



# Alumnae Spotlight



*Fi  
Moceituba -  
Kaukimoce  
Class of 2010*



Each month we shine the spotlight on one of our Alumnae.

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For this month's Spotlight we travel to Japan to chat with Fi Moceituba -Kaukimoce. Grounded yet flying high, spirited yet courageous, confident yet grateful, determined yet humble.

Here's what Fi had to say ....



Fi with her parents Alfred Mariselo Moceituba and Ulamila Revukinacagi Moceituba.

## WHAT MEMORIES OF YOUR CHILDHOOD YEARS REMAIN WITH YOU TODAY?

Family is everything to me. The times I have spent loving and living with my parents, brothers, sister and extended families are many and I hold them close to my heart. Now we are living in different parts of the world I have grown to appreciate those years together. But if I have to go into detail I have to say my years at High School was the most interesting and I loved School because I enjoyed learning and meeting new friends. When I was in primary school I was in a co-ed school and when I switched over to an all girls school that was a whole new experience for me. My parents were both teachers and I spent a lot of time in my primary years with them so coming out of that was really exciting for me. I remember vividly when it was my turn to travel to Suva with my mum to meet Sister Genevieve for an interview. I was a nervous wreck and I did not know how to answer any of her questions. I remember feeling nervous. I don't remember any of her questions but this memory has stayed with me because getting accepted into a prominent girls school in Fiji was a dream come true. It was here that I learnt what I needed to get through in the big big world we live in. I now reside in Japan and I have grown to appreciate my teachers and mentors back in school for all that I was taught.

### **Can you share a significant experience during your SJSS high school years and, on reflection, why was this impactful?**

I loved being in the netball and athletics teams. I learnt a lot about myself, discipline, endurance and motivation during the years. I had wonderful teachers who were very encouraging and supportive in moulding us through these experiences. This was impactful because it seemed like the normal day to day thing to do, which is to train and prepare for events. When I look back and reflect on my life - right now, that's how I function. I work hard towards goals that I set for myself. Even though painful and hard, I hustle through and make it. Partaking in these extra curricular activities taught me from a young age how to progress in life. And this is how I live it!

Being in an all-girls school also taught me CONFIDENCE! We had our concerts to prepare for and everyone worked extremely hard to pull off their performances. There it is again! Life lessons 101 on how to live your life. We were taught creativity at a young age in a fun way. We learned to empower each other as girls. Of course there was drama in small circles but that also taught me how to navigate issues later on. We learned the value of teamwork as we worked together during practice. And typing "practice" makes me think of CHEER PRACTICE for zone competitions and Coke games. Those were so much fun when we all practiced together - juniors and seniors - I felt togetherness in those moments.

## WHAT INFLUENCED YOUR CAREER PATHWAY AND HOW DID YOU GET TO WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

I looked up to my parents. Both were teachers and were so hardworking. I usually get so emotional talking about them because I saw how my parents worked extremely hard to get my siblings and I into school. We lived away from my dad as he got posted many times in those days to get a higher salary to be promoted to headteacher. My mother, also a teacher took care of all 3 of us. It was a tough life and with challenges, but I have a lot of happy memories of growing up in Fiji. And my parents always said "We want you to be better than us, set high goals". I didn't understand that growing up, but now I do.

When I was in school I looked up to my teachers. And I wanted to do something in business so I took up Accounting and Economics. I had amazing teachers Mrs Vueta, Mrs Tupua, and Ms Mario. These women were powerhouses to me in school. I loved learning from them and it made me stay on track with Economics and Accounting subjects at the University of The South Pacific for two years. With a scholarship, I then transferred to Japan to join my brother. I stayed with business and graduated with a Bachelors Degree of Business Administration from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.

Then my life went in a complete opposite direction. As I was studying, I worked part time as a teacher and language instructor and learned I actually loved being a teacher. So I became one. The original goal was to be a doctor. But that changed in high school after I had a feel of science lessons! I wanted to become a lawyer but then I loved the idea of working in an office. Then I completely changed my mind after graduating because I love giving back to the world, like how my parents and teachers impacted my life. I realized I wanted to do that too!



## WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU GIVE OTHER WHO ASPIRE TO BE PART OF A SIMILAR INDUSTRY?

In life you never know where it takes you or where God takes you. Tune in and really pay attention to the little signs you are getting in life. It's great to set a "goal" but also keep an open mind to what you could do. I've always wanted to help others in what I do. This is where I have ended up. In any career goal you may have, remember to put in the work. You must work hard and sacrifice to achieve something you have set your mind to.

Key : SET A GOAL AND WORK TOWARDS IT. EVERYTHING THAT COMES - COMES!

## On reflection, which school subject/project became the backbone of your career pathway?

All of it! All the experiences that I've had in school. All the teachers inspired me and contributed to my growth and career pathways.



## WHAT WORLDLY GUIDANCE CAN YOU SHARE WITH THE CURRENT STUDENTS OF SJSS?

Enjoy your school life. It won't be forever. You'll grow up. Savour the moments with friends and appreciate your teachers. Take challenges as an opportunity to grow and learn. Be grateful for the little things in life.

Appreciate and love your parents. The seasons of life change very fast!

