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Currently at: Namibia University of Science and Technology

Position: Registrar

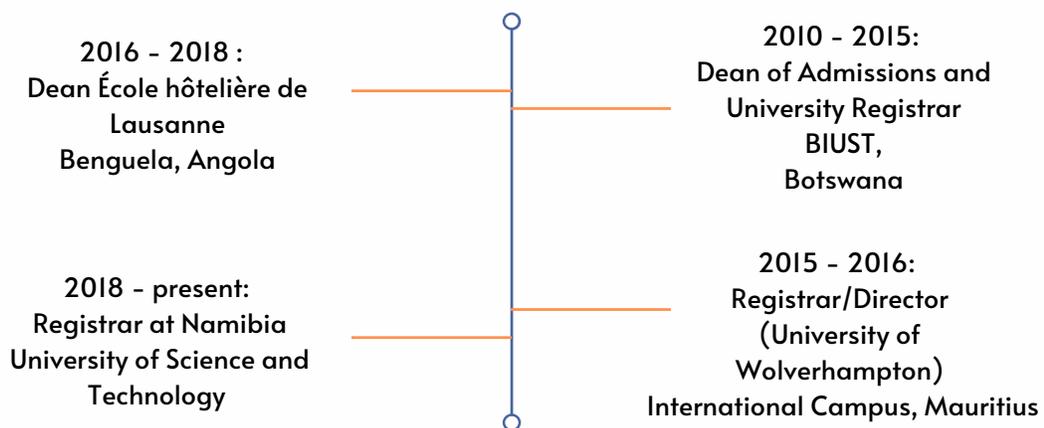
Graduated: 1999

Degree(s): Dip Phil 1992
BATH 1999



Alumni Profile

Career Timeline (Previous 10 Years):



What do you currently do?

I am currently the Registrar at the Namibia University of Science and Technology, which is the National University for Science and Technology in Namibia, focusing on STEM. We have 14,000 students with a central campus and a dozen campuses around the country. Prior to that, I established a university in Angola and I set up a University for the University of Wolverhampton in Mauritius. The first time I came to Africa twelve years ago, I was the founding registrar with Botswana International University of Science and Technology. A varied African experience.

How do you think a degree from SPCM prepared you for today's modern world?

It wasn't until after I completed my degree, I realised the value of the BATH degree. One of my big roles at the moment is governance and I remember learning about ethics and every single element of that transcended over onto the business environment.

The value of the degree, the morals you have, how you live in society and how you contribute to society, they all started to emanate when I finished the bachelor of theology with arts degree. So in effect, doing the degree wasn't so much the knowledge about the degree, it was who I became from doing the degree. When you go into a business environment, it is the values you bring as an individual when you do your role and your job.

What do you remember most from your time at St Patrick's College, Maynooth?

Maynooth is quite unusual in a good way in comparison to other universities and I have worked in lots of Universities around the world; it really is a community of people. Whether it is getting involved in sports, the social aspects or the religious activities it had a special way of bringing people together. It wasn't just the wealth of the academic knowledge and getting the degree, it was just as much about the friends I had made, the sports, the social, the community and Maynooth was always there to look out. The doors were always open to everyone and lecturers were always willing to help out. It was that lovely community of people that I will always remember. I know every time I do go back the door is always open and I am welcomed back so fondly.

What advice would you give to someone who is considering a degree at SPCM?

Think outside the box. When you look at the graduates from St Patrick's College now, they are in every facet of business. The threads of what they do are all over the world. When you think of studying a BATH, look into what you can get from the end of it. Theology opens up so many doors for anyone, especially if you are not sure what you want to do. A theology degree is a wonderful degree to have, it is a stepping stone of who you are going to be for the rest of your life. Don't worry about the concepts of, studying Philosophy and I am studying about God, it is much more than that. Don't just go for the study, get involved in all aspects of University life and of campus life such as the clubs and societies.

And lastly, if you could describe your time at SPCM in a phrase or a few words, what would they be?

St Patrick's and my time at Maynooth shaped me on who I am as a person, they gave me my love of sport and I have made some of my best friends from that.



Above: At a Munster Rugby match with his family in South Africa

Below: Maurice speaking on Eagle FM

