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## **Iakina Adventist Academy Celebrates Strength in Times of Adversity at 2024 Graduation Ceremony**

Iakina Adventist Academy celebrated the remarkable achievements of its graduating class in a ceremony held on June 9, 2024. The theme of the graduation, “Strength in Times of Adversity,” reflected the educational journey of the 16 graduates who took the stage to receive their diplomas.

Pastor Tui Tuliatu offered the invocation and spiritual message, emphasizing the importance of perseverance in the face of challenges. “You will never learn if you don’t feel pressure. You may feel that it’s unbearable, but you will get through it. God designed you to handle that pressure. He would not allow you to take it if you couldn’t conquer it. It doesn’t mean it’s going to be easy or that there’s no pain involved. We can be conquerors and warriors through Christ, who is your strength,” Pastor Tuliatu proclaimed.

Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga, accompanied by First Lady Ella Mauga, delivered a powerful keynote speech, reminding graduates of the critical role adversity plays in shaping one’s character and success. “Graduates, there is strength in times of adversity. You must understand the importance of resilience. Remember, success is not possible without first facing and overcoming adversity,” the Governor advised.

Governor Lemanu also acknowledged the unique challenges faced by the graduates during their high school years, commending their endurance and resilience. “Adversity reveals your true character,” he noted, urging the graduates to embrace their experiences as they move forward into the future.

The ceremony recognized two outstanding students: Valedictorian Moesha Siniua Metuili and Salutatorian Anjelina Jelani Polu, who were honored for their academic excellence and

dedication throughout their high school journey. In addition to the graduation honors, several other awards were presented, recognizing the diverse talents and achievements of the Iakina Academy students.

The ceremony concluded as the graduates, their families, and the entire Iakina Adventist Academy community celebrated the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new journey, strengthened by overcoming adversity.

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