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### BUSE Kadoma Partnership to Transform Skills Development and Economic Growth



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# BUSE, Kadoma City Council Seal Landmark MOU to Drive Education and Industrial Growth



## Strategic MOU positions Kadoma as a hub for vocational excellence and innovation-led growth.

By Tinashe Chuma

**K**adoma City Council and the Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the City Council Chambers in Kadoma, marking the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at advancing education, infrastructure development and economic growth in the city.

The agreement is expected to transform Kadoma into an emerging education hub, with plans already in place for the establishment of a Polytechnic affiliated with BUSE, as well as vocational training programmes and expanded research initiatives.

The partnership will focus on key sectors such as agriculture, engineering, mining, health and community development.

Speaking during the ceremony, His Worship the Mayor of Kadoma, Councillor N. Ruzario, said the collaboration was a significant milestone for the city, highlighting its potential to drive infrastructure development and create employment opportunities. He emphasised that the initiative would play a critical role in improving livelihoods through skills development and increased access to higher education.

BUSE's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mwenje underscored the University's commitment to bridging gaps in education and training, noting

that similar collaborations in other regions have contributed to tangible development outcomes. The institution is expected to bring academic expertise, innovation and research capacity to support Kadoma's growth.

As part of the agreement, Kadoma City Council has allocated approximately 50 hectares of land near the Kadoma Research Centre for the establishment of BUSE-related facilities. The area has been set aside for a BUSE campus, with provisions for future expansion.

The partnership is anticipated to benefit not only Kadoma residents but also surrounding communities, with expectations that students from across Zimbabwe and beyond will be attracted to the new

institutions. Authorities say this will contribute to local economic growth while strengthening the city's position on the national education landscape.

The MOU was signed by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Mwenje and the Mayor of Kadoma, Councillor Ruzario, with senior Council officials and University representatives witnessing the auspicious signing ceremony.

Implementation of the agreement is expected to begin between May and June 2026, with both parties indicating their intention to fast-track planning and development processes to ensure timely delivery of the project. BUSE's Vice-Chancellor said their team will be on-site as early as May.



VC Prof Eddie Mwenje with the Mayor of Kadoma City His Worship Cllr Nigel Ruzario



# ZITF Exhibition Bridges Science, Industry, Community Empowerment

By Tinashe Chuma

**T**he 66th Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) marked a watershed moment for Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE), whose exhibition of products and services provided tangible proof of the transformative impact of the heritage-based Education 5.0 philosophy.

Running under the theme “Connected Economies, Competitive Industries,” ZITF offered the perfect platform for BUSE to showcase its own theme: “Leveraging Science for Industrialisation Through Education 5.0.” This alignment underscored the University’s commitment to driving national development through innovation, rural industrialisation, and community empowerment.

BUSE’s exhibition stand was a hive of activity, attracting scores of visitors eager to witness the fruits of a vision initiated by the President Cde Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa. At the advent of the Second Republic, the President tasked institutions of higher learning to spearhead industrialisation through innovation hubs.

BUSE, under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof Eddie Mwenje, responded decisively by establishing the BUSE Innovation Hub, commissioned in 2022 by the President and Chancellor himself. Since then, the University’s innovation output has grown exponentially, positioning it as a key driver of Education 5.0 and national development.

ZITF 2026 provided the world with a window into these achievements. The highlight was Palpo Technologies, a BUSE special business unit assembling laptops, cellphones, and tablets. Having incubated the concept within the Innovation Hub, BUSE established a full assembly plant at its Industrial



Park, commissioned in 2025 by His Excellency. Palpo devices, celebrated for their affordability and quality, drew immense interest and demonstrated how Education 5.0 directly contributes to industrialisation and technological sovereignty.

BUSE also demonstrated its growing reputation as a solutions centre to contemporary challenges as it showcased projects like Chiringa. Chiringa is a monitoring and evaluation dashboard under the Vice President Cde Dr Kembo Mohadi’s office. The dashboard offers real-time monitoring and

evaluation of government projects under the social services cluster.

Equally impressive was the National Goat Genetics Improvement Project, which advances rural transformation by improving the national goat herd through artificial insemination. By crossbreeding indigenous goats with exotic Kalahari Red and Boer breeds, BUSE has improved meat quality and productivity, empowering farmers and strengthening food security.

The OpTech section of the exhibition also drew large crowds,

offering free eye screening and reading glasses for the elderly. With plans underway to establish an Optometry Clinic in Kadoma, officials from across the country urged BUSE to expand similar services nationwide, highlighting the University’s role in community health and inclusive development. Under the community engagement cluster, the Centre for Combating Human Trafficking (CCHT) and the Graduate School of Business (GSB) impressed foreign dignitaries with their empowerment initiatives. Over 100 victims of human trafficking have been rehabilitated and equipped with entrepreneurial skills through GSB programmes. Extending this empowerment to rural communities, the Muzarabani cluster showcased wares that sold rapidly at the exhibition, exemplifying Education 5.0’s emphasis on value addition and rural enterprise.

Other notable projects included the Masawu Value Addition Project and the High Schools Chemicals Project, both of which demonstrated BUSE’s commitment to innovation-driven industrialisation and the nurturing of future scientists.

The 66th ZITF was more than an exhibition for BUSE—it was a living testimony of how Education 5.0 is reshaping Zimbabwe’s development trajectory. By translating research and innovation into tangible products and services, the University demonstrated its pivotal role in driving rural industrialisation, technological advancement, and community empowerment. From Palpo Technologies to goat genetics, optometry services, and value addition projects, BUSE’s showcase affirmed that higher education is not only about knowledge creation but about building competitive industries and connected economies that directly uplift communities and strengthen national resilience.

# ZITF IN PICS



*BUSE ZITF Exhibitors*



*Masawu Juice Exhibition*



*BUSE Promotional material Kiosk*



*Palpo devices on display*



**Natural Products & Drug Discovery**

*SRC Minister of Innovation Glenda Chisenwa*



*Eye screening in progress*



*Eyes screening in progress*



*BUSE Vice Chancellor Prof. E. Mwenje with stand visitors*



# BUSE Enactus Gears Up for 2026 National Competition

BY JULIA NDLELA



**T**he Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) is setting its sights on the global stage as the university's Enactus chapter recently convened for a pivotal orientation workshop.

In partnership with the BOOST

Enactus office, the session brought together new and returning members at the Main Campus Boardroom to sharpen their focus on excellence, professionalism, and sustainable innovation.

The orientation, which featured insights from Enactus Zimbabwe Country Office facilitator Ms

Mushure and the attendance of Deputy Dean of Students, Mrs Murasi, served as a foundational step in preparing the team for the upcoming Enactus Zimbabwe National Competition.

This year's national showdown is set to take place from July 30–31, 2026, offering a dynamic platform for students to present projects that solve real-world problems through an entrepreneurial lens.

The stakes are higher than ever for the 2026 cycle. With the national competition acting as the primary gateway, the BUSE team is aiming for the ultimate prize: the opportunity to represent Zimbabwe at the prestigious Enactus World Cup 2026, which will be held in the vibrant city of São Paulo, Brazil. During the workshop, participants were reminded of the core criteria that define a winning Enactus project. Ms. Mushure challenged the team to demonstrate clear problem identification, entrepreneurial solutions, project longevity, measurable life-changing impact, and, most importantly, authentic student-led initiative.

"The orientation was designed to instill our club's standards of professionalism, teamwork, and proper etiquette," stated leadership from the BUSE chapter.

"This training is the bedrock upon which we will build our innovative projects for the year."

In addition to the national competition, the roadmap for the year is packed with opportunities, including the Seed Co and Crown Bank competitions, the Energy Transition Innovation challenge, and the Smart Drinking and Moderation Innovation challenge scheduled for December.

"At the heart of the Enactus competition is not just the idea, but the impact," noted Ms. Mushure. She challenged the BUSE team to rigorously evaluate their projects against five critical pillars: identifying clear social problems, ensuring entrepreneurial viability, guaranteeing long-term project sustainability, demonstrating measurable life-changing impact, and proving authentic student leadership.

To ensure the team is fully prepared for the upcoming competitive cycle, Enactus Zimbabwe has requested that the BUSE chapter finalize its administrative submissions, including the official team information sheet, a comprehensive list of registered student participants, and the composition of their Business Advisory Board (BAB).



# "BUSE Leadership Key to Sustaining National Top-Ranking"

JULIA NDLELA

**V**ice Chancellor Professor Eddie Mwenje has challenged university management to evolve their leadership styles to match the institution's rapidly expanding national and international footprint.

Speaking at a high-level leadership development program facilitated by the Vice Chairman of the University Council, Dr. Chitagu, Professor Mwenje noted that the training is a vital intervention for an institution currently in the spotlight.

BUSE was recently celebrated as the best-performing University in Zimbabwe, with His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and BUSE Chancellor Cde Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa honoring Professor Mwenje as the nation's top performing Vice Chancellor.

"The university is growing and being recognized around the country and beyond," Professor Mwenje said.

"As we sign new MoUs and forge strategic partnerships, we as leaders must be ready to give our best. This training is critical in ensuring we are equipped for that growth."

Dr. Chitagu, the lead facilitator, urged the management team to view leadership as a brand that must be carried with pride and adaptability, emphasizing that the true measure of a leader is not found in personal accolades, but in the output of their team.

"How your team performs defines you," Dr. Chitagu noted.

"Treat your subordinates as family to encourage collective responsibility. Leaders do not run away from conflict; they manage it, mentor others, and create opportunities for high-performing employees to rise."

The program highlighted the necessity of a feed-forward culture a proactive approach to problem-solving to ensure the university improves service delivery and maintains the rigorous accountability required of a leading scientific institution.

"Motivate and inspire your team, know how to manage under performance, support growth of team members, identify high performing employees and create opportunities for others to lead.

"Always look for ways to move forward and help others navigate change.

"As a leader know that success is not only from

you but also from your team how your team performs defines you as a leader," Chitagu said.

He encouraged BUSE Management to move with purpose and critical thinking to mitigate risks as the university continues its upward trajectory.

He said: "The importance of leadership is that it improves service delivery, enhances accountability, builds strong teams and supports change management.

"The ability to capacitate your subordinates defines the outcome of your projects. Always have feedback culture to focus on what went wrong or right as well as feed forward culture that looks at being proactive and solution oriented.

"In decision making be accountable as a leader, a problem solver, critical thinker and proffer solutions."

On the sidelines, the Bindura University of Science Education Council members and the University management led by Vice Chancellor, officially took the ZACC Integrity Pledge.

By committing to this initiative, the university reaffirms its dedication to ethical conduct and transparent governance in all its operations.





# BUSE Walkathon Declares Quality Assurance a Partnership, Not a Top-Down Exercise

By Lawrence Chitumba

**B**indura University of Science Education (BUSE) recently infused the city streets with vigor and scholarly purpose through a Student Engagement Walkathon, which turned the route from Town Campus to Main Campus into a dynamic expression of institutional resolve.

Under the resonant theme: 'Our Voice, Our Quality: Shaping Heritage-Based Education 5.0 Together', the gathering was far more than a ceremonial march but a deliberate declaration that quality assurance at BUSE would no longer be a top-

down exercise but a partnership where student perspectives drive meaningful change.

In his keynote address to the students, Professor Kuzvinetsa Peter Dzvimbo, Chief Executive Officer of the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE), redefined the role of the modern student under Education 5.0, making it crystal clear that these pillars remain incomplete without student action.

"Students are not simply beneficiaries of Education 5.0 but are drivers of it," he said.

"I challenge the university leadership today not to just collect student voice but operationalise it. Turn it

into value.

"And I challenge the students not to just criticise but to collaborate. Bring solutions, not just complaints."

Drawing attention to the heritage dimension of Education 5.0, Professor Dzvimbo reminded the university community that quality must not be imported wholesale but contextualised adding that Heritage-Based Education 5.0 is not about looking backward but about harnessing our cultural and natural resources to solve modern problems."

He further emphasised that public trust in higher education depends on responsiveness and accountability

adding that Quality assurance is not about control but about continuous improvement and public trust.

The BUSE Student Representative Council (SRC) President Trevor Ncube demonstrated that BUSE students had not only heard the message but were also ready to act on it. The President laid out a clear, measurable agenda that transformed the theme from inspiration into implementation.

"Students are the living proof of this institution's mission. We are the daily custodians of BUSE's heritage of academic excellence and the primary beneficiaries of any quality improvement", he said



Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Mahamadi addressing students on behalf of the Vice Chancellor



Students marching



Students enter the BUSE main campus



Drum majorettes from Bindura Primary marching



BUSE Dean for the Faculty of Agriculture & Environmental Science Prof J.Masaka (Third from left) with his delegates and Hon Matuko with his delegates

# BUSE Launches Community Empowerment Initiative to Drive Rural Development



BY CHIBANDAMABWE NYASHA

**B**indura University of Science Education, led by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture Professor Masaka and his delegation, has launched an agriculture empowerment initiative in Gutu East aimed at strengthening rural livelihoods and advancing sustainable development. The programme, held on 7 March 2026, brought together government officials, academics, and community members, and was graced by Member of Parliament for Gutu East Constituency Honourable Zvarevashe Masvingise as Guest of Honour, with Honourable Lovemore Matuke, Minister of State for National Security in attendance.

Focused on skills transfer, sustainable livelihoods, and local enterprise development, the initiative includes a strong emphasis on goat genetic improvement, modern animal husbandry, and value chain development to boost productivity and farmer incomes. Students from BUSE will also participate and gain practical experience while supporting local farmers.

Honourable Masvingise and Honourable Matuke both commended the partnership, noting its alignment with Vision 2030 and its contribution to inclusive rural development. Professor Masaka emphasized that the programme demonstrates the power of collaboration between universities, government, and communities in transforming agriculture and strengthening Zimbabwe's rural economy. The initiative is widely seen as a strategic step toward building sustainable agricultural systems and ensuring that no community is left behind in national development.



## BUSE Hosts Anti-Drug and HIV Awareness Colour Run



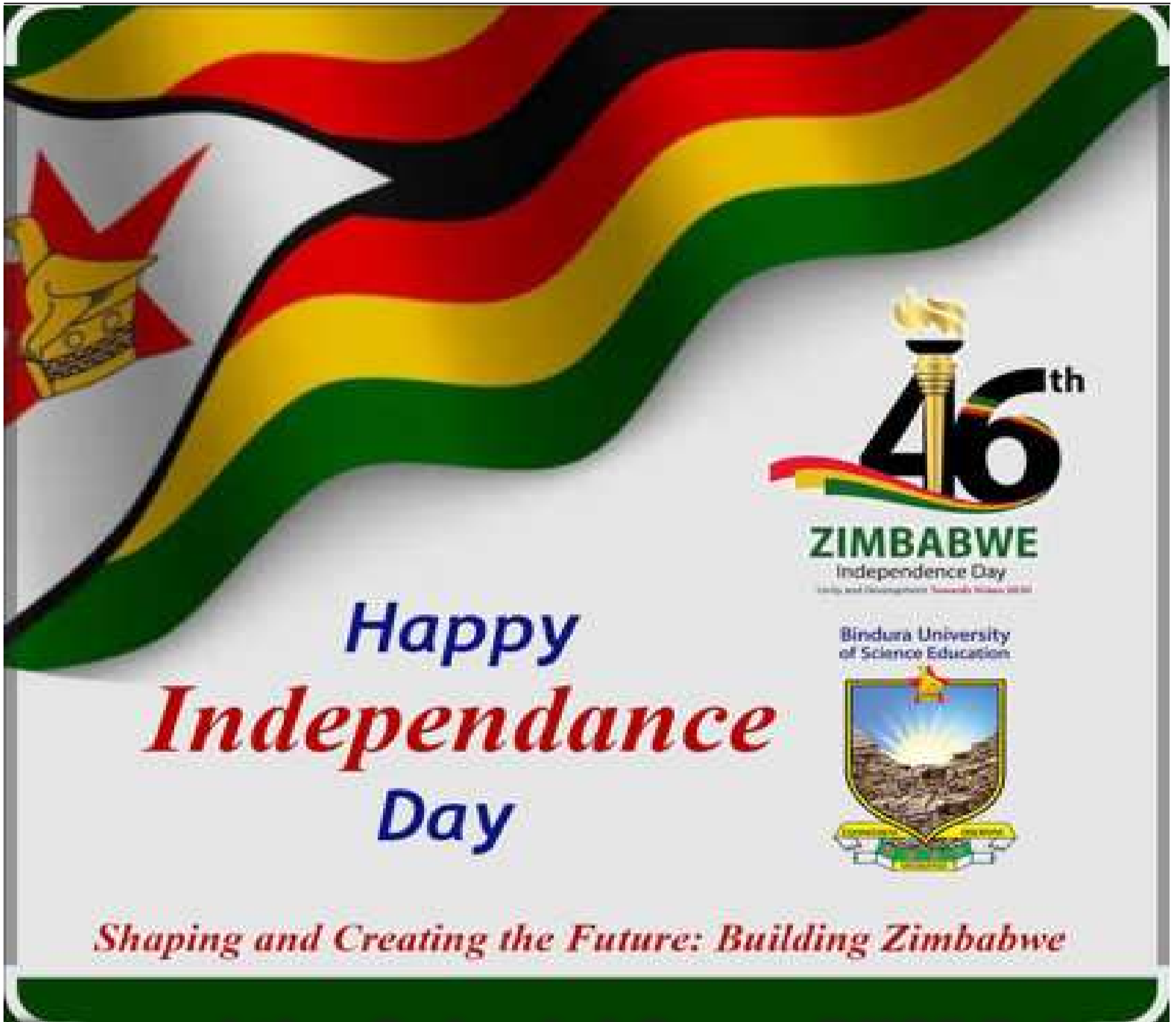
By Julia Ndlela

**T**he university campus was buzzing with activity as students from different faculties gathered for a large-scale Colour run dedicated to health advocacy and community engagement.

Organized by the Student Representative Council (SRC) the gathering drew a significant turnout of over 300 students who not only had fun but were educated about drug and substance abuse a cancer in every community.

The colour run primarily focused on launching an anti-drug campaign as the SRC emphasized that the initiative serves as a crucial extension of the university's broader social advocacy, particularly in support of national efforts to combat HIV. "The main purpose of the event was an anti-drug campaign, as you all know, the country is fighting against Drugs and Substance Abuse and HIV.

"So as SRC and a university at large our advocacy is to join in the fight against drugs. We had different activities including the Vice Chancellor's games that were played," said SRC Minister of Edutainment Tinashe Mwerahare.



# Beyond the Colonial Cage: BUSE Brings Heritage-Based Education 5.0 to Rushinga on Independence Day

By Lawrence Chitumba

**B**indura University of Science Education (BUSE) joined Mashonaland Central Province, at Chimhanda Business centre in Rushinga, to mark the country's 46th Independence Day.

For the Rushinga community, which gave so much during the liberation war, the atmosphere was more than festive; it was electric, spiritual, and deeply resonant.

Independence calls to mind the footsteps of young men and women who, decades ago, walked away from their desks, closed their books, and disappeared into the bush to fight for a dream called independence.

They traded exercise books for rifles, not because they hated education,

but because the education offered to them under Rhodesia was never truly theirs. It was a colonial cage disguised as a classroom.

Independence shattered that cage, but the shattering was only the beginning, with the real work of building a new kind of education falling to institutions like BUSE.

Speaking on the sidelines of the celebrations, BUSE's renowned academic and Veteran of the Liberation struggle, Professor Pfukwa explained that Zimbabwe's higher education sector had developed the Heritage-based Education 5.0 model. This philosophy moves beyond the colonial model imported from Cambridge and Oxford, which trained a narrow elite for white-collar civil service. He added that, instead, Education 5.0 roots learning in local heritage,

resources, and challenges, then pushes students and researchers toward innovation, industrialisation, and tangible community solutions.

"But higher education now is geared towards developing communities, finding solutions to the community, and speaking to the needs of the community", he said.

"We no longer train people to merely become civil servants like in the old days, engaging in white-collar jobs, but production, development, creativity, industrialisation, and all of the issues that you want to take into development. That's very important. He gave a concrete example that resonated deeply with the farming community of Rushinga, suggesting that education will spearhead research in agriculture to come up with artificial insemination to improve cattle and goat breeds in

the area to ensure food security.

Professor Pfukwa said universities are opening new vistas with learners being trained as producers, innovators, and industrialists, while Agricultural science students learn not just theory but how to perform artificial insemination in the field. Engineering students design machinery that can be repaired with local tools. Education students learn to teach using indigenous knowledge systems alongside modern pedagogy.

According to the Professor, this is the true fruit of independence. The political war ended 46 years ago, but the cultural and economic war continues. Higher education's role is to transcend the celebration and build the infrastructure of a self-sufficient nation.



# .....as we host and excel at prestigious Amai's Cook-Out Competition"

*By Chibandamabwe Nyasha*

**B**indura University of Science Education once again demonstrated its growing stature as a centre of excellence not only in academics, but in culture, innovation, and community engagement when it proudly hosted the Amai's Mashonaland Central Provincial Cook-Out Competition. held in the university's magnificent Student dining hall, the event unfolded as a vibrant celebration of Zimbabwean culinary heritage, talent, and social inclusion.

From the moment proceedings began, the atmosphere was nothing short of electric. Aromas of traditional and contemporary dishes filled the air, while the rhythmic buzz of anticipation echoed through the venue. A total of 42 contestants took to their stations, each determined to impress the judges and secure provincial recognition. The competition was thoughtfully structured into four inclusive and dynamic categories: Professional Chefs, Students, People Living with Disabilities, and Community Chefs—reflecting a deliberate effort to democratize opportunity and celebrate talent across all sectors of society.

The significance of the event was underscored by the presence of high-profile dignitaries. The Guest of Honour, Minister of Tourism,

Hon. Barbra Rwodzi, graced the occasion alongside the Minister of Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Mashonaland Central, Hon. Christopher Magomo. Their attendance not only elevated the prestige of the competition but also highlighted the growing importance of gastronomy within Zimbabwe's tourism and cultural economy. In their remarks, both leaders emphasized the role of such platforms in preserving indigenous knowledge systems, promoting entrepreneurship, and strengthening community identity.

As the competition intensified, contestants showcased a remarkable blend of technical precision, creativity, and cultural storytelling through food. From expertly plated gourmet dishes to authentic traditional meals rich in heritage, each presentation told a unique story of Zimbabwe's diverse culinary landscape. Judges moved from station to station, carefully evaluating taste, presentation, innovation, and adherence to theme.

Amid this fierce competition, BUSE did more than simply provide a world-class venue it emerged as a formidable contender. The university's representatives delivered outstanding performances that captured both the attention of the judges and the admiration of the audience. Jeremiah Mushure (BUSE) distinguished himself

with a commendable 2nd place finish in the highly competitive, professional Chefs category, demonstrating refined technique and culinary artistry. Florence Machipanda followed closely, securing 3rd place in the same category, further cementing BUSE's strength in professional culinary training and talent development.

In the Students category, Tanyaradzwa Takaedza (BUSE) rose to the occasion with an impressive 2nd place finish, embodying the university's commitment to nurturing emerging talent. Their performance was a testament to the quality of training, mentorship, and practical exposure that BUSE continues to provide its students.

Beyond the podium finishes, the broader participation of BUSE staff and students, many of whom secured respectable positions reinforced a powerful narrative: that the institution is not only an academic hub but also a thriving ecosystem of creativity, innovation, and community leadership. The event showcased how education at BUSE extends beyond the lecture room, equipping individuals with practical skills and confidence to excel on national platforms.

As the curtains came down on the competition, what remained was more than just a list of winners. It was a reaffirmation of BUSE's

role in shaping well rounded individuals and fostering meaningful engagement with society. By hosting and actively participating in such a high-impact event, the university continues to live out its mission of "Shaping and Creating the Future: Building Zimbabwe."

In every sense, the Amai's Provincial Cook-Out Competition was not just an event—it was an experience, a showcase of excellence, and a powerful reminder that within institutions like BUSE lies the potential to transform communities through talent, culture, and innovation.



# COOK OUT IN PICS



*Minister of Tourism, Hon. Barbra Rwodzi*



*contestants pose for a photo with Minister Rwodzi*



*Minister Rwodzi inspecting dishes*



*contestants pose for a photo with Minister Rwodzi*



*Minister Rwodzi inspecting dishes*



*Contestants*



*Contestants displaying their work*

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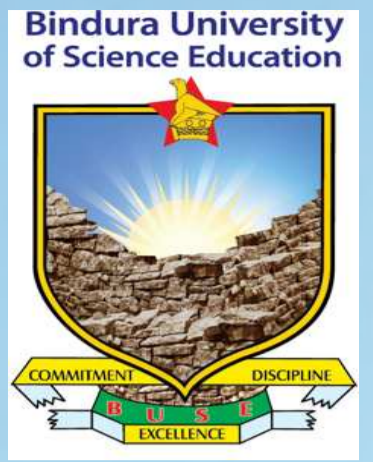
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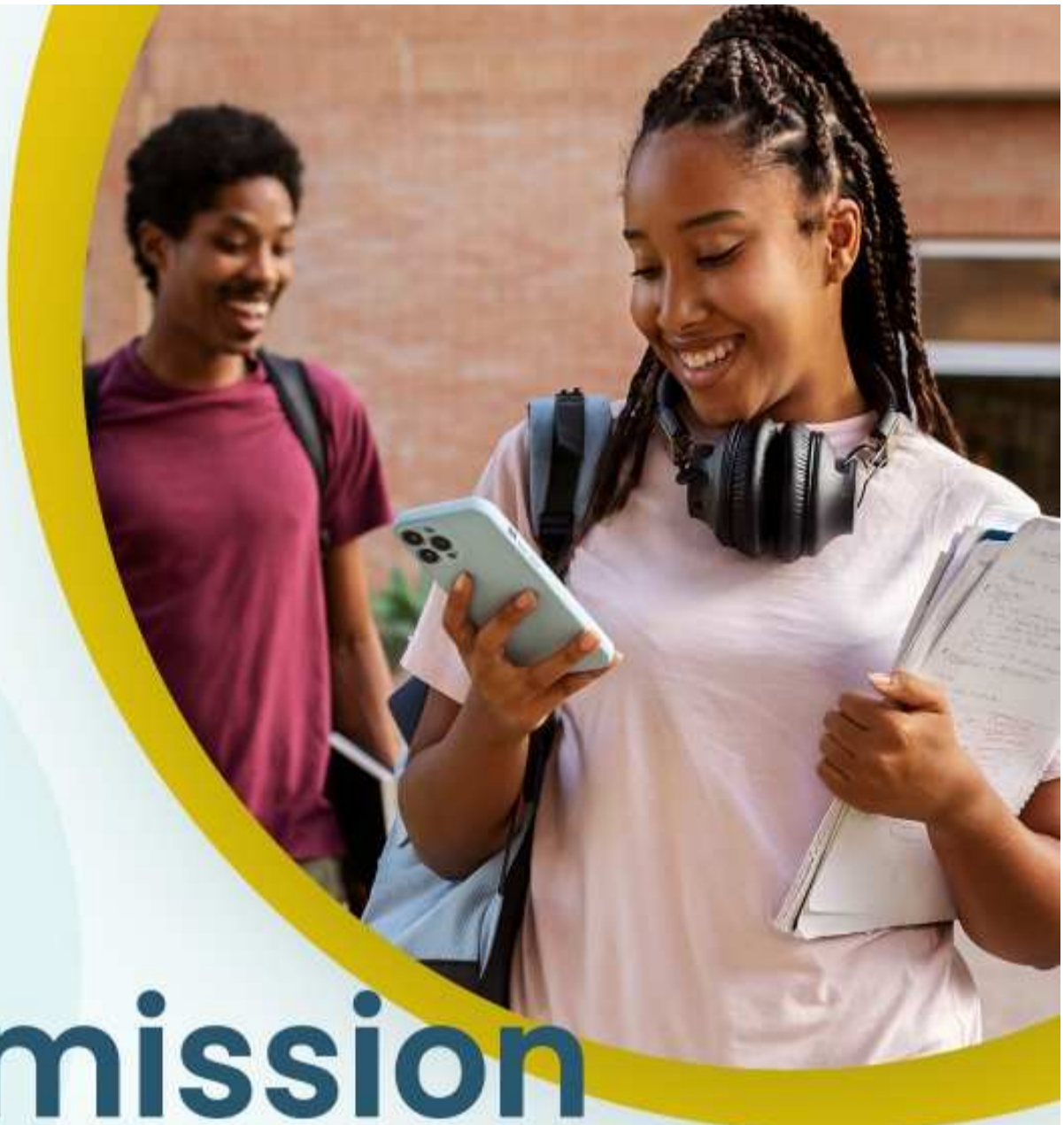
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11 -15 May	Mining Engineering Workshop	Harare, Marondera
June TBA	Webinar Career Fairs	Online
June TBA	Stakeholder Engagement Dinner	BUSE New Dining Hall
26 June	Mash East Career Fair (Goromonzi)	Zimbiru Primary
June TBA	BUSE Endowment Dinner	Harare
29 July- 01 August	Mashonaland Central Show	Bindura Show Grounds
4-6 August	2nd International Anti- Corruption	Bulawayo
13-21 August	New Students Orientation	BUSE
21 August	Public Service Commission Public Lecture	BUSE, Multi Purpose Hall
24- 29 August	Zimbabwe Agricultural Show	Harare Show Grounds
August TBA	National Science Education Conference	BUSE Main Campus





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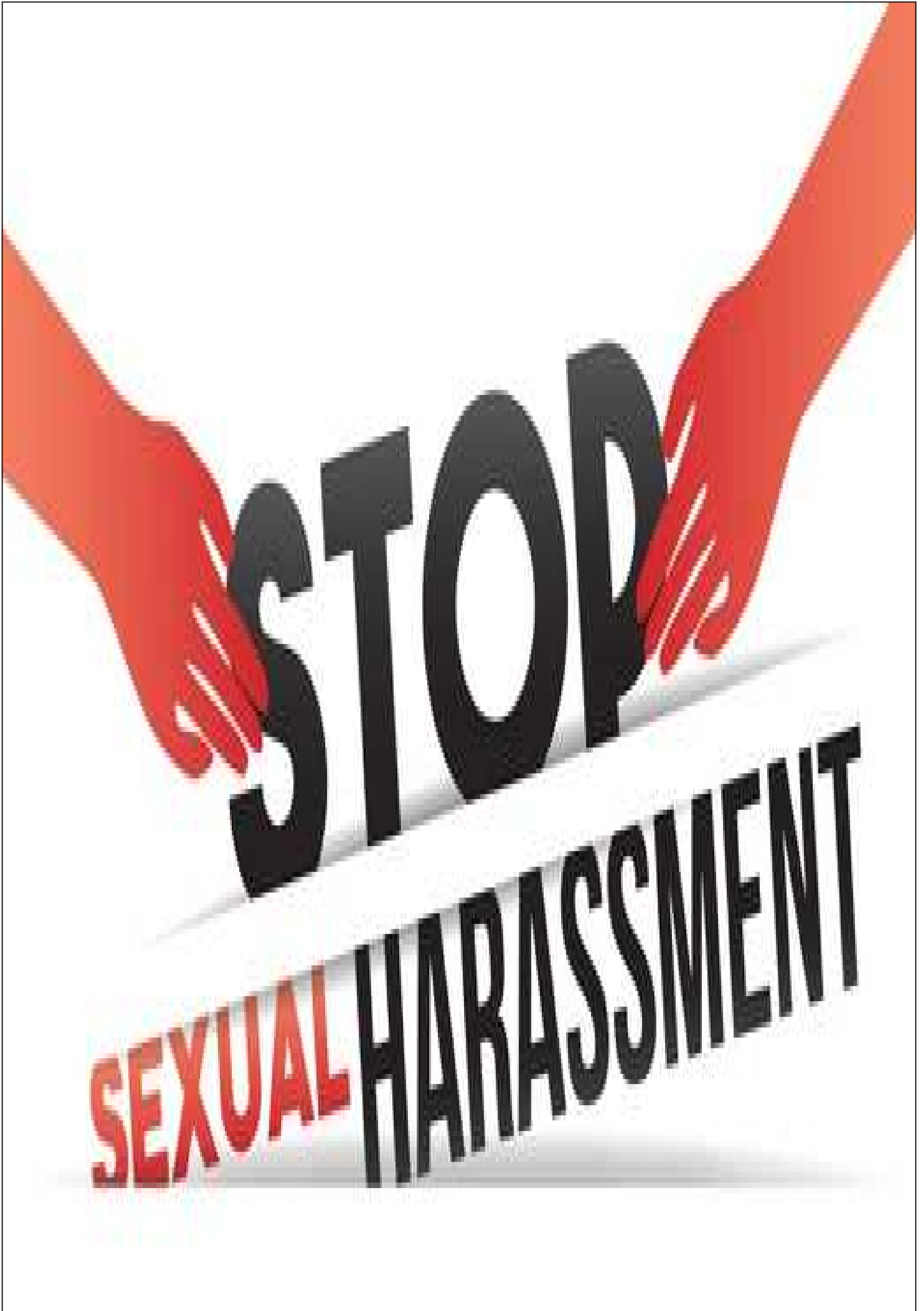
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# SPORT



## BUSE OVERALL BEST WINNERS



### BUSE Crowned Kings of University Sport at 2026 CLUSTER 1 ZUS Games

By Julia Ndelela



**I**n a dominant display of athletic prowess, Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) emerged as the overall champions of the 2026 Zimbabwe University Sports (ZUS) Cluster 1 Games hosted by the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) in Bulawayo.

The competition saw BUSE outclass 14 other universities to secure the top spot on the final medal standings.

BUSE hauled in a total of 22 medals, including 12 gold, 3 silver, and 7 bronze, firmly establishing the institution as the premier powerhouse of Zimbabwean collegiate athletics. While the victory was a collective effort, several standout performances captured the imagination of the spectators in Bulawayo.

Polite Moyo the National Sports Academy student was the undisputed star of the track. Moyo was named Athletics Player of the Tournament (Women) after a historic quadruple-gold performance, winning the 400m, 800m, 1500m, and the triple jump. Phillip Chimhaja the freshman sensation made an immediate

impact on the pitch. His exceptional skill helped the BUSE rugby team clinch a gold medal, earning him the Rugby Player of the Tournament award in his debut year.

Veronica Madzima in a high-stakes battle for the bronze medal in women's soccer, goalkeeper Madzima turned into a "brick wall." During a

and the 4x400m relay, alongside a bronze in the 4x100m relay.

BUSE's success was not limited to the track, the university displayed incredible depth across various disciplines, taking home gold in Men's Rugby and Table Tennis. On the field, athletes excelled in technical events including Javelin, Women's Shot Put, and the Men's Triple Jump.

The 5000m (Men) and the 4x400m (Men) relay also saw BUSE athletes crossing the finish line first, contributing to the points tally that placed them at the summit of the 15-university roster. This first-place finish at the ZUS Games reinforces BUSE's long-standing reputation for excellence in sports and talent development. The victory is a testament to the university's investment in its athletes and the rigorous training programs that continue to produce national-level competitors.

As the games conclude, BUSE returns to Bindura not just with a collection of medals, but with the confirmed title of Zimbabwe's leading sporting university.



dramatic penalty shootout, she saved an incredible five penalties to secure the podium finish and was rightfully named Player of the Tournament.

While Martin Magumeni, the men's athletics team was bolstered by Magumeni's versatile performance, as he brought home gold in the 400m



# ZUS CLUSTER 1 IN PICS



*BUSE Woman Soccer team*



*BUSE Woman Basketball*



*BUSE Man Handball team*



*BUSE Man Soccer soccer team*



*BUSE Woman soccer*



# Makarawu Makes History: From BUSE to NCAA Glory with Record- Breaking Season

By Chibandamabwe Nyasha

**USA-based National Sports Academy athlete and former Bindura University of Science Education student Tapiwa Makarawu has etched his name into elite athletics history with a season of extraordinary achievement that has captured international attention.**

Competing for the University of Kentucky, Makarawu delivered a landmark year, sweeping top honours at the institution's

prestigious CATSPY Awards. He was crowned both Athlete of the Year and Mr Wildcat—two of the highest accolades bestowed upon student-athletes cementing his status as one of the most dominant and influential figures in collegiate sport.

However, it was on the track where Makarawu truly separated himself from the field. In a breathtaking display of speed, precision, and competitive discipline, he captured two NCAA Championships national titles in 2025, conquering the 200m sprint in both the indoor and outdoor

seasons. He first stormed to victory at the indoor championships in March, showcasing explosive acceleration and technical mastery on the curve.

Just months later, he elevated his performance to historic levels at the outdoor championships in June. In a race that will be remembered as one of the finest in collegiate sprinting, Makarawu powered to victory in a stunning 19.84 seconds, setting both a school record and a national benchmark. The time not only secured gold but firmly placed him among the fastest

200m runners in NCAA history.

Makarawu's rise is not just a personal triumph it is a powerful narrative of Zimbabwean excellence on the global stage. From his formative years at BUSE to competing at the highest level in the United States, his journey reflects discipline, resilience, and the transformative power of opportunity.

As accolades continue to mount, one thing is clear: Tapiwa Makarawu is no longer just a promising talent—he is a record-breaking force redefining the limits of collegiate athletics.





# Excellence in Motion: BUSE Shines at ZUS Cluster 2

Paralympics team powers medal surge as BUSE extends winning streak and reinforces its dominance in university sport

BY Chibandamabwe Nyasha

**T**he curtain came down on the highly competitive Zimbabwe University Sports Cluster 2 Games with Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) once again delivering a commanding and deeply impressive performance that reaffirmed its growing dominance in university sport.

From the opening fixtures to the final events, BUSE athletes competed with intensity, discipline, and tactical precision across multiple sporting codes. In a tournament defined by fierce rivalry and high standards, the university distinguished itself by accumulating a remarkable 40 medals—14 gold, 18 silver, and 8 bronze. This medal tally is not merely a statistic; it is a reflection of a structured sports development system, effective coaching frameworks, and an institutional culture that prioritizes excellence both on and off the field.

What set BUSE apart even further was the extraordinary contribution of its Paralympics team. In one of the most inspiring storylines of the competition, the team delivered an outstanding 27 medals. Their performances were characterized by grit, technical proficiency, and unwavering determination, turning every event into a powerful statement about inclusivity, opportunity, and high performance. Beyond the podium finishes, they embodied the spirit of sport—

resilience in the face of challenge and the relentless pursuit of greatness.

Across track and field, team sports, and individual disciplines, BUSE athletes consistently featured among the top contenders, often setting the pace and forcing competitors to elevate their own performances. The university's ability to perform across such a wide range of categories highlights not only talent depth but also strategic investment in sports as a key pillar of student development.

This success did not occur in isolation. It builds on the momentum generated during the Cluster 1 Games, where BUSE emerged as the overall best-performing institution. Carrying that confidence into Cluster 2, the athletes demonstrated maturity, composure, and a championship mentality—key indicators of a team that is not just experiencing success, but sustaining it.

Behind the medals lies a broader institutional narrative. BUSE continues to position itself as a hub where academic pursuit intersects with sporting excellence. The university's approach aligns closely with modern higher education models that recognize sport as a critical component of holistic development—fostering leadership, teamwork, mental resilience, and national pride.

As the dust settles on the Cluster 2 Games, one conclusion stands out

with clarity: BUSE is no longer simply part of the competition—it is shaping its trajectory. With consistent top-tier performances, a strong pipeline of talent, and an inclusive philosophy that empowers all athletes, the university is steadily setting the benchmark within Zimbabwe University Sports competitions.

In every race run, every match played, and every medal claimed, BUSE is reinforcing a powerful identity—one built on excellence, consistency, and the unwavering belief that greatness is not an event, but a standard.



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