NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NUST BRIEF

Winners of the 2026 NCRST Award for Best Institution: Innovation & Technology Development

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NUST Students on a Winning Streak

Excellence takes many forms, and Namibia Univeristy of Science and Technology (NUST) students are proving it. From defending arguments to presenting research and competing on the gymnastics stage, our students are showing up, stepping forward and making their talents count. Their achievements across academic, intellectual and sporting platforms highlight a community of ambitious young people who are pushing boundaries, embracing opportunities and representing the University with distinction.

Mining Excellence
October

The twenty-second Annual Student Colloquium, hosted by the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy's Young Professionals Council (SAIMM-YPC), took place at Mintek in Randburg, South Africa. Three students from NUST's Department of Civil, Mining and Process Engineering (DCMPE) presented their final-year research projects, highlighting the University's commitment to developing graduates equipped with the knowledge and skills to contribute to the mining and metallurgical industries. **Tanga Kaangundue**, a Chemical Engineering student, secured second place in the Metallurgy category against 17 participants.



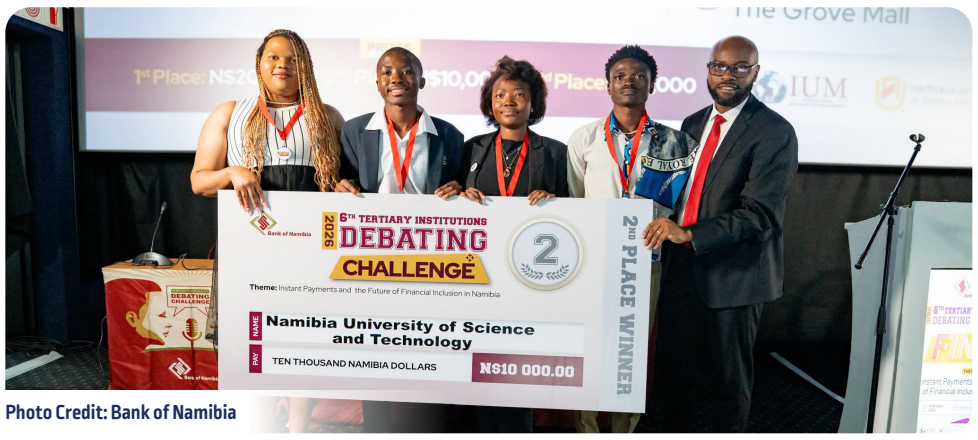


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Debate Champions
October

At the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Open Debate Championship, **Allen Nganga-Wa!Qhobeka** and **Nyasha Racheal Hute** secured fourth place, demonstrating their ability to engage with challenging topics and articulate well-reasoned arguments. The University also secured second place at the sixth Bank of Namibia (BoN) Tertiary Institutions Debating Challenge, with a team comprising **Terephina Uushona**, **Zestiana Hill**, **Natangwe Petrus Lukas** and **Allen**. These achievements highlight NUST students' ability to think critically, communicate persuasively and defend their positions in competitive settings. Through such platforms, students continue to develop essential skills in public speaking, analytical reasoning and effective communication, equipping them for future professional responsibilities and leadership roles.

Power of Words
August



A Journalism and Media Technology student, **Liezel Bernies Mujoro,** secured third place in the 2026 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Tertiary Institution Essay Competition, earning regional recognition for her contribution to academic discourse. Her achievement highlights the importance of student voices in exploring issues that matter to the region and contributing fresh perspectives to conversations shaping Southern Africa's future. The recognition also reflects the value of nurturing critical thinking, research and writing skills among university students, empowering them to engage meaningfully with regional challenges and opportunities.

Three Minutes, One Slide, One Thesis
October

Adding to the celebration of student talent, NUST's Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition showcased the ability of postgraduate researchers to communicate complex ideas with clarity and impact. Held on the third day of Institutional Research Week, the competition challenged participants to explain the significance of their research in just three minutes, using a single slide. **Joao Bastos** claimed first place, followed by Tuyenikelao Lungameni in second and Hilde Hamushembe in third. Their performances demonstrated how effective communication canmake research accessible to wider audiences, spark conversations beyond academic disciplines and highlight the real-world relevance of postgraduate research.



Flexing Talent
August

Beyond academic achievement, **Emilia Ekandjo**, a gymnast, represents the diverse talents and sporting potential within the university community. Her association with gymnastics at Commonwealth level highlights the dedication, discipline and commitment required to pursue excellence in competitive sport while navigating university life. Her sporting journey reflects the broader role of extracurricular pursuits in developing well-rounded individuals, demonstrating that the NUST experience extends beyond the classroom to include opportunities for personal growth, resilience and achievement in diverse fields.

