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*President Cde Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa (R) and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mwenje*

# PROF. MWENJE CROWNED BEST PERFORMING VC

**B**INDURA University of Science Education (BUSE) Vice Chancellor, Professor Eddie Mwenje, was named Best Performing Vice Chancellor for 2025, following a series of high-impact innovation and industrialisation projects at the institution at the 2025 Performance Evaluation Awards and Performance Contracts Signing Ceremony held at the Harare International Conference Centre recently.

The award ceremony was presided over by President Cde Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa, recognising Professor Mwenje's leadership in advancing initiatives aligned with the heritage-based Education 5.0 framework and Vision 2030.

The accolade came amid growing support for performance-based contracts introduced by the Second Republic, which academics and business leaders say are driving transformation through research, innovation and industrialisation.

Under Professor Mwenje's leadership, BUSE has undergone a significant transformation, anchored on practical, production-oriented projects.

Among the flagship developments is the Industrial Park featuring Palpo Technologies - a tablet, laptop and mobile phone assembling facility. The plant has a production capacity of 12 000 gadgets per day, with over 800 schools already ordering tablets, while several universities have placed orders for laptops.

The institution has also developed the "Chiringa" dashboard, a monitoring and evaluation tool now adopted by government and is currently in use across 23 ministries under the Social Services Cluster.

Professor Mwenje attributed the recognition to teamwork and alignment with national development priorities.

"We are really excited about the vision of the country, Vision 2030, as enunciated by His Excellency, the President, and as Bindura University, we are just playing our part to ensure that we contribute towards a prosperous and empowered society in line with Vision 2030.

"As a University, we are excited and more so we thank the government for the support we have received over the last five years to set up the industrial parks, to set up the innovation hubs," he said.

Beyond manufacturing, the university has expanded community-focused services, including an optometry and audiology clinic, and developed "Titus", an application capable of speaking 19 local languages.

Construction of the Masawu Manufacturing Plant in Muzarabani is also nearing completion at 95 percent.

The Chairman of Council, Eng Dr Farai Mavhiya-Bhiza, congratulated the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the University community saying:

"Your visionary leadership has steered BUSE into becoming a leading technology hub, delivering practical solutions to some of the nation's most pressing contemporary challenges.

"Groundbreaking initiatives such as the Chiringa Monitoring and Evaluation Dashboard, Palpo Technologies Assembly Plant, OpTech Lens Manufacturing, and the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies exemplify BUSE's outstanding implementation of the heritage-based Education 5.0 framework, as well as the National Development Strategies 1 and 2.

"May this prestigious recognition

propel you and BUSE to even greater heights of excellence and service to Zimbabwe and the world," read her statement.

Several BUSE partners also congratulated Prof Mwenje.

In a congratulatory message published in Nehanda Guardian, Fuller's Aggregate said:

"This prestigious recognition is a clear testament to your (Prof Mwenje) outstanding leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and institutional growth. Your achievements reflect the transformative impact of effective leadership in shaping a brighter future for education and national development."

Sports Balls also sent a congratulatory message to the Vice Chancellor saying, "Your (Prof Mwenje) vision and dedication have truly elevated the Bindura University of Science Education."

As Zimbabwe transitions from NDS1 to NDS2, Prof. Mwenje says the University is scaling up innovation-driven projects aimed at delivering tangible benefits to communities and contributing to national development. – ZBC News/BUSE

Reporter



# Bindura University of Science Education



The Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) Chairman of Council, Eng. Dr. Farai Mavhiya-Bhiza, together with Members of Council, Management, Staff, Students, Alumni, and the larger University community extend heartfelt congratulations to the University Vice Chancellor, Professor Eddie Mwenje, on being recognised as the Overall Best Performing Vice Chancellor at the 2025 Performance Evaluation Awards and Performance Contracts Signing Ceremony held at the Harare International Conference Centre.

Your visionary leadership has steered BUSE into becoming a leading technology hub, delivering practical solutions to some of the nation's most pressing contemporary challenges. Groundbreaking initiatives such as the Chiringa Monitoring and Evaluation Dashboard, Palpo Technologies Assembly Plant, OpTech Lens Manufacturing, and the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies exemplify BUSE's outstanding implementation of the heritage-based Education 5.0 framework, as well as the National Development Strategies 1 and 2.

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*Congratulation! Makorofoto! Amhlope!*

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# 2026 PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS SIGNING CEREMONY



**V**ice Chancellor Professor Eddie Mwenje led the Bindura University of Science Education's (BUSE) senior management in signing their 2026 Performance Contracts at the FSE Complex Boardroom.

These contracts form part of the University's compliance and alignment efforts with the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS 2) and the Government's Integrated Results-Based Management (IRBM) system.

Principle Officers, Deans and Directors presented their work plans before the Vice Chancellor and committed to measurable targets aligned with NDS 2, the University's Strategic Plan (2026–2030) and 2026 Work Plan.

BUSE's strong performance in 2025 culminated in Prof. Mwenje being recognised as the Best Performing Vice Chancellor at the 2025 Performance Evaluation Awards and Performance Contracts Signing Ceremony, held at the Harare International Conference Centre.

The President and Chancellor of all state universities, Cde Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, presided over the ceremony.



*Senior management signing Performance Contracts with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eddie Mwenje*





By Tinashe Chuma

**The 5th edition of the Vice Chancellor's Golf Tournament, which was held at the ZRP Golf Course, made a clarion call to industry to complement Government's efforts and support Zimbabwe's academic sporting talent.**

The annual event is designed to fundraise for the National Sports Academy's academic-sporting scholarships initiative, which caters for gifted athletes' academic and training needs as well as financing their travel to various regional and international sporting competitions.

This year's tournament saw an overwhelming contingent of 124 golfing enthusiasts take to the fairways to raise much-needed resources for the Academy's Talentees.

Bindura University of Science Education's (BUSE) Vice Chancellor, Professor Eddie Mwenje, called the tourney a strategic gathering:

"Today was more than a golf tournament. It was a strategic gathering — a collective effort to rally behind a noble cause: supporting Zimbabwe's young athletes and ensuring that they have the resources and opportunities to rise to their full potential."

The Vice Chancellor highlighted that all proceeds from the tournament and its associated fundraising activities will be directed towards providing elite training and education for the 100-plus scholarship beneficiaries.

Guest of honour, NetOne Chief Executive Officer Engineer Raphael Mushanawani, commended Prof. Mwenje and the National Sports Academy staff for setting the standard in developing sporting talent that will raise the Zimbabwean flag high on the international stage. He encouraged fellow corporate leaders to partner with BUSE to fuel national development:

"To fellow sponsors, your corporate social responsibility is the fuel for national development. In an era where science and technology dictate the global economy, everyone's participation in such a noble cause ensures that talented students from

humble backgrounds can access world-class laboratories and lecture halls in our universities."

NetOne was the tournament's main sponsor. The National Sports Academy, housed at BUSE, was established in 2006 by the Government of Zimbabwe and was officially commissioned by His Excellency the President, Cde Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, in 2018.

The Academy has produced some of the most elite athletes who have raised the Zimbabwean flag high at continental and international levels.

Among the Academy's most notable alumni is Tapiwanashe Makarawu, who was the sixth-fastest 200-metre athlete in the world at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games finals. In 2025, he ranked seventh at the World Athletics Championships in the same event.

Other notable Academy Talentees include national record holder in the 60m indoors David Nyamufarira, the country's fastest middle-distance runner Privilege Chakwara, 2025 junior athlete of the year Anesu Nyahuma, and rising sprinters PraiseGod Nyamulepa and Darrel Kuwengwa.

The crowning moment of the evening's dinner gala, hosted by EcoSure, was the award ceremony. Various BUSE partners presented prizes to outstanding performers, with the highlight being the triumph of National Sports Academy golf protégés Tracy Humbira, Tarina Gudyanga, and Danai Mutimba, who finished in the top three.

Humbira emerged as the best female golfer and overall best player with 46 points. Gudyanga finished second, while Mutimba took third place. Mutimba also won Closest to the Pin, and Humbira claimed Longest Drive.

As the tournament concluded, the message was clear: the Vice Chancellor's Golf Tournament is more than a fundraiser — it is a rallying call for industry and academia to unite in nurturing Zimbabwe's future champions. With continued support, the National Sports Academy is poised to produce athletes who will not only raise the Zimbabwean flag high but also inspire the nation through excellence in both sport and education.



VC Professor Eddie Mwenje



Engineer Raphael Mushanawani



Prof Eddie Mwenje with some Academy golfers

# VC'S GOLF TOURNEY IN PICS



NetOne CEO Eng. Mushanawani, BUSE Council Chairman Eng Dr Farai Mavhiya-Bhiza, ZTA's Hazel Zisanhi and Prof Mwenje



Prof Mwenje presenting Tarina Gudyanga with her second best prize



Danai Mutimba receiving her prize



NSA board chairman and Zimbabwe Olympic Committee CEO Marlene Gadzirayi (R) presenting an award

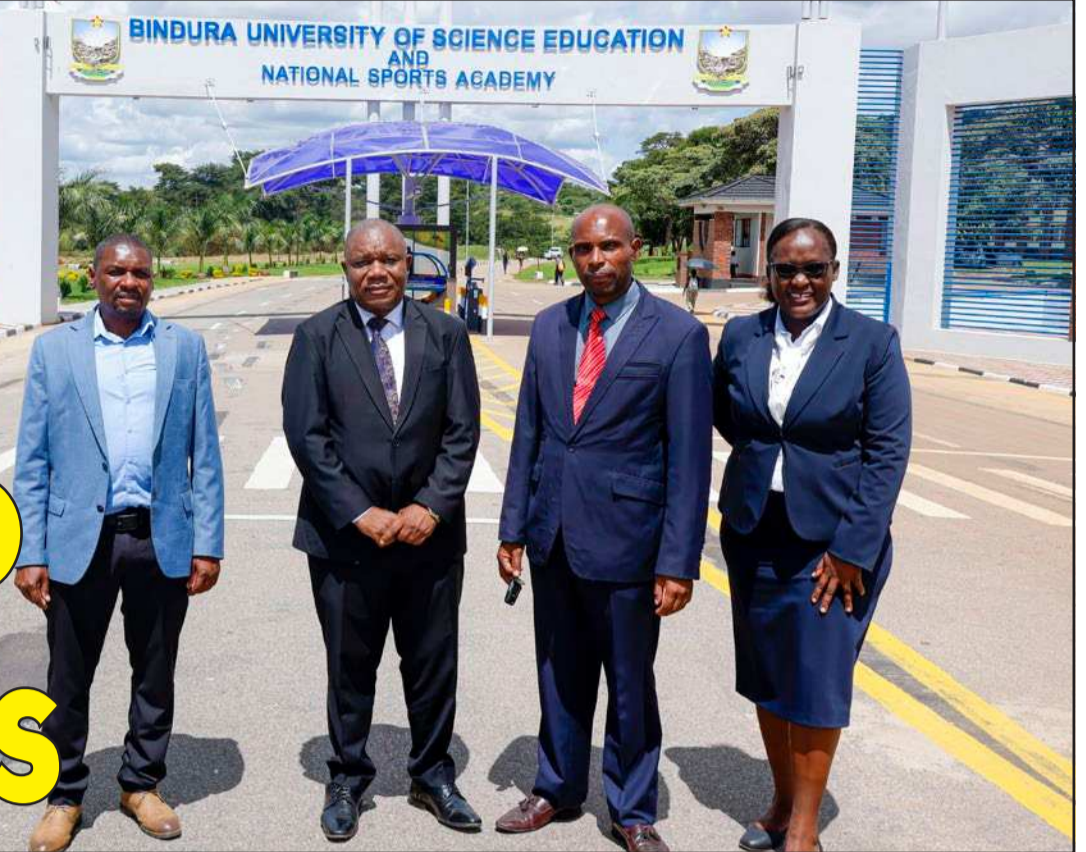


Prof Mwenje with his teammates from Old Mutual and ZTA



Tracy Humbira giving her best player's speech

# BUSE, Sokoine Partnership Strengthens



**Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) welcomed Professor Mwatawala, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Tanzania, in a visit that underscored the growing importance of cross-border academic collaboration in Africa.**

The partnership between the two institutions began last year when BUSE Vice Chancellor, Prof E. Mwenje, visited SUA to explore joint research in livestock genetics, particularly goat breeding. That initial engagement laid the groundwork for a broader alliance now being advanced through Prof Mwatawala's return visit.

Accompanied by Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof Courtie Mahamadi and other members of the BUSE leadership, Prof Mwatawala toured the main campus, administrative offices, University Farm and the Industrial Park, where he praised the University's innovation-driven approach.



"What I see here at the Industrial Park is exactly what African universities must strive for—moving beyond theory into production, innovation, and real impact. This is how we empower students to become job creators rather than job seekers,"

remarked Prof Mwatawala. At the Innovation Hub, he interacted with young researchers developing products such as masawu drinks, detergents, and soaps, while at the University farm he observed Boer and Red Kalahari goats alongside

a broiler project of 24 000 birds—initiatives that highlight BUSE's hands-on approach to education and research.

Reflecting on the visit, Prof Mwatawala emphasized its significance.

"This engagement is not just about strengthening

ties between our two universities, it is about shaping the future of our institutions, our students, and the communities we serve.

He added, "The ideas we have shared and the collaborations we are building today will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

"What is happening here at Bindura University of Science Education is a clear demonstration of how higher education can contribute directly to national development.

"I leave inspired, and I look forward to the continued growth of this relationship between our institutions," said a grateful and appreciative Prof Mwatawala.

The visit marks a deliberate step toward a shared vision of advancing education, innovation, and sustainable development, positioning both universities as key drivers of agricultural research and community transformation in the region.



# CCHT Trains Journalists on Ethical Reporting of Human Trafficking

By Julia Ndlela

**In a significant move to bolster the media's role in the fight against modern slavery, the Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) Centre for Combating Human Trafficking (CCHT) recently hosted a high-level workshop for journalists on the ethical reporting and documentation of human trafficking.**

The training, held this month, brought together media practitioners, academics, and international partners to address the complexities of reporting on a crime that remains largely hidden within national and regional borders.

Dr. Nyoni, Director of the CCHT, provided a sobering overview of the trafficking landscape in Zimbabwe, defining human trafficking as a “heinous act” involving the recruitment and exploitation of persons through force, fraud, or coercion. Nyoni highlighted changing dynamics, noting that while women and girls remain disproportionately affected, cases involving men are increasingly emerging.

“Human trafficking is a pervasive global challenge. Millions of women, girls, boys and men are disproportionately affected. Men started to emerge especially in Zimbabwe through labor and sexual exploitation, harvest of organs, and forced criminality.

Affected areas include Matabeleland South (Gwanda, Plumtree, Beitbridge), Matabeleland North (Tsholotsho and Lupane), Midlands (Mberengwa, Zvishavane), Masvingo (Chivi, Mwenezi, Rutenga) and recruitment is done largely from South Africa,” Nyoni said.

He emphasized that Zimbabwe serves as a source, transit point, and destination for survivors, with exploitation occurring in diverse settings such as mines, farms, and local communities.

Furthering the academic discourse, Dr. Makwerere focused on the critical need for trauma-informed practice, urging journalists to recognize multi-dimensional signs of trauma ranging from scripted narratives to restricted movement.

“Ethical journalism is not just about the story... it's about the human impact,” he stated, stressing that the well-being of victims must always be placed above sensationalism.

“Journalists play a crucial role in telling stories that matter. However, when interviewing victims, the power of the narrative must be balanced with a profound sense of responsibility.

“Ensure the victim's identity and personal boundaries are respected at all times. Adopt approaches that acknowledge trauma and avoid re-victimization,” Makwerere said.

He underscored the importance of informed consent, ensuring survivors understand the risks of publication and retain the right to withdraw at any time.

Australian Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Minoli Perera, a key collaborator in the initiative, underscored the global scale of the crisis, noting that over 25 million people are currently trapped in modern slavery worldwide.

She said: “Over 25 million people faced crisis in modern slavery. Modern slavery includes trafficking in persons, but it also includes slavery, servitude, forced labour, deceptive recruiting for labour or services, debt bondage and forced marriage. It includes the worst forms of child labour, including the commercial and sexual exploitation of children and the exploitation of children for illegal activities, such as drug trafficking. We know that it is exacerbated in times of conflict, of economic crisis, of human insecurity, all the things we're seeing on the rise in the last few years is a real concern and a global problem.”

The Ambassador highlighted Australia's commitment to tackling the issue domestically and internationally, noting a significant increase in official development assistance dedicated to countering human trafficking.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Zimbabwe expressed strong solidarity with the journalists, providing global context to the local challenge, citing the UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2024. They emphasized that the training equips journalists with essential skills in trauma-informed interviewing and safety protocols.

They said: “Southern Africa faces complex trafficking patterns driven by migration pressures, unemployment, economic insecurity, and porous borders. Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 26% of all globally detected victims, with more than half being children. CTDC data confirms that labour exploitation, domestic servitude, coerced migration, and sexual exploitation remain significant challenges in the region.

“Zimbabwe remains a source, transit, and destination country for trafficking. Identified cases include labour exploitation, domestic servitude, forced marriages, and sexual exploitation. Zimbabwean victims have been reported in Southern Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. Underreporting remains significant, and children and women are disproportionately affected.”

By equipping journalists with ethical and trauma-informed practices, the CCHT workshop aims to ensure that stories of trafficking are told responsibly — amplifying awareness while safeguarding survivors.





RBZ Deputy Governor, Dr. Innocent Matshe



Part of the audience in attendance

# RBZ Deputy Governor unveils new ZiG Notes

## ... champions endowment funds at BUSE Public Lecture

**R**eserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) Deputy Governor Dr. Innocent Matshe has challenged higher learning institutions to rethink their financial models, urging university leadership and the broader academic community to establish endowment funds as a strategic tool for sustainability.

Speaking at Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) during a public lecture themed “Deepening Domestic Currency Usage to Consolidate Price and Exchange Rate Stability,” Dr. Matshe provided invaluable insights into the nation’s latest monetary development — the upgraded BIG5 ZiG Banknotes Series.

Set to launch early next month, the new currency notes were the centerpiece of the discussion. Dr.

Matshe outlined the technical enhancements and strategic vision behind their introduction, emphasizing their role in strengthening price and exchange rate stability.

Beyond the technicalities, Dr. Matshe used his opening remarks to deliver a powerful message on the financial future of higher education.

“In these volatile economic conditions, institutions of higher learning need to be financially innovative in order to remain viable,” he said.

“Reliance on traditional funding streams is no longer sufficient, and forward-thinking financial strategies, such as cultivating endowments, are essential for long-term stability and

growth.”

He argued that endowment funds would provide a crucial buffer against economic shocks and create a stable, self-sustaining revenue stream to support BUSE’s academic and developmental goals.

Shifting focus to the enhanced ZiG currency, Dr. Matshe offered a comprehensive overview of the new banknotes, explaining the rationale behind the upgrade and mechanisms designed to ensure greater stability. His presentation sought to demystify the currency and underscore the importance of public confidence and widespread domestic usage.

The session proved particularly impactful for BUSE students, who

engaged directly with the RBZ Deputy Governor during a dynamic question-and-answer segment. Students posed pertinent questions about the currency’s implementation, its impact on the business environment, and the broader economic outlook.

This interactive exchange bridged the gap between theoretical economics and real-world policy.

The University community expressed profound appreciation to Dr. Matshe for his time and for choosing BUSE as the platform for such a pivotal engagement.

The event not only served as an educational milestone but also reinforced the university’s role as a key partner in national discourse and economic development.

# Public Lecture Bridges Academia, Industry

By Anastasia Bango

**Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) recently hosted a public lecture in partnership with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe (ICAZ). The event brought together students, academics, and industry practitioners to discuss significant issues in the field of accounting and finance.**

The lecture was part of BUSE’s ongoing efforts to foster a culture of knowledge sharing and professional development among students and stakeholders. By partnering with ICAZ, the university aimed to provide a platform for leaders to share their experiences and insights on current trends and challenges in the accounting profession.

Guest speaker Mr. Zvinotendesa Mapetere, Head of Operations at the Chartered Accountants Academy, shared his personal journey into the profession: “What attracted me to be an accountant is the ability to be a game changer. Most people look at what is paying the most without worrying about the impact, but when I selected my profession it was after seeing the impact of those who went before us in terms of making a difference, which is in line with ICAZ’s motto ‘We are creating difference makers.’”

He added: “My advice to people who want to pursue this field is to



bring an open mind. It is a program that requires the ability to view the degree from a practical perspective, with a problem-solving nature.”

BUSE’s partnership with ICAZ reflects the institution’s commitment to providing quality education and training in accounting and finance. The collaboration enables BUSE to leverage ICAZ’s expertise and resources to deliver high-quality programs that meet industry needs.

The public lecture was a significant event in BUSE’s calendar, offering a platform for knowledge sharing and networking among stakeholders and students. BUSE’s Student Representative Council (SRC) President Mr Trevor Ncube expressed his enthusiasm: “I feel happy because it means we are moving towards our goal of

changing our social behavior from being passive to active students towards development.”

He added: “To students who did not attend, delay is not denial. Next time when they come through, we will have effective monitoring mechanisms to ensure they attend.”

This partnership between BUSE and ICAZ is expected to strengthen the university’s ties with industry and enhance its reputation as a leading institution in accounting and finance education. The collaboration will provide opportunities for students to engage with practitioners and gain practical experience.

Student Takudzwa Mupanduki reflected on the impact of the lecture: “The lecture enhanced my critical thinking regarding different career opportunities in accounting



Mr. Zvinotendesa Mapetere

and helped me understand how to determine the best pathway to take, particularly through the Accountants on Call Academy.”

He added: “I learned about the structured learning process required to qualify as a Chartered Accountant (CA), including academic requirements, professional examinations, and practical training. The lecture also broadened my understanding of the various career opportunities available in accounting both locally and internationally.”

Mupanduki concluded: “The main takeaway from the lecture hosted by BUSE in partnership with ICAZ was the importance of professionalism, integrity, and continuous learning in building a successful career in accounting.”

# WOMEN'S MONTH MESSAGE

## EDITORIAL

**A**s we commemorate Women's Month, Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) proudly joins the global community in honoring the remarkable contributions of women who continue to shape our society, our institution, and our future.

This month, we reflect on the extraordinary journey of women who have consistently defied systemic barriers, challenged outdated norms, and demonstrated unwavering determination to ascend the corporate ladder. While we celebrate those in prominent leadership positions, our recognition extends far beyond.

We pay special tribute to the unsung heroes:

the mothers navigating the challenges of single parenthood, the breadwinners working tirelessly to provide for their families, and the women serving in every department across our university. Their dedication, intellect, and persistence form the backbone of this institution.

Without their daily contributions, the successes and milestones Bindura University of Science Education has achieved would simply not be possible.

Aligned with this year's theme, "Give to Gain," we invite all women to embrace the power of collective advancement. Giving is not limited to financial contributions; it is deeply rooted in sharing knowledge, offering guidance, and uplifting one another. When we empower another woman and

contribute to the betterment of our community, we all thrive.

Bindura University of Science Education remains committed to creating an inclusive environment where every woman is empowered to reach her full potential. We wish all the phenomenal women in our university community and beyond a happy and empowering Women's Month.

Bindura University of Science Education is a premier institution dedicated to the advancement of science, innovation, technology, and education. BUSE is committed to fostering a culture of innovation, equity, and excellence, empowering students and staff to make a meaningful impact on society.

● **By Dr. S. Naidoo, Director, APA**

Bindura University of Science Education



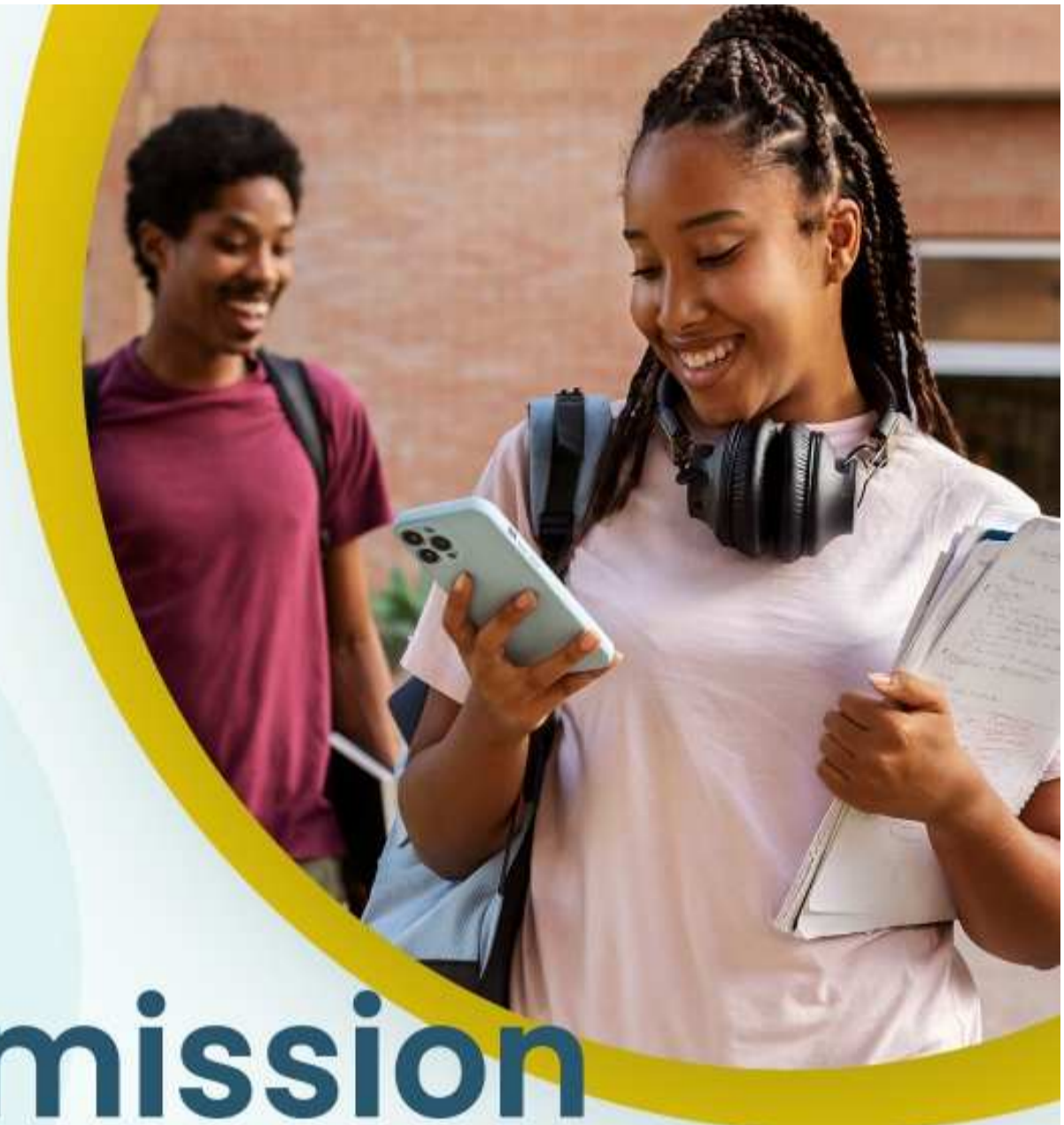
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# BUSE Open Day Ignites Student Aspirations



**O**ver 1,400 high school students from across Zimbabwe converged for the Bindura University of Science Education institution's annual Open Day. For many, it was their first glimpse into a world they had only dreamed of, a place where innovation meets education, and where the future is not merely predicted but actively built.

Held under the theme, 'Shaping and Creating the Future: Exploring Cutting-Edge Programs, Fostering Innovation, and Building Skills for Industrial Development,' the event transformed the university into a vibrant showcase of possibility. From the moment the first buses arrived in the early morning hours, it was clear that this was no ordinary campus tour.

On behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Denhere addressed the gathering of eager young faces, distinguished guests, and members of the media, his words setting the tone for the day ahead.

"The theme we have chosen today is not merely a collection of impressive words on a banner, but it is the operating manual of this institution. In this changing world, a university must be the place where the future is not just predicted but actively designed and built. We cannot be an ivory tower, isolated from the realities of our society. We must be the engine room of that society," he said.

The day's activities saw students moving across the sprawling campus, their excitement palpable as they encountered facilities that seemed to belong more to a futuristic vision than a Zimbabwean university campus.

At the OpTech lens manufacturing workshop, students watched in awe as precision machinery crafted optical lenses, a demonstration of the university's commitment to home-grown technological solutions. The Innovation Hub offered another revelation, with its showcase of student-

developed projects, including the Chiringa monitoring dashboard, a tool designed to enable real-time tracking of government projects.

But it was the Palpo Technologies Assembly Plant that drew the greatest attention. Commissioned by President Mnangagwa in October 2025, the facility produces cost-effective, locally assembled laptops, tablets, and smartphones. For students who had grown up believing that such technology was only manufactured in distant countries, seeing assembly lines humming with activity on a Zimbabwean campus was a transformative experience.

Brain Chibaya from Bernard Mizeki College could barely contain his excitement and remarked that he didn't know there was anything like this in the country.

"I've always wanted to study computer science, but seeing this makes me feel like I can actually be part of building something real. Something Zimbabwean. I'm definitely applying here," he said.

The tour continued to the Student Residence Complex, where many imagined themselves living and learning in the years ahead. Proceeding to the National Sports Academy Gymnasium offered yet another dimension of university life, showcasing BUSE's commitment to holistic development.

Throughout the journey, admissions experts and faculty members were on hand to answer questions, offer career guidance, and help students map out their academic futures. Personalized counselling sessions allowed each visitor to explore pathways aligned with their interests and aspirations.

For many prospective students, the Open Day offered something beyond facilities and programs—it offered a sense of belonging. Walking through labs where student researchers worked alongside lecturers, observing the collaborative spirit that permeated the campus, they caught a glimpse of the community they might soon join.

# STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE ON BUSE OPEN DAY

## Stepping into Tomorrow: A Day That Sparked Dreams



**Honorable Macheke**

*By Honorable Macheke, Chipadze High School*

**March 20, 2026, is a date we won't soon forget. As A-level students from Chipadze High School, our visit to the Bindura University of Science Education Open Day was more than just a tour; it was the moment our future began to take shape.**

As we stand on the threshold of our university journeys, this experience served as a powerful spark, igniting our academic aspirations.

The event was a resounding success. We were deeply moved by the alumni stories, which served as a testament to the fact that with resilience, hard work, and proper

organization, any goal is attainable. The campus tour was equally impactful. The warmth and hospitality we experienced made us feel as though we were already a part of the **BUSE** community.

We left with a much clearer sense of direction regarding our future studies, guided by facilitators whose openness, patience, and transparency made the day unforgettable.

The addition of free books and resources was a wonderful gesture that truly impressed us.

We were particularly inspired by the Science Faculty — specifically the demonstrations on optometry and student-led innovations like

coding and designing functional laptops.

Furthermore, the hands-on demonstrations in the Engineering Department were both enlightening and engaging.

In terms of constructive feedback, we noticed that the engineering department currently offers a limited number of programs.

We humbly suggest that **BUSE** consider expanding this portfolio to provide students with a wider array of choices.

Finally, the introduction to the commercial and enterprise programs solidified our belief that **BUSE** is the perfect environment to transform our ideas into reality.

*By Thelma Chaya, Royal College*

**The moment I stepped onto the vibrant campus of Bindura University of Science Education, I felt a rush of excitement something told me this is the right place to be.**

From the welcoming students, Innovation Hub to the clean hostels.

**BUSE** is actually my University of choice.

I was surprised to learn that students actually have places reserved for them to sit, talk and catch up. I always thought University life is ever busy with no time to catch a breath. I have realized that there is a lot of misconceptions about varsity life that is not true.

A part of the **Open Day** that excited all of us was the tour of the different facilities. We toured the National Sports Academy where students take proper training before going to national competitions. I learnt new and exciting things, and got to see the top of the range gym equipment which athletes use for training to improve their physical fitness.

The girls' hostels were particularly striking. So smart and sparkling

## MY THRILLING TOUR OF BUSE



**Thelma Chaya**

clean that I briefly contemplated never going home!

My visit to the Innovation Hub was a genuine eye-opener. Witnessing the production of everything from cosmetics and multipurpose cleaners to masawu juice was incredible.

Even more thrilling was my time at Palpo Technologies where I saw first-hand how they assemble

laptops and tablets. It was the perfect example of theory meeting practice. They aren't just studying technology, they are actively creating solutions for Zimbabwe.

It is clear that BUSE is empowering local communities through its industry-academia partnerships.

The caliber of knowledge being cultivated here is profound. This is education that truly transforms

lives.

My visit was a masterclass in possibilities, and I found myself scribbling notes furiously, completely inspired by the innovation and passion surrounding me.

Who knew learning could be this thrilling? I wish my tour could have lasted a whole week. I simply cannot wait to enroll at BUSE.

## Our educational visit to Bindura University of Science Education



**Mvurwi High School Arts students**

*By Mvurwi High School Arts students,*

**On the 20th of March, the Upper Six Arts students of Mvurwi High School had the privilege of visiting Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE). It was an exciting and informative experience that provided us with valuable insights into university life and helped clarify our future academic paths.**

Upon our arrival, we were addressed by the university lecturers before student guides took us on a comprehensive campus tour. We visited various departments and lecture rooms, but the library was undoubtedly the highlight for most of us.

At the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, lecturers provided detailed information regarding the various degree programs, course durations, and entry requirements.

They also highlighted the significance and career prospects of pursuing these fields.

Although we are Arts students, we were also given the opportunity to visit the science departments, where we observed the

manufacturing of electronic devices such as mobile phones and laptops.

As social scientists, we recognize the vital role that engineering and technology play in poverty alleviation and employment creation.

Furthermore, we appreciate how these technical programs foster skill development, which in turn contributes to reducing crime within our communities.

Despite the institution's name Bindura University of Science Education it is clear that they are highly inclusive, offering a diverse range of Social Science programs, such as Social Work and Human Resource Management. We greatly appreciate this diversity and the university's welcoming environment.

Ultimately, this visit has inspired us to aspire to join BUSE upon completing our A-Levels. We were particularly impressed by the highly qualified faculty, the affordable fee structure, the clean and tranquil environment conducive to focused study, the available accommodation, and the various scholarships offered for athletes

# OPEN DAY 2026



*Students and teachers following proceedings*



*BUSE PVC Prof. C. Denhere*



*BUSE Alumna and Zimbabwe Olympic Committee CEO Marlene Gadzirayi*





ZB KADOMA Branch welcomed BUSE to Kadoma City with a 100-inch interactive screen and several books, symbolising friendship and a growing partnership between the financial powerhouse and the University. The donation will be housed at the #BUSE Kadoma Learning Centre, recently established to serve learners in the city. ZB's Brand Specialist, Mrs Gladys Mubaiwa, officially handed over the donation to #BUSE's Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. Denhere, noting that ZB's vision is to shape future leaders by enriching the learning environment through modern technology. Prof. Denhere expressed gratitude for the generous gesture, emphasising that the gifts are pivotal to the Institution's digitisation efforts. ZB Bank remains a crucial partner in BUSE's development and growth.



A Science Education student representative

A view of the Kadoma Learning Centre



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## National Call

Following her spectacular performance at the 2026 National School Heads (NASH) Games at Prince Edward High School, Anesu Nyahuma was selected to represent Zimbabwe at the Lefika International Relays World qualifiers in Gaborone, Botswana.




## NSA Talentees Power Mashonaland Central to NASH Athletics Glory

By Kuchineyi Lewis

**A**thletes from the Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) – National Sports Academy (NSA) delivered a commanding performance at the National Association of Secondary Heads (NASH) Mashonaland Central Provincial Athletics Championships, playing a decisive role in propelling the province to the top of the medals table.

Mashonaland Central amassed an impressive 28 medals—10 gold, 12 silver, and six bronze—with NSA Talentees contributing the bulk of the success through a blend of individual brilliance and dominant team performances.

The Academy athletes accounted for eight gold medals, three silver, and one bronze, underlining the institution’s growing reputation as a powerhouse for nurturing elite athletic talent in Zimbabwe.

Leading the charge was sprint sensation Shalom Sendi, who showcased exceptional speed and composure to clinch double gold in the 100m and 200m events, confirming her status as one of the province’s most promising sprinters.

Anesu Nyahuma added to the gold rush with a commanding victory in the 400m, while PraiseGod

Nyamulepa secured gold in the 100m and silver in the 200m, further strengthening NSA’s dominance in sprint events.

In the middle- and long-distance races, Martha Chipuriro proved outstanding, capturing gold in the 5,000m and silver in the 1,500m, showcasing endurance and consistency.

Tawanda Mabhiza complemented the effort with a silver medal in the 1,500m, adding depth to the academy’s distance-running credentials.

Beyond individual brilliance, NSA athletes were instrumental in securing three team gold medals in the 4x100m, 4x400m, and medley relays, highlighting their teamwork, coordination, and depth across disciplines.

The Director of the National Sports Academy – Mr Life Chemhere – lauded the athletes’ contribution at the inter-provincial stage:

“I am incredibly pleased with the outstanding performance of our athletes, who contributed an impressive 80% of the medals, securing fourth place for the province out of 10 at the inter-provincials.

“Their hard work, resilience, and teamwork were evident in every event, and they have set a high standard of excellence for future

competitions.”

The Director added that the achievement affirms the effectiveness of the academy’s training programmes and support systems:

“These athletes have not only brought pride to the province but also demonstrated their potential as future leaders and role models in sport.”

The Academy’s administrator Russel Chimhare also expressed satisfaction with the athletes’ continued excellence:

“We are delighted with such performances as they are making a huge impact within the province and nation, contributing the majority of podium finishes.”

He noted the consistency among athletes, pointing out how last year’s junior standouts have transitioned into senior success:

“Last year she was outstanding in the Under-16 category, and now we are seeing continuity in podium finishes. Athletes like Anesu, Shalom, Aisha, and Marvelous are showing growth and consistency.”

Chimhare credited the academy’s technical structures and coaching systems for the athletes’ progress, emphasizing that the expertise imparted by coaches is making a significant impact.

He also revealed that results

exceeded expectations at recent national competitions held at Prince Edward School, where 14 NSA Talentees based at Chipindura High School contributed significantly to the medals haul.

Looking ahead, Chimhare said the academy is focused on strengthening weaker areas such as field events:

“We are looking forward to recruiting athletes who specialise in throws and jumps to improve in those areas in the coming season.”

He also acknowledged the role of institutional and community support, praising the collaboration between BUSE, Chipindura High School, and the wider community.

The athletes’ contributions underline the critical role being played by the National Sports Academy in developing young talent from across the nation, many of whom are emerging from underprivileged backgrounds to compete at elite levels.

With such dominant performances at provincial level, expectations are high that these athletes will carry their form into national competitions and potentially onto the international stage—reinforcing Bindura University of Science Education’s growing stature in Zimbabwean sport.

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