

Madhvani Foundation honours best-performing graduates

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Madhvani Foundation last week celebrated her best-performing graduates by inaugurating them into the Madhvani Foundation Alumni Association.

In his remarks at the inauguration ceremony, the Chairman, Madhvani Foundation Scholarship Committee, Anthony Butele, said they were very proud of the students who value the Foundation's scholarship opportunity. "When we recruit students every year, we are critical of their performance and integrity. Our expectation is always to see them succeed and also perform excellently, because they are tomorrow's citizens of this



Chairman, Madhvani Foundation Scholarships committee, Anthony Butele (C), and other officials with graduates who were awarded certificates of the Alumni Association

nation. I want to congratulate them and also urge them to participate actively in the Madhvani Foundation Alumni Association in order to encourage the rest who come after them."

The students, Joanita Birabwa, Miriam Acana, Arthur Akankwasa, Thomas Emwogu and Farida Mugisha had successfully completed their courses and graduated recently. They were awarded with membership certificates of the Madhvani Foundation Alumni Association by the association vice chairman, Emmanuel Ngolobe, at the Madhvani Group offices.

The Madhvani Founda-

tion scholarship has been in operation since the 2003/04 academic year, with the primary objective of maintaining and promoting scientific and technical education among the people of Uganda. It supports both under and postgraduate Ugandan students from underprivileged families who prove themselves academically. The scholarship covers tuition fees only from second year to completion, for undergraduates, and for the entire programme of study from the time of the award, for the postgraduate

students.

Since 2003, the trust has educated over 1,300 university students and provided scholarships worth over Shs 3bn. Disciplines in which the foundation sponsors students include: Agriculture, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Actuarial Science, Architecture, Veterinary Medicine, Commerce, Law, Hotel Management, Pharmacy, Nursing, Engineering, Food Science and Technology, Information Technology, Environment and Medicine.

Over 150 university

students were taken on this year with a foundation scholarship worth Shs 650m. Some 135 undergraduate and 17 postgraduate students from across the country benefited from the programme and analysis indicates an 11 per cent increase in beneficiaries from eastern Uganda between 2012/13 and 2013/14. This makes them the highest recipients of this year's awards with 53 slots (representing 35 per cent of the total). Recipients from central region came in second with 42 slots, northern re-

gion with 31 slots and western region, which had the most slots last year, got 26 positions this year.

"We look forward to having your contribution to the Madhvani Foundation and Uganda as a nation as you start on your work journey. There is so much you can pass on to the next generation to make Uganda's professional fraternity a pride. In the Alumni Association, we have career development activities to motivate and empower both Madhvani Foundation students and graduates. In this way,

a platform for employment opportunities, talent identification and development and inspiration is created," Butele went on to say.

The Madhvani Foundation Alumni Association is a voluntary organization made up of former beneficiaries of the scholarship scheme. The association was launched in July 2009 with the purpose of bringing together all former students who have successfully completed their studies, for networking opportunities.

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