



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Alumnae

I'm delighted to pen my first ever message in your newsletter after taking over as Principal. The Alumnae Association of Stella Maris College (AASMC) is several decades old and the list grows longer every year as you will know.

As members of a community that once inhabited the same campus, we have a very special connection with one another. Our shared experiences have created a special bond of friendship which can never be broken. Pope Francis once said: "A friend isn't just an acquaintance, someone you enjoy passing the time of day with. Friendship is something much deeper. A good friend never abandons you." As good friends, there is much that we, at the College, can do for you throughout life, and much that you can do to support the mission of your alma mater.

I invite you to return to campus to reunions, for the events that the AASMC Executive Members organise for you, follow us on Facebook, download the Stella Maris App and keep up with happenings on and off campus, join the alumnae network to help prepare our students for careers, or if you have move abroad, become a member of the Alumnae Chapters in your town or city. Let us know of any change or developments in your life. We will put it on our Webpage. Your classmates will be happy to hear from you.

Be sure to contact the Alumnae Office at 044-28113350 for any queries.

Warmest wishes

Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph
Principal, Stella Maris College (Autonomous)
President, AASMC

ALUMNAE MESSAGE

“The success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumnae make to our national life” **John.F. Kennedy**



As I sit to write this message, I recollect with great pride the contribution of our alumnae to this nation and beyond. Stella Maris stands tall, built on the reputation of its illustrious alumnae. A partnership that began with you as students', nurtured and moulded by this Institution continues as you reflect on the values and ideals of your Alma Mater in your realm of influence.

At the outset, I am grateful to God and our Institution for maintaining strong SMC alumnae networks which create credibility and a strong branding for the Institution. We are proud to say that our alumnae are the best evangelists of our College who take the values and spirit of the Alma Mater far and wide. A wide range of job prospects and other opportunities are made available through Career Guidance Cell (CGC) of the SMC for our new alumnae. It is highly commendable that the CGC has a strong tie-up with industries who recruit and absorb quite a number of capable students from the College.

To sustain the spirit of your Alma Mater and to encourage more involvement and to build up a strong alumnae association this year, we are happy to introduce to the alumnae our future initiatives. These initiatives will enable to engage our alumnae more effectively, to develop meaningful

programmes that foster fellowship among alumnae and encourage the physical, moral and spiritual growth of the students of the College. Therefore, we invite alumnae to make use some of the facilities which are available on Campus. Facilities are listed below.

1. Access to the library,
2. To enroll in certificate courses conducted by the various departments such as - Herbal Therapy and Beauty Care (Botany), Social Marketing (Commerce), Copy Writing (English), Spanish for Tourism, Tour Guide (History), Mathematics for Competitive Examinations (Mathematics), Transforming through Mediclowning (Social Work), Social Entrepreneurship, Media and Society (Sociology), Animal Cell Culture Techniques (Zoology), Insurance and Risk Management, Principles of Financial Planning and Portfolio Management, Stocks, Bonds, Derivatives and other Investment Avenues, Gender and Work Economics), Cloud Computing and Gaming (Computer Science).

Most of the Certificate Courses are conducted after 1:00 p.m.

3. To keep yourself fit and youthful, SMC has a Fitness Centre for Students, Faculty and Alumnae.



The Centre provides good equipment facilities like the Tread Mill, Strength Training Equipment, Kettle Bells, Bar Weight lift plate, Double Twister, Elliptical Trainer, Cycle, Rowing Machine and Swiss Drum Bells. We invite the alumnae to make use of the gymnasium to keep active and fit. You are free to choose the timings between 6:00 am and 10:00 am and between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

4. The Tennis court is open for your kids to play from 7:00 am – 8:00 am and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm every day.

Do visit your second home, relive sweet memories

with joy by walking around the College campus. Refresh your mind by interacting with one another and reunite yourself with strong network and strengthen the relationship with SMC Alumnae Association.

Looking forward to seeing you.

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AASMC REPORT

2017-18

AASMC has as always had an eventful year 2017-18. The year started off with a change of guard with Dr Sr Flavia Mariapragasam our Vice President bidding adieu to the association and Dr Sr Stella Mary from the Economics department taking over as Vice President of AASMC.

On the 1st of September we gave a formal send off to Sr Flavia in a small get together that include core group, executive group and advisory group members of the AASMC. We also formally welcomed our new vice president Sr Stella. 2nd October we had our AGM and reunion. This time we chose to have a basket ball match between the present students and alumnae and the present students won the match by a small margin. The chief guest for the day was our own alumna Vidya Singh, wedding planner, fitness enthusiast and princess of Vijayanagaram. We had a reasonably good turn out from various departments and the get together was a great camaraderie with lots of music and dancing as well.

Kalanjiyams have been an important activity of AASMC and we organised a meeting with author Aditi Mukherjee for the alumnae as well as PG Students of the English Department. The meet was well attended and well appreciated.

On the 19th of March the AASMC office bearers organised a meeting at the Rajnivas Puducherry with the honourable lieutenant governor Dr Kiran Bedi, for a group of students from the history department who were a mix of first, second and third year students. The meeting was memorable and inspiring and the hospitality at the Rajnivas was impeccable.

28th of March we had the valedictory function where our alumna Dr Lilian Jasper, now the principal of WCC was the chief guest. She was given the distinguished alumna award by our principal Dr Sr Jasinta Quadras. She recalled her days at Stella and expressed gratitude for the

foundation the College gave her based on which she is a principal today.

All in all the year was filled with ups, downs, moments of anticipation and finally a lot of fun for AASMC.

CAREER GUIDANCE CELL ...



The Career Guidance Cell an initiative of the AASMC aims at providing a platform to connect students with companies on campus. There being more demand for trained skill sets in fresher's the CGC decided the focus should be on finding new avenues to train the students.

CGC ACTIVITIES IN 2017-18

The year started with briefing sessions to the entire batch of final year students department wise by members of the CGC. Students were briefed about the previous year recruitments, the companies that came to campus, the kind of job roles offered, the selection process and the skillsets expected from the students.

We started with 568 student registrations for placements this academic year. A four day Pre-Recruitment Workshop was conducted by the CGC on Resume writing, Cracking Aptitude tests, Interview techniques, and Group discussion. Approximately 280 students attended this programme.

MPS TRAINING PROGRAMME

This year the focus was in training the pathway students, to improve their employability prospects. Mahindra Pride School, a CSR initiative of Mahindra groups of companies had conducted 80 hours of training last year for the 2nd year students (On Campus) who are from the economically



weaker section. The program covered topics on personality development & also prepared these students for the campus drive. As a follow up this year a few pathway students attended a job fair on the 10th of February, organized only for the MPS trainees. In addition to this a few students from the final year attended a 100 hours Employability Training Program. As a result 24 students were successfully placed a majority of them in TCS

CAMPUS RECRUITMENT

The campus recruitment this year started in August with Dream companies like Deloitte, Ernst Young, KPMG, Goldman Sachs, Google, RBS, Barclays, Zifo, CITI Bank and Mckinsey picking the cream students, the IT recruitments included CTS, WIPRO, Verizon, Ramco, L&T, Systech Solutions and Sap Labs. A number of our students were also selected as teachers in Schools like Vellammal, Akshar Arbol and Eye level teaching centers. There was a huge need for Content writing and editing jobs this year from companies like Paper True, Spiral Up, Pick your Trail etc. The job profiles varied from analyst, research associate, programmer,

content writer, designer to teaching, customer support and HR. 2nd year UG students were selected for Internship Programmes by Google, Ernst Young and Goldman Sachs.

A total number of 60 companies visited our campus this year and 308 job offers were given to our students. Many more job offers came after college closed for exams. These requirements were communicated to our students and interviews were arranged for the interested candidates by these companies at their offices.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Ms.Sharadha attended the Zifo Placement Officers Meet and Ms. Sarala Vasu attended the Ernst Young Internship completion ceremony where Manisha Jovitha was awarded a scholarship to attend the Leadership Conference in Florida and and Agnella Nikitha also from Mathematics Department was awarded a trip to attend the Senior Manager Conference in the Middle east. Deloitte held a meet for the placement officers in March which was attended by Mathavi and Vasanthi.



A NEW BUILDING IN COLLEGE

Stella Maris College over the years has grown from strength to strength. From introducing new courses to coming up with new building the College has really expanded well and continues to be the most sought after College for women in the city.

We are coming up with a new building on campus, near the games ground. The work has already begun for laying the foundation and the College seeks the support of alumnae and other philanthropists who wish to donate towards the same.

The new building – the SMC academic block will have five floors and with classrooms, library, computer halls and library. We are looking at equipping the classrooms with good infrastructure and amenities.

To raise funds for the building the Alumnae Association has decided to start a campaign called “Buy a Brick” where in we will be requesting people to buy a brick each costing ₹100 and contribute towards the building. We hope to run this campaign both through the alumnae association and the present students to be able to collect a substantial amount for the new building.

We are also personally reaching out to alumnae in our respective groups to contribute towards the same. We believe that every drop makes an ocean and every little contribution which comes in will help construct this building where thousands of students will be educated every year.

To give in your contributions please reach the AASMC office on 044 28113350 and we will share further details with you.

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towards the
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