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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Hard work pays off for students**



*(Left-right): Katelin Reeves, Leonard Rotu and Neha Kumar at the USP graduation ceremony.*

"Graduation is not only an academic achievement but a personal reward as well," says Katelin Reeves, a Bachelor of Commerce graduate of The University of the South Pacific (USP).

Katelin, along with around 980 other graduates, graduated from USP today. The graduation ceremony was held at the Vodafone Arena in Suva.

Katelin is originally from Queensland Australia and came to Fiji in 2011 to complete her higher education.

She says that living and studying in Fiji with people from diverse cultural background was a new experience. Her reason for studying at USP was because she wanted to pursue her studies at a recognised and quality university.

Katelin said that she loves living in Fiji, and added that she has adapted well to the Pacific lifestyle.

Another graduate Neha Kumar said she is excited about her achievement and believes that this is the first step to a lifelong success.

Neha Kumar completed her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Human Resource and is currently working as a Training Assistant at the Water Authority of Fiji.

According to Neha, USP not only prepares students for academic success but also prepares them for the workforce.

"Studying at USP was one of the best experiences of my life. I learnt a lot of things about life, from being responsible to being focused and open-minded. I have become more confident and believe that goals can be achieved if you are committed," she said.

Neha aspires to become a Human Resource Manager in an airline industry in future.

For Solomon Islands student, Leonard Rotu, graduating with a Postgraduate Diploma in Land Management, marks the start of another journey.

Leonard wants to return to Solomon Islands and serve his country after he completes his Masters in Land Management.

He said that as a regional institution, USP is very good in showcasing the diverse cultures that the Pacific is known for.

"It is amazing to meet and see people from the region and abroad studying together in harmony and respect," he further added.

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