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Governor Lemanu Delivers Congratulatory Remarks at Manumalo Baptist Academy's Graduation



On May 24, 2024, the Manumalo Baptist Academy held its commencement ceremony in Malaeimi for thirty (30) seniors. Honorable Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga delivered special remarks.

In his special remarks, Governor Lemanu began with a verse from the Bible: “When the child was weaned, Hannah took him to the temple. I asked the Lord to give this boy; and he has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord.” (1

Samuel 1:24-28). He continued to encourage the graduates, stating, “Graduates, as we celebrate your achievements today, we should also celebrate the achievements of an extraordinary person dear to you and all of us: our mothers. Our mothers play a crucial role in the celebration of the achievements of this momentous occasion. You and your mother have made this day special for all of us because these are significant accomplishments and living proof of faith that God is our salvation.”

Governor Lemanu extended his heartfelt congratulations, acknowledging the combined contributions of parents, teachers, faculty, staff, church leaders, and community members in nurturing the students’ achievements. Ardeleah Taimane Bernal was recognized as the class Valedictorian, and Ahllyana Manuia Sales and Lesa Folau were acknowledged as Co-Salutatorians for their outstanding academic achievements.

Also in attendance at the commencement ceremony were Congresswoman Uifa’atali Amata Radewagen, Petty Officer First Class Faanofoilefagaoalii Alesana, and ASG Scholarship & Financial Aid Board Member Mrs. Donna Gurr.

Following the special remarks, the graduating class of 2024 shared their class poem entitled “Trust and Lean, let Him take your load for He will guide you down the narrow road.” The commencement ceremony concluded with Reverend Papa’alii Lauli’i Alofa of Manumalo Academy delivering the closing remarks and benediction.

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