

Aliandrea, the best Bumi student in academic and co-curricular activities



Musa (left) presenting the scroll to Aman Sapari Abdul Wahab, who received it on behalf of his brother Zurairi, who died at Mandahan River in Papar recently

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KOTA KINABALU: Aliandrea Hashim, a Bachelor of Science honours graduate from the School of Science and Technology, received the Royal Award for the best Bumiputera student in academic and co-curricular activities at Universiti Sabah Malaysia's (UMS) eighth convocation yesterday.

Aliandrea was one of six UMS students honoured with special awards at the two-day convocation which started yesterday.

Lim Siew Hooi (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, School of Engineering and Information Technology) won the same award for non-Bumiputera students.

The recipient of the Chancellor's Gold Medal was Norhafizah Zainal Abidin (International and Off-shore Banking, Labuan Campus) for best overall student (academic and co-curricular activities).

The Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal for best overall student (academic and co-curricular activities) was won by Tan Soo Fung (E-Commerce), while Gan Kim Soon,

(Software Engineering) won the Alumni Gold Medal and Winarti Sadik (Financial and Banking Management) received the Zainal Abidin Bador award.

Aman Safari Abdul Wahab, 33, a teacher at SMK Klias Baru, Beaufort,

received a posthumous Marketing degree on behalf of his late brother Zurairi Abdul Wahab, 23, who died several months ago when a bridge at Kampung Mandahan, Papar collapsed.

"I am overwhelmed at receiving the degree on behalf of my brother," he said when met at the convocation.

Aman Safari added that UMS contacted him several times inviting him to the convocation to receive the scroll, and UMS Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin had visited the family home in Kuala Nerang, Kedah to invite his parents to the convocation but unfortunately his father is too ill to walk. — *Kamaruddin Liusin*