

Alam Mathiang

Country: Sudan

Course: Diploma of Agriculture

Institute: TAFE NSW – New England Institute, Armidale College



The Hon Sandra Nori presenting Alam Mathiang with the TAFE NSW New England Institute Student of the Year Award

Alam Mathiang came to Australia from Sudan to study at TAFE NSW – New England Institute, Armidale College. He commenced his studies in 2011 in the Certificate 4 in Agriculture and went on to study the Diploma of Agriculture.

Alam says it was his childhood experiences in Africa that attracted him to agriculture.

“Since my younger days in Sudan, I witnessed the lack of food security not only in my village but in the whole of South Sudan.”

“I decided to study Agriculture at TAFE NSW to gain skills; knowledge, experience and motivation to help me work in Australian farming fields and to also bring food security to my country of origin South Sudan in order to restore hopes, strengths and keep my village dreams and promises alive.”

Alam was a diligent, enthusiastic and passionate student who performed consistently to a very high level. His commitment and hard work paid off when he was awarded the 2011 New England Institute Medal.

Alam is impressed with the TAFE NSW course and the dedication of his teachers.

“Without their willingness, ability, generosity and knowledge to teach me, I would not have known anything about modern agriculture.”

Armidale-based Head Teacher of Agriculture Phil Pamment said, “Alam is one of those special individuals who, despite experiencing considerable adversity, can retain his compassion, dignity and humanity. It has been a privilege to have him as a student and to have been a part of his developing career.”

In 2012 Alam enrolled in the Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of New England where he is majoring in general agricultural production.

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