
Oil Search committed to education

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Oil Search has invested more than K16 million in its Education Sponsorship Program since 1996, benefiting over 2,000 students from Hides, Kutubu, Moran, Gobe and Kikori.

The largest share of funding goes to covering university fees which average almost K200,000 each year. Students from the project impact areas attending vocational, technical, secretarial, teaching, health/medical and theology training can also receive annual funding for school fees.

Medical doctor and senior lecturer of the University of Papua New Guinea Medical Faculty (UPNG MedFac), Phili Mapira, is one former recipient of the Oil Search scholarship. She attended Koroba Secondary School in Hela and went on to study medicine and surgery at UPNG MedFac from 2000 – 2005.

Dr. Mapira returned to her old school in Koroba as a guest speaker during the grade 10 and 12 graduation ceremony where she challenged students to commit to learning if they wanted to be successful in life. She also took the opportunity to acknowledge Oil Search as a continuing sponsor of the school's Academic Dux Awards which includes laptops, dictionaries and scientific calculators.

The initiative underpins the education sponsorship program and is run by the Oil Search Community Affairs Team in Hides to recognise and reward high performing students from Koroba and Tari Secondary Schools.

“As a former graduate of the school, I thank you for being a partner in human resource development through the Education Sponsorship Program. My (academic) success can be attributed to your support,” Dr. Mapira said.

Kevin Wanima, Oil Search Senior Community Affairs Officer said the Oil Search Academic Dux Awards not only recognise and reward students, it also helps to motivate others to work hard.

He also encouraged the students to exercise discipline and to use their knowledge to better themselves and others.

The Oil Search Community Affairs Education Sponsorship Program currently focuses on education (teacher training), health (medicine, nursing and community health workers), business/finance and technical, engineering and theology.

Oil Search remains a key development partner in education which results in increased economic growth and stability. The company granted 105 community education scholarships worth K1.5 million in 2018.

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Koroba Secondary School Grade 12 student Wendy Paku is the 2019 Oil Search Dux Awardee in Science. Wendy is receiving her laptop from Kevin Wanima, Oil Search Senior Community Affairs officer.



Koroba Secondary School Grade 10 student Shirlyn Moki is the 2019 Oil Search Dux Awardee. Shirlyn is being presented with biology dictionaries and a scientific calculator from Kevin Wanima, Oil Search Senior Community Affairs officer.



Medical doctor and senior lecturer of University of Papua New Guinea Medical Faculty, Phili Mapira is a former recipient of the Oil Search Scholarship. As a guest speaker, she inspired graduates at the Koroba Secondary School where she also attended.