree in Agricultural Economics	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and At least 2 'A' level passes in any two commercial or science subjects or their recognised equivalents: Mathematics, Economics, Agriculture, Biology, Geography, Business Studies/Management of Business, Accounts, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics and Food Science; <b>OR</b> A relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences Honours Degree in Horticulture and Landscaping	5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject. Applicants must have obtained at least 2 'A' level passes in Biology/Agriculture and either Mathematics, Geography, Food Science, Physics or Chemistry. A relevant Diploma from a recognised institution will also be considered for Special entry.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Diploma in Agribusiness	Applicants must have passed a minimum of five (5) subjects at Ordinary Level including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject at grade C or better.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Master of Science in Animal Breeding and Biotechnology	Applicants must have an Honours degree of at least class 2.2 or better in Agriculture or in appropriate subject areas such as Animal Science, Biological Sciences, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, or related fields from any accredited University.	2 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Information Technology	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and Science and At least 2 'A' Level passes in Mathematics and any other Science or commercial subjects <b>Special Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and Science and a relevant National Diploma (ND) in an approved Computer Science/ Information Technology field or equivalent and have at least two (2) years relevant post qualification experience.	4 years Conventional <b>Lupane</b>
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#### FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Wildlife Resources Management	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and At least 2 'A' Level passes in any of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Agriculture and Geography; <b>OR</b> A relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional /Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Forest Resources Management	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and At least 2 'A' Level passes in any two of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and Geography; <b>OR</b> a relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Environmental Science	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and At least 2 'A' Level passes in any of the following core subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Agriculture and Geography; <b>OR</b> a relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Applied Biotechnology	5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject. Applicants must have obtained at least 2 'A' level passes in either Biology, Agriculture, Food Science or Chemistry. Applicants with a relevant Diploma from a recognised institution will also be considered for Special entry.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Food Science and Agricultural Processing	5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject; and at least 2 'A' Level passes in either Biology, Agriculture, Food Science or Chemistry and any of the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Geography. <b>OR</b> A relevant Diploma in any of the following: Agriculture, Livestock Production, Crop Science, Horticulture, Animal Science or Food Science and Technology.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Master of Science in Tropical Resources Ecology	A BSc Honours in Conservation, Biological Sciences, Animal Science or a related field with a degree class of 2.1 or better from a recognised University	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Master of Science in One Health	Candidates should normally hold a Bachelors Degree in Veterinary Medicine, Medicine and Surgery, Nursing, Public Health, Animal Health, Environmental Health or Biological Sciences with relevant industrial experience in vaccines and diagnostics among other relevant exposure; Agricultural scientists with experience in plants; health professionals and Food scientists with qualifications from any recognised University.	2 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Master of Science in Food Safety and Food Health	Candidates should normally hold a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Science and Health, Public Health, Food Science, Security and Disaster Management (BSDMS), Food Engineering, or any relevant equivalent degree from any recognised University	2 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>

#### FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Language and Communication	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language and an African Language; and at least 2 'A' Level passes including an African Language or Literature in English; or <b>Special Entry</b> a Diploma in Education majoring in an African Language or English. <b>Mature Entry</b> Persons who are at least 25 years of age on the first day of academic year in which admission is sought and who are not eligible for entry	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
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Master of Science in Plant Breeding	Candidates should normally hold a minimum of an upper second class Honours degree in Agriculture, Natural Resources, Agronomy, Crop Science, Horticulture or related fields, from this or another recognised institution.	2 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Master of Science in Agronomy	Candidates should normally hold a minimum of an upper second class Honours degree in Agriculture, Natural Resources, Agronomy, Crop Science, Horticulture or related fields, from this or another recognised institution.	2 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>

#### FACULTY OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Urban and Regional Planning	5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Geography and Mathematics; and at least 2 'A' Level passes including Geography; <b>OR</b> A Diploma preferably majoring in urban planning, urban management, social work, local authority administration, housing development, real estate and property management, physical planning, land management, environmental management, project and programme management among others. <b>Mature Entry:</b> Mature entry shall be obtained by applicants who have five (5) 'O' levels including English Language and have demonstrable work experience during the last five years before the academic year in which admission is sought, and are aged 25 years and above.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane &amp; Bulawayo</b>
Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Real Estate Management	5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject passed at grade C or better; and At least 2 'A' Level passes; preferably in the Commercial; <b>OR</b> A relevant National Diploma or a Higher National Diploma.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Bulawayo</b>

#### FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Bachelor of Engineering Honours Degree in Production Engineering	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and Science; and At least 3 'A' Level passes, preferably in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; <b>OR</b> <b>Special Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language Mathematics and Science; and a relevant National Diploma (ND) in an approved Engineering field or equivalent and have at least two (2) years relevant industrial experience.	5 years Conventional <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Engineering Honours Degree in Mechatronics Engineering	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Mathematics and Science; and At least 3 'A' Level passes, in Mathematics and Physics and any other Science/Technical subject; or <b>Special Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and a relevant National Diploma (ND) in an approved Engineering field or equivalent and have at least two (2) years relevant industrial experience	5 years Conventional <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Engineering Honours Degree in Fuels and Energy Engineering	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics At least 3 'A' Level passes, in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; or <b>Special Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics and a relevant National Diploma (ND) in an approved Engineering field or equivalent and have at least two (2) years relevant industrial experience.	5 years Conventional <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Business Computing	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and At least 2 'A' Level passes preferably in Sciences and Business subjects <b>OR</b> a relevant National Diploma or its equivalent.	4 year Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>

	under either the Normal or the Special Entry regulations may apply for mature entry.	
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Applied Language Studies	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Ndebele or any other African Language; and At least 2 'A' Level passes, one of which should be Ndebele/Shona; <b>OR</b> <b>Special Entry</b> a Diploma in Applied Language Studies from this institution or any other approved equivalent from a recognized institution; or A Diploma in Education majoring in Ndebele/Shona. <b>Mature Entry</b> Persons who are at least 25 years of age on the first day of academic year in which admission is sought and who are not eligible for entry under either the Normal or the Special Entry regulations may apply for mature entry.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Film, Television and Media Studies	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level passes including English Language; and at least 2 'A' Level passes <b>OR</b> <b>Special Entry</b> A national diploma or Higher National Diploma in Journalism, Mass Communication or related areas from a recognised University or Polytechnic. <b>Mature Entry</b> Persons who are at least 25 years of age on the first day of academic year in which admission is sought and who are not eligible for entry under either the Normal or the Special Entry regulations may apply for mature entry.	4 Years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Theatre, Performance and Media Technologies.	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' Level including English Language; and At least 2 'A' Level passes <b>OR</b> A national Diploma or <b>Special Entry</b> Higher National Diploma in Theatre and Performance Studies, Theatre Arts, Cultural Studies, Film and Television Production, Journalism, Mass Communication or related areas from a recognised University or Polytechnic. <b>Mature Entry</b> Persons who are at least 25 years of age on the first day of academic year in which admission is sought and who are not eligible for entry under either the Normal or the Special Entry regulations may apply for mature entry.	4 Years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Tonga/Nambya/Sesotho/Kalanga Language and Culture	<b>Normal Entry</b> 5 'O' level passes including English language and 2 'A' level passes including an African Language; <b>OR</b> A Diploma in Applied Language Studies or <b>Special Entry</b> a Diploma in Education majoring in an African Language. <b>Mature Entry</b> Persons who are at least 25 years of age on the first day of academic year in which admission is sought and who are not eligible for entry under either the Normal or the Special Entry regulations may apply for mature entry. *Applicants to this programme must be first language speakers of Tonga/ Nambya/Sesotho/Kalanga	4 Years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>



Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Anthropology	<b>Normal Entry:</b> Candidates must have passed 5 subjects at Ordinary level, including English language with at least a C grade or better.  Candidates must have passed at least two subjects at Advanced level. One of the subjects should preferably be Geography, History, Language (any), Sociology, Geography, English literature and Agriculture.  <b>Special Entry:</b> Candidates must have a Diploma from this university or a recognised institution.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane &amp; Bulawayo</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Sociology	<b>Normal Entry:</b> At least five (5) 'O' levels/ National Foundation Certificates including English Language with Grade C or better and at least two (2) Advanced level passes in Arts, Humanities or Commercials OR Relevant National Certificate. <b>Special Entry:</b> A candidate who does not meet normal entry requirements may be admitted into a programme provided the candidate has a qualification in line with Zimbabwe National Qualification Framework (ZNQF). <b>Mature Entry:</b> Mature entry shall be obtained by applicants who have five (5) 'O' levels including English Language and have demonstrable work experience during the last five years before the academic year in which admission is sought, and are aged 25 years and above.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane &amp; Bulawayo</b>
Bachelor of Education Honours Degree in Agriculture	5 'O' Level passes including English Language; and Mathematics. A Diploma in Agriculture <b>OR</b> a Diploma Education in which Agriculture is a major subject obtained from a recognized institution; or Relevant Working experience would be an added advantage. <b>NB:</b> Those without 'O' level Mathematics would be required to pass a bridging course before the beginning of the first semester.	3 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Education Degree in Geography	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and A Diploma in Education with a specialisation in Geography. Normally, an applicant should have 2 years post qualification teaching experience.	3 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Education Honours Degree in English and Communication	5 'O' Level passes including English; and A Diploma in Education with a specialisation in English.	3 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Education Honours Degree in Language and Communication (IsiNdebele)	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and an African Language. A Diploma in Education with a specialisation in Ndebele/Shona or equivalent. Normally, an applicant should have 2 years post qualification teaching experience.	3 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Education Degree in Mathematics	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics. A Diploma in Education with a specialisation in Mathematics. Normally, an applicant should have 2 years post qualification teaching experience.	3 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Education Degree in Accounting	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics. Diploma in Education in which Accounting is a major subject. Normally applicants should have 2 years post qualification teaching experience.	3 years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Postgraduate Diploma in Education	5 'O' Level passes including English Language. A Degree from a recognized University reflecting subjects taught in Secondary Schools. Normally, an applicant should be employed full time as a teacher at an approved Secondary School throughout the duration of the programme.	1 year Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Post Graduate Diploma in Tertiary and Higher Education	To be admitted to this programme a prospective learner should normally have a Master's Degree from a recognized University. <b>OR</b> Have, a first degree or Higher National Diploma and be a lecturer in Higher and Tertiary Education institutions.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Lupane &amp; Bulawayo</b>

Master of Education in Curriculum Studies	To be admitted to this programme a prospective student should normally have upper second class degree in education, or related disciplines, from this or another recognised university. <b>OR</b> A degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education/Graduate Diploma in Education.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Lupane &amp; Bulawayo</b>
Master of Science Education in Animal Science	A degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education with a specialisation in Agriculture. <b>OR</b> Graduate Diploma in Education with a specialisation in Agriculture from an accredited and recognised institution.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Lupane &amp; Bulawayo</b>
Master of Science Degree in Climate Change and Sustainable Development	Applicants must hold a good relevant Degree from this or another recognised University. <b>OR</b> Any first Degree plus a relevant Postgraduate Diploma from this or another recognised University.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Bulawayo &amp; Harare</b>
Master of Science Degree in Development Studies	Candidates should normally have an Upper Second Class in a relevant Honours Degree from this or another recognized University; <b>OR</b> Any first degree plus a Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies from this or another recognized University.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Bulawayo</b>
Master of Social Science in Monitoring and Evaluation	Candidates should normally hold an Upper Second class Honours degree in Monitoring and Evaluation from this or another recognised institution; <b>OR</b> any first degree plus a Postgraduate Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation from a recognised university.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Bulawayo &amp; Harare</b>
Bachelor of Science (Special Honours) Degree in Urban Management Studies	A good first degree in a relevant field such as Geography, Economics, Sociology, Architecture or other related fields. Demonstrable experience or interest in urban management is desirable.	1 Year Block Release <b>Bulawayo</b>
Master of Science in Public Policy and Development Management	Candidates should normally hold an Upper Second class Honours degree in Social Sciences or cognate disciplines from this or another recognised institution; <b>OR</b> any first degree plus a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy, Development Studies, Sociology, or cognate field.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Bulawayo &amp; Harare</b>
Bachelor of Science (Special Honours) Degree in Monitoring and Evaluation	A first degree in Social Sciences, Agriculture, Health Sciences or a field relevant to Monitoring and Evaluation.	1 year Block Release <b>Bulawayo &amp; Harare</b>
Diploma in Development Studies	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and relevant working experience.	1 year Block Release <b>Bulawayo</b>
<b>FACULTY OF COMMERCE</b>		
Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Accounting and Finance	5 'O' level passes including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject passed at grade C or better; and At least 2 'A' level passes preferably in the following subjects: Accounting, Economics, Management of Business, Geography and Mathematics; <b>OR</b> A National Diploma or Higher National Diploma in Accounting or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Bulawayo</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Economics	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics passed at grade C or better ; and At least 2 'A' Level passes; preferably in Economics, Mathematics, Accounting, Management of Business, and Geography or any relevant equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Bulawayo</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Hospitality and Tourism	5 'O' Level passes including English Language passed at grade C or better and At least 2 'A' Level passes preferably in Geography and Business Studies or their recognized equivalents; <b>OR</b> A National Diploma or Higher National Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management or its equivalent.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Bulawayo</b>

#### How to apply for Admission

Visit our Website on [www.lvu.ac.zw](http://www.lvu.ac.zw) and Click **ADMISSIONS**, Select **Online Application** to apply online OR apply manually at our Lupane or Bulawayo offices.

Application fee: US\$15 or equivalent interbank rate.

**Closing date: Thursday 31 July 2025**

Physical Address: Admissions Office, Lupane State University, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, CBZ Building, Fire Street/ 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bulawayo  
Contact Telephone Numbers: +263 392 73770/3 & 883820.

Prospective applicants should feel free to approach the Admissions Office for advice on programmes best suited for them.



Postgraduate Diploma in Media and Public Relations	First degree with at least a 2.2 degree classification in a relevant discipline or equivalent professional qualification recognised by this University.	1 year Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Diploma in Applied Language Studies	5 'O' Level passes including English Language.	1 year Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Diploma in Court Interpreting and Translation	5 'O' Level passes including English Language; and At least 2 'A' Level passes; <b>OR</b> a Diploma in Applied Language Studies. Experience in Court Interpreting will be an added advantage.	1 ½ years Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Natural Resources Management.	5 'O' Level passes including English Language and Mathematics; and At least 2 'A' Level passes in any of the following core subjects: Geography, and any other OR relevant Diploma or its equivalent.	4 Years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Social Science Honours Degree in Geography and Population Studies	5 'O' Level passes including English Language, Geography and Mathematics; and at least 2 'A' Level passes, one of which must be Geography <b>OR</b> an approved Diploma related to Geography and Population Studies.	4 years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Peace and Security Studies	<b>Normal Entry:</b> 5 'O' level passes including English language and any two 'A' level passes. <b>Special Entry:</b> Candidates who have attained Level 5 and 6 of the Zimbabwe National Qualifications Framework (ZNQF), awarded by a recognised university, college or institute. <b>Mature Entry:</b> 5 'O' level passes including English language and at least 5 years' experience in the area of Peace. Candidates must be at least 25 years old.	4 Years Conventional/Block Release <b>Lupane, Bulawayo &amp; Harare</b>
Postgraduate Diploma in Geographic Information Science and Remote Sensing	Candidates should normally hold a relevant Bachelor's degree from this or another recognised institution. Relevant fields include, Geography, Environmental Science, Surveying, Engineering, Ecology, Development Studies, Agriculture, Rural and Urban Planning.	1 year Block Release <b>Lupane</b>
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# LSU and stakeholders make strides on sustainable waste management

By Sithabisile M Sibanda

As the country joined other nations in commemorating the World Environment Day, Lupane State University and close allies took the opportunity to solidify already existing initiatives which are meant to conserve the environment within the region.

LSU together with Environmental Management Agency (EMA), Rural Electrification Agency (REA), International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Community Health and Environmental Sustainability Agency (COHESA) and Bulawayo Polytechnic took the opportunity to construct cages for litter as well as placing bins along the roads.

This collaboration employs a One Health approach that recognises the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health.

As this is happening, LSU and EMA are already implementing a waste management project in Lupane Ward 19, which aims to eliminate waste through value addition.

The fronting team has already set up a biogas digester at St. Luke's Hospital, and are now establishing waste collection centres at strategic locations, including the Daluka Business Centre, St. Luke's Business Centre, and the hospital.

Speaking concerning the recent waste management initiative, Dr. Bright Chisadza, a Senior Lecturer at LSU outlined the steps taken thus far and shared insights into the project's projected completion timeline.

"Our primary aim is to reduce litter in and around business centers and along major roads, to achieve this, the team has constructed waste management cages where various types of plastics are categorised and stored," he said.

Additionally, strategically placed bins along roads serve to encourage proper waste disposal and educate the community about littering's detrimental effects.

Mrs. Dube from the EMA emphasised the importance of these bins, highlighting their role in fostering community benefits.

"These bins are crucial for our initiative. They can help produce valuable resources such as diesel, petrol, paraffin, and

floor polish from recycled materials, generating income for community members and promoting sustainable practices," she said.

This innovative approach not only addresses waste management but also provides economic opportunities, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life in the region.

However, challenges remain and local Councillor for Ward 19 in Lupane Hon Dube highlighted that while the youth exist within the community, their participation in the waste management initiatives has been minimal.

"We need to find ways to engage our young people, the majority of those involved in the construction of the waste management bins are women, showcasing their significant role in this project.

"This gender disparity prompts further discussion on how to effectively involve young people in sustainability efforts, ensuring that all community members can contribute to and benefit from the project," he said.

The Bulawayo Polytechnic team has also made notable contributions to the initiative, particularly in the construction of a thermal chamber associated with the biogas digester.

"It does not only support our objectives of reducing waste but also promotes sustainable energy production," said one of the representatives.

The thermal chamber will improve efficiency in waste management and serve as a model for future projects aimed at integrating technology with environmental sustainability.

Community members and the leadership have expressed a positive outlook regarding the project, recognising its potential to bring about substantial benefits.

"We're excited about the changes this project will bring. As the initiative progresses, there is a growing sense of optimism that more individuals will be able to participate and reap the rewards of this collaborative effort," said Councillor Dube.

The project embodies a holistic approach to environmental management, integrating education, community engagement, and innovative technology to address pressing waste management issues.



Dr. Bright Chisadza



Biogas digester





## World Environment Day: LSU ignites dynamic action

By Sanenisiwe Andile B Siwela

Lupane State University's Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences transformed the World Environment Day's institution commemorations into a rallying for ecological responsibility.

The commemorations united academics, environmental bodies, and the general public. It was organised in partnership with BirdLife Zimbabwe and Noble Savage.

The event blended hands-on action with critical knowledge-sharing to address Zimbabwe's pressing environmental challenges under the theme "ending plastic pollution".

The day kicked off with a spirited clean-up exercise across the campus and surrounding areas, symbolising a collective stand against litter and neglect.

Students and the staff worked side by side, filling bags with discarded plastic, paper, and debris, a tangible demonstration of the event's "think globally, act locally" ethos.

"This clean-up isn't just about tidiness; it's about reclaiming our dignity and health from pollution," remarked one student, Leslie Mpofu.

LSU's Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. T. Dube set the tone in his welcoming remarks, emphasising the university's commitment to sustainability.

"As educators, we must lead the charge in protecting our natural heritage. Today is a testament to what collaboration between academia, stakeholders, and everyone can achieve," he declared, acknowledging partners BirdLife and Noble Savage for their pivotal roles.

Dr. N. Nkala, a lecturer, then delivered a hard-hitting presentation linking public pollution to holistic "One Health" outcomes – connecting environmental degradation to human and animal wellbeing.

"Pollution isn't an isolated issue; contaminated waterways poison crops, livestock, and ultimately us!" Dr. Nkala warned.

"When we poison our rivers, we poison our children's futures. This is a health emergency disguised as an environmental one."

The spotlight shifted to policy enforcement as Ms. M. Kupara from the Environmental Management Agency (EMA) tackled waste management legislation.

In a stark reminder, she stated: "Let this be clear: tossing a candy wrapper on the street isn't trivial – it's a crime. Our laws impose fines because indiscriminate dumping fuels disease outbreaks and ecosystem collapse."

Attendees nodded as she detailed penalties for non-compliance, urging citizens to

become "environmental whistleblowers."

Innovation also took centre stage when Mr. M. Ndlovu of Noble Savage unveiled cutting-edge water-recycling solutions.

Showcasing prototypes for greywater re-use in agriculture, he inspired hope: "Water scarcity is solvable. By treating and re-using 80% of household water, we can turn waste into wealth for farms and gardens. Zimbabwe can lead in circular-economy innovation."

BirdLife Zimbabwe's Ms. S. Rabvukwa and Mr. P. Makuse then rallied support for wetlands and biodiversity, linking local action to the global COP15 biodiversity framework.

"Wetlands are not wastelands; they're lifelines filtering water, storing carbon, and sheltering birds," Ms. Rabvukwa asserted.

"COP15 commitments mean nothing if we drain these vital habitats here in Matabeleland North."

Mr. L. Musaradenga steered a dynamic plenary session, crowdsourcing solutions from over 200 attendees.

Farmers, students, and officials debated plastic bans, community composting, and stricter industry regulations.

"Real change needs voices from all levels," Musaradenga urged. "Policy alone won't save us – it takes village champions."

Closing the event, LSU's Assistant to the VC, Dr. J. Tapera honoured the collaborative spirit of all stakeholders.

"Today proves that Lupane State University isn't just teaching sustainability – we're living it. Let's carry this momentum beyond ceremonies into daily practice."

His challenge resonated: "Plant trees. Report polluters. Innovate. Our survival depends on it."

The event's impact extended beyond dialogue, spurring immediate action.

BirdLife pledged wetland-restoration training, while Noble Savage committed to piloting water-recycling systems in campus labs.

The EMA vowed to intensify littering enforcement in Lupane District and beyond.

For students like Daniel Ndebele, the day was transformative: "I used to see 'environmentalist' as a title for experts. Now I know it's all of us. That fine for littering? I'll enforce it in my own home first."

As the sun set on Lupane State University, the message was unambiguous: Protecting Zimbabwe's environment demands unity, innovation, and unwavering courage. With partnerships solidified and initiatives ignited, this year's World Environment Day may well mark a turning point not just for the campus, but for the nation.

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# LSU hosts wine tasting show

By Thembelani Moyo

Lupane State University’s Department of Accounting and Finance recently held a wine tasting show in Bulawayo in a bid to provide notes to students and local manufacturers so that they can withstand stiff market competition within the tourism and hospitality sector.

Spearheaded by staff from the Hospitality and Tourism Management programme, the event saw a full house attendance, not only from wine lovers, but local entrepreneurs who are into wine manufacturing.

The show also stood to benefit LSU students who are studying towards the attainment of degrees in Tourism and Hospitality.

The wine tasting notes were given by renowned wine steward Lazarus Machadu, who provided

crucial information about a range of red and white wines from Zimbabwe and South Africa.

The Zimbabwean brands included Kumusha Cabernet Sauvignon red wine and Kumusha Sauvignon Blanc white wine.

Machadu said when tasting and or testing the Kumusha Cabernet Sauvignon red wine, the focus should be on its flavours which include dark fruit, spice, and subtle oak. The wine pairs well with red meat, game, and robust cheeses.

Kumusha Sauvignon Blanc white wine should be crisp and refreshing-citrus, green apple, and grassy notes. It is perfect for warm weather and pairs well with seafood, salads, and lighter fare.

Machadu also sampled South African brands which included Ken Forrester Pinotage red wine which should be fruity with flavours of plum, cherry, and subtle earthy

notes. It is smooth, a great choice for everyday drinking and pairs well with grilled meats, pasta, and spicy dishes.

The Ken Forrester Chardonnay white wine should have a rich and creamy texture with flavours of apple, pear, and subtle vanilla. Its oak aging adds complexity and depth to the wine and pairs well with roasted chicken, creamy sauces, and richer dishes.

Speaking during the show Tourism and Hospitality Management lecturer, Ms M. T. Gango said the event was crucial in the tourism sector because wines have always been part and parcel of vacations.

She reiterated that it is critical for LSU students to master wine choices because the skill make them more employable in international companies.

“The tourism industry is a global industry that brings all nation-

als together from all walks of life. The service of wine is of paramount importance to the tourism and hospitality student as this skill markets the students on an international platform,” she said.

“Wine service is an elite skill which most students if mastered can start their own business not only in service but production of wine as well.

This innovative method of lecturing ensures the students not only learn how to organise an event but also learn a practical skill from their peers in the industry,” she added.

The show also included discussions where there was a question and answer session. Most issues talked about included best temperatures for saving wine, the nature of producing non-alcoholic wines, proper wine storage, the production of sweet wines as well

as the procedures of selling wine to clients.

The show was a testament that the university is living by its motto of “building communities through knowledge” as the show played a part in sharing insights to local entrepreneurs who are into the wine industry.

The show also covered the gap between theoretical learning and industry expectations, which goes a long way in equipping students with pre-requisite hands on knowledge and skills.

“The food and beverage management class level 2.2 every semester organises various events to add to the classroom teaching and learning.

“This goes a long way in merging practical and theory as well as bringing a Zimbabwean context to the international theories taught in class,” said Ms Gango.



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# Crowned for excellence: Mister and Miss LSU make their mark on campus

By Michelle Moyo

Lupane State University (LSU) recently hosted the highly anticipated Mister and Miss LSU pageant at its main campus, bringing together students and staff to celebrate beauty, talent and charisma.

The event not only showcased the contestants' poise and confidence but also had a significant impact on the university community, promoting unity, self-expression and school spirit.

The event was a resounding success, thanks in part to the involvement of local artists, including students who showcased their talents on stage.

The presence of popular artists such as Ma 9 and Fab G added to the excitement, drawing in a large and enthusiastic crowd.

By featuring local talent and bringing in well-known artists, the event helped to promote the university's vibrant arts scene and provided a platform for students to shine.

The success of the event was also made possible by the generous support of sponsors such as Oratash, Makacha, Crazy Hits Entertainment, Maisha, Galactic

Acres and Couture.

Galactic Acres all played a crucial role in bringing the event to life.

Notably, Galactic Acres and Couture sponsored the best performance by a student artist with a cash prize, while Maisha sponsored the event itself.

Oratash also made a significant contribution by sponsoring the trip to Victoria Falls for the winners of Mr and Miss LSU.

Speaking to Miss LSU, also a part 2.2 studying Development Studies Jennifer Matapura expressed gratitude towards being nominated as Miss LSU.

"It's an absolute dream come true, I'm still on cloud nine, filled with immense joy. When they announced my name, I felt so emotional, excited, gratitude and most importantly, a sense of responsibility. I'm eager to make the most of my reign by staying true to my advocacy of empowering young women and girls, promoting sustainable development on campus and beyond working closely with the campus organisations, students and local businesses to assist in creating a positive change and lasting legacy," she said.

She added that the plan is to utilise her platform to amplify the

voices of students, promote inclusivity and unity between the two campuses (Lupane and Bulawayo).

"I will support initiatives that benefit and lift the university just like my Green Thumb Initiative (promoting sustainable farming and entrepreneurship). Lastly, I'm most looking forward to connecting with students hearing their stories and needs and working together to create a more compassionate and supportive campus culture.

"Also, during the celebrations, I am happy to share this experience with loved ones, kings and queens and take some time to reflect on this scary and incredible journey I have started," said Mutapura.

Mr LSU, a part 3.2 studying Sociology Muziwandile Dube revealed that winning the title felt so uplifting for me since it is something that he recently ventured in after being motivated by friends and colleagues.

"I feel happy that I was given a platform to push my advocacy for youth's mental health and community engagements and champion initiatives that will help build a better healthy society of Lupane. My plans for the celebration were to go visit the dam and get to re-

fresh and digest all the moments and get to meditate on my visions," he said.

He also mentioned that during his reign no one will be left behind and everyone will be given a chance to shine.

"I will collaborate and work with the Student Executive Council (LSU) of LSU, the admin, other relevant offices, the Lupane community and external stakeholders. Engaging with students frequently will help me be able to gain their trust. I would love to champion activities that keep people healthy, focusing on diet and fitness for students," said Dube.

Hansel Ndlovu (Ma 9) was grateful for being part of the special event of Mr and Miss LSU.

"It has been a dream for me to perform at LSU and also it's my home. I loved the energy the students gave me back, I'm hoping they will call me again and do electrifying performance as I did."

He expressed interest towards repeating the performance next time at the same place with more songs.

"What I learnt from the Mr and Miss LSU pageant is that art in modelling is not just about physical

appearance, but about confidence, self-expression and creativity. The contestants' ability to showcase their unique personalities and styles on stage is a testament to the power of art in empowering individuals to express themselves authentically," added Ma 9.

Fab G Mshanakagogo (Prince Qhubani Ndlovu) explained that it was his first performance at LSU.

"The moment the crowd starts to vibe with me it boosts my energy and the performance escalates. The university was a vibe, I felt they were ready for me as much as I was ready for them.

"Working with Miss and Mr LSU team was absolutely amazing and inspiring at the same time, I got to meet and greet with ministers of different titles which I believe increased my network as an artist.

"I had motivating conversations with a few loving individuals after the performances and I was surprised how some people follow and love my work deeper than I thought.

"I thank the institution for such a great opportunity which I believe I embraced, I thank the audience for the love and support, hoping to work with LSU more," said Fab G Mshanakagogo.





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# Soft skills seminar empowers students

By Buhlebenkosi Makalisa

**L**upane State University recently hosted a highly successful Soft Skills Seminar in line with its motto of "Building communities through knowledge".

The seminar was held under the theme "From the Classroom to Career: Strategies for Success", which was specifically designed for Second and Fourth-year students.

The event aimed to equip students with essential skills to enhance their career prospects, increase their employability and prepare them for the challenges of the modern workplace.

The seminar was directed by the Acting Chairperson of the Languages, Media and Communication Studies Department, Ms. Sanelisiwe Sibanda.

In attendance were esteemed members of the LSU including Deans, Chairpersons, staff members and students.

The event provided a platform for students to interact with academics and professionals, gaining valuable insights into the world of work.

The seminar was a testament to the university's commitment to providing students with knowledge and education that prepares them for success in all aspects of life.

The Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Thulani Dube delivered a keynote address on CV writing and interview techniques.

He emphasised the importance of stating key issues clearly, using clear headings, proofreading, honesty and demonstrating executive qualities in CV writing.

Dr.T Dube highlighted that a well-crafted CV and impressive interview skills are essential for making a positive first impression on potential employers.

He encouraged students to tailor their CVs to specific job applications, highlighting relevant skills and experiences.

Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Julius Tapera also added on the significance of professional etiquette including personal grooming and appropriate clothing.

He reminded students that first

impressions matter and that dressing professionally and being well-groomed can make a significant difference in how they are perceived by employers.

Dr. Tapera also emphasised the importance of punctuality, good manners and respect for others in the workplace.

Acting Dean for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Mbulisi Ndlovu highlighted essential communication skills required in the workplace.

He emphasised the importance of clear communication, active listening and conflict resolution and encouraged students to develop their communication skills, which are critical for success in any profession.

LSU Human Resource representatives outlined expectations for students in the workplace, providing valuable advice on what employers look for in potential employees.

They emphasised the importance of teamwork, adaptability, problem-solving and continuous learning.

They also reminded students that employers value employees who are proactive, flexible and willing to learn and grow.

Dr. Cletus. Moyo presented information on available scholarships, encouraging students to explore opportunities for further study.

He reminded students that scholarships can provide valuable financial support, enabling them to pursue their academic and career goals.

The seminar was a resounding success, providing students with practical advice, inspiration and motivation to succeed in their chosen careers.

The event was a testament to the university's commitment to student success and its efforts to provide students with the skills, knowledge and networks necessary to achieve their goals.

The institution remains committed to building communities through knowledge and empowering students for success.

The university promised to continue hosting similar events, providing students with opportunities to develop essential skills and networks.





# LSU Triumphs at Chancellor's Games Golf Tournament



By Blessing Khanye

The Harare Golf Club played host to the highly anticipated Chancellor's Games Golf Tournament, with our very own LSU golf teams in attendance. The event brought together some of the top universities and corporates in the country, all united in their quest to raise vital funds for the upcoming Universities Chancellors games.

Scheduled to take place from July 20-27, 2025, at Chinhoyi University of Technology, the Chancellors games promise to be an exciting celebration of sporting prowess and university spirit.

The Chancellor's Games Golf Tournament was a resounding success, with participants showcasing their skills in an individual Stableford scoring system. This system, which rewards individuals with points based on their performance on each hole, demanded precision, strategy, and skill from the players.

Our four-ball teams from LSU demonstrated their prowess on the green, competing fiercely against other top universities, including NUST, CUT, GZU, ZOU, ZIM-CHE, MSU, and MUAST.

In the end, it was LSU's ladies team that stole the show, with outstanding performances that earned them prizes.

Their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship were truly inspiring, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievement.

"The tournament was more than just a competition, it was a celebration of university spirit, camaraderie and the pursuit of excellence. We're thrilled to have been a part of it and to have contributed to the success of the event while supporting a worthy cause," said Miss Tenjiwe one of the participants.

As we look forward to the Universities Chancellors games, we're excited to see our staff showcase their talents in various sports. The Chancellor's Games Golf Tournament has set the tone for what's to come – a thrilling display of athleticism, teamwork, and university pride.

# LSU students shine at ZTISU games

By Thembelani Moyo

Lupane State University (LSU) students went against all the odds to become kings of sprint during the recent 2025 Carling Black Label Zimbabwe Tertiary Institutions Sports Union (ZTISU) Games held in Bulawayo.

The games follow the Zimbabwe Universities Sports Association (ZUSA) games on a yearly basis. Athletes who outperform others go and compete with those from polytechnic colleges and teachers' colleges.

The games have many disciplines such as tennis, rugby, soccer, basketball, volleyball, athletics, chess, darts and pool among others.

The recently held 2025 edition saw LSU students presenting an outstanding performance in athletics with the boys' 4x 400m team scooping gold.

Wesley Mazarura is now officially the national 400m hurdles champion. He is also Germany bound for the world university games this July.

Agreement Dube scooped gold in the boys' 400m race. He is now bound to world universities games.

Pritchard Moyo won a silver medal in a 10 000m race.

The rugby 7s team got a silver medal.

The winners also qualify to participate in

the Confederation of Universities and Colleges Sports Association (CUCSA) Games which involves universities across Southern Africa.

The games were held at various venues in Bulawayo, with the White City Stadium hosting the official opening which was graced by SRC Director General, Eltah Nengomasha.

She highlighted the importance of tertiary institutions in the development of the national sport agenda.

"These games represent more than mere competitions. They are a celebration of sporting choice, discipline, talent and potential. Our tertiary institutions are not just centers of academic excellence, they are a bridge between school sport and the elite professional stage. Over the years we have lost so many athletes as they progressed to tertiary institutions. It is our duty as SRC to harness the available talent. We have a plan to work with ZTISU to harness our talent," she said.

ZTISU President, Edward Chekure commended the government for supporting sport in tertiary institutions.

"We have long prioritised talent development, but the regulator's plan marks a new chapter that will hopefully create more structured opportunities for student athletes to transition into full-time sport," he said.



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## LSU lifts Mayor's tournament trophy

By Blessing Khanye

**L**upane State University football team was recently crowned champions after participating in a thrilling tournament sponsored by the Lupane Mayor, His Worship Thandolwenkosi Nyoni.

The team won the title race after beating Elit-

sheni FC 1-0 in the final match.

The tournament featured four teams which are Lupane State University, Elitsheni FC, Lupane Celtics and Invaders FC.

In the round robin format, LSU dominated their matches winning against Celtics FC while the second match between Invaders and Elit-

sheni ended 1-0 in favour of Elitsheni. LSU won 1-0 against Invaders in the third match. Furthermore, the fourth match was Celtics vs Elitsheni FC and ended in a 1-1 draw. The last match was between Celtics and Invaders and it ended 0-0.

The log table ended up tied with LSU and Elitsheni FC all having 5 points,

necessitating a playoff match. Eventually, LSU emerged victorious after edging Elitsheni FC 1-0 to claim the championship title.

Bongokuhle Moyo famously known as Bhonzoz scored a brace and was crowned player of the tournament and received prize money. LSU won a Floating Trophy, a sports

kit and prize money.

The tournament aimed to raise awareness against drug abuse with the Mayor and MP delivering impactful speeches encouraging youngsters to stay away from substance abuse.

Sports served as powerful medium to convey this crucial message.