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## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



### Graduate works with local communities to make a difference

“Studying at APTC enabled me to take innovative approaches towards providing support to youths in Fijian communities,” says Mr Suliasi Sarosaro, who graduated from APTC with a Certificate IV in Youth Work in 2014.

While at APTC, Mr Sarosaro developed skills to organise and facilitate community-based programs and activities for young people designed to address their social, behavioural, health, welfare, developmental and protection needs. [Read more](#)



### Alumnus achieves academic milestone

Exploring educational opportunities is just one of the many outcomes of obtaining an Australian-standard qualification from APTC. Since graduating with a Certificate III in Tourism from APTC in 2010, Mr Allan Sumb from Papua New Guinea (PNG) has been climbing up the ranks in the world of academia.

After completing his training at APTC in Samoa, Mr Sumb undertook a Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching and Learning at the Divine Word University (DWU). Mr Sumb's most recent achievement has been another academic milestone – he recently graduated with a Masters in Tourism from the University of Otago in New Zealand. [Read more](#)

### Alumni Spotlight: Alifina Marama

APTC alumnus, Ms Alifina Marama has been expanding her cooking business after graduating from APTC with a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery qualification in 2015.

Ms Marama is the owner of Aniva's Catering and has been preparing meals for customers from her home in Suva, for the past six years. She says studying at APTC has given her the confidence to prepare and serve high quality meals and desserts with local produce as well as meals that meet special dietary requirements. [Read more](#)



# CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

## Fiji alumni assist special school

The APTC Alumni Fiji Chapter started its first activity of the year through community service. A general clean-up activity was organised at the Gospel School for the Deaf at Samabula, Suva on Saturday 4 March. The Alumni members cleaned the yard, scrubbed the entire garage, drainage, driveway and the fence. The Alumni members also provided lunch to the 24 students of the School and spent time with the students sharing their stories.

A ceiling fan was also donated to the School by the Lakeland Electrical Ltd which is managed by the Fiji Chapter Chair, Ali Talib.



# STORIES IN BRIEF

## Public Speaking workshop

APTC hosted public speaking workshops for alumni in PNG in December last year and alumni in Vanuatu in January this year. During the workshops, alumni learned how to speak in public, such as when talking to a group of people and during job interviews, or dealing with clients. The alumni were delighted to be coached by the presenter, Matt Young who is an acting, public speaking and media coach and has mentored individuals to talk during presentations including TED talks and beauty pageants.

This was one of the professional development workshops that APTC has been delivering to alumni across the Pacific.



## Training in the Workplace - Coaching Skills workshops

Over 30 alumni in Kiribati attended a "Training in the Workplace – Coaching Skills" workshop hosted by APTC on 12 April. While opening the workshop, KIT Acting Director, Rokobati Tearo, emphasised the importance of APTC's support to alumni through professional development opportunities and encouraged the alumni to make the best out of the workshop. APTC Alumni Kiribati Chapter Chair, Andrew Ratloilug, said the workshop was very productive and thanked APTC for providing such training to alumni in Kiribati.

A similar workshop was held in Solomon Islands on 3 and 4 April, which was attended by over 45 alumni.

The workshops train alumni to be better mentors in the workplace and to provide constructive feedback to improve productivity.



# ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

## Best Female Entrepreneur UNICEF Award

Congratulations to Moireen Kiran for receiving the Best Female Entrepreneur UNICEF Award at the 2017 Northern Division Youth Festival Awards Night at Civic Centre, Labasa in January.

Moireen, who owns Maks Hair and Beauty Salon in Labasa, graduated from APTC in 2013 with Certificate III in Hairdressing.



## Member of the Order of Fiji

Congratulations to Abhinesh Chand for being awarded the title of Member of the Order of Fiji along with a medal from His Excellency, the President of Fiji, Major General Jioji Konrote, in February for his community services in the Western Division, involvement in athletics and helping school children and youths especially in the area of sports.

Abhinesh has graduated from APTC with Certificate III in Wall & Floor Tiling and Certificate IV in Training & Assessment.



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