



St. Francis

College for Women

Begumpet, Hyderabad
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FRANCIS ALLUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

The alumnae have been actively involved in promoting the quality of life in the college campus. It has upheld the objectives of the association namely prompting knowledge given through guest lectures and sponsoring the fees of deserving college students who are economically and socially disadvantaged. It has also continued to strengthen the bond among the alumnae both at national and international level. The association helps to rediscover old friends, make new ones from across batches, seek and offer help, and have loads of fun.

Alumnae Executive Board

The alumnae Executive Board meets atleast once every month under the Presidentship of Ms. Shalini Deen Dayal. It has endeavored to increase the number of members of Alumnae Association. The decision to make all the students who applied for convocation as life members greatly helped increase the number of alumnae as part of membership drive. The life membership fee remains at a modest Rs.500.00. The Board has decided to use face book more extensively to publicize the Alumnae membership and reunions.

Membership

The membership of the Association continues to grow and adds new life members with the efforts and support of Principal and Vice principal of St Francis College.

Programs & Activities

The Alumnae association asked COFEE to conduct their annual debate this year, it was decided that this opportunity could be used to ignite some thought on the topic -“Is Handloom Industry Dying a Slow Death”.



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St. Francis College Alumnae Association had organized a one day outreach program to Assisi high school (T.M) – Warangal. The outreach activity was conducted to enlighten the students of class 10 on different career prospects, personality development and team work. An effort was made to identify the requirements of the school so that the association can help them in the future.

Departmental Re-unions

The new initiative started by Principal has gained momentum in the academic year 2012-2013 wherein the following departments held the alumnae meet.

The Post Graduate Diploma In Human Resource Management, department of HRM held its Reunion in December of 2011. 24 students attended the reunion. The department was established 9 years ago with an average of 25 students passing each year. The department noticed that December was the wrong month to hold the reunion as it was the holiday season and many of the alumni were out of station. The program was managed and planned by the students completely which had games, cultural dance and songs performed by the current batch students. The prizes were sponsored by the class themselves. The management sponsored the snacks and a healthy exchange of networking took place where the students were able to get information about industry opening and placement opportunities.

The department of History sparked off the idea of a Reunion cum Christmas party. The department had its Re-union on the 15th of December 2012 which proved to be a huge success. The party started off with a short but inspirational message by the principal Dr. Sr. Alphonsa Vattoly followed by some lovely touching words from Dr. Uma Joseph and the cutting of the Christmas cake. Soon after the cutting of the cake the ex-students, batch after batch, shared their experience of being in St. Francis. The program was managed and planned by the students which had games, cultural dance and songs, they met their secret Santa and received gifts.



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The 40th Anniversary celebration of the Department of Commerce was an opportunity for all alumnae to join together and celebrate the growth & success of one of the largest & most vibrant department of the college. A few alumnae were physically present & expressed their pride & joy on the occasion, while many from across the world sent email, facebook & video messages. The Alumnae association sponsored tea & snacks for all the staff members of the college while some individual alumnae sponsored the mementos for the retired & current staff of the department.

Some of the alumnae also stayed back for lunch organized by the department & reminisced about their days at SFC. This was the first step towards engaging the alumnae in the activities of the department. It is to be hoped that the alumnae of the department will continue to strengthen the department in all its endeavors.

Donations

The Alumnae members contribute to economically disadvantaged students by paying their fees.

Pledge

The executive Board decided to encourage past students at every reunion to pledge an amount or pledge services to the College in the coming years.

Award Instituted

The “Service Excellence Award” instituted by the Alumnae for one of the teaching staff for enriching college life for the year 2013 was given to Mrs. Malliswari. The award carried a cash prize of Rs.2,000/-, a citation, shawl and a floral tribute.



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Future Plans

- ◆ Continue to keep the membership drive momentum and make it more aggressive.
- ◆ To conduct career awareness programs
- ◆ To inspire current students by inviting eminent personalities from various fields to address them.
- ◆ To conduct the Alumnae reunion in December.

ALUMNAE RE-UNION REPORT

14th December, 2013

The annual alumnae get-together was planned for the 14th of December, 2013. A series of meetings were held to plan & execute the activities during the preceding few months. This year it was decided that all the departments of the college would be involved in the event. This was done to ensure greater participation of ex-students via the student-staff network.

The members of the core committee included: Principal Dr. Sr. Alphonsa, Vice-Principal Dr. Sr. Christine Fernandes, Sr. Bridget, Sr. Rosa, Alumnae Committee members – President – Ms. Shalini Deen Dayal, General Secretary – Ms. Asha Kumar, Jt. Secretary – Dr. Uma Joseph, Treasurer – Ms. Geeta G. Members – Ms. Bhavana Sanghi, Ms. Pooja Mitra, Ms. Kavita Reddy, Ms. P.C. Nirmala, Ms. Deepa Samuel, Ms. Margaret, Dr. Vidya, Ms. Roselin & Ms. Purnishat.

Faculty members: Arts: Dr. Swaswati Choudhary, Ms. Tina & Ms. Bernadette; Science: Ms. Kavitha B, Ms. Anitha Thomas & Ms. Shika; Commerce: Dr. Malliswari & Ms. Hari Kalyani; BMS: Ms. Mallika Shetty & Ms. Geeta Anand.

On the 14th of December, 2013, the ex-students were welcomed into college at the registration counters with a cute heart shaped chocolate with the tag – ‘Francis Achiever’ attached.



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The college wore a festive look with the shamiana in the quadrangle and a number of stalls around in the corridors. The alumnae were welcomed and guided through the programme by comperes Ms. Margaret and Ms. Bernadette & BMS alumna Ms. Chalin Sawang.

The event started traditionally with a prayer & prayer song by the college choir. The Principal Dr. Sr. Alphonsa Vattoly & President Shalini Deendayal addressed the gathering, welcoming them & exhorting them to participate more actively in the alumnae activities of college.

It was then time for some fun with the karaoke, a large number of ex-students & staff made a bee-line to the stage, belting out popular old & new Bollywood & Tollywood numbers. The audience applauded the melodious virtuosos & encouraged the nervous amateurs.

In the meantime some ex-students enjoyed visiting the yummy food stalls & shopped at the stalls displaying clothes, jewellery, handmade greeting card stalls etc. They were then invited to participate in the alumnae parade, with current & retired teachers cheering them on.

The present students entertained their predecessors with a vibrant & energetic Bollywood medley that took the alumnae back to their Kalankarna days.

Bhavana Sanghi, B. Com batch of 1991 gave away gift vouchers from her store Trisa to the participants of some fun, impromptu contests. We also thank her for setting up the karaoke.

The finale of the event was the announcement about the silent auction proceedings handled by Kavitha Reddy & Pooja Bajaj-Mitra of the B. Com batch of 1991, who took the initiative in organising the online bidding of items donated by reputed designers of the twin cities.

A special note of appreciation & thanks were rendered to Anushree Reddy, Aanchal Bahirwani, Deepthi Rajesh, Siriisha Mulpura, Vyshnavi Reddy, Deepika Reddy (Almari) & Aarti Badruka (Orange Feathers) for generously donating one item from their stores towards a worthy cause. The auction sale proceeds & registration amounts will be donated to the Swarnojwala fund for the education of deserving girl students from rural areas.



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The event ended with a thoughtful vote of thanks by General Secretary Ms. Asha Kumar. A little disappointing was the small turnout for the programme; however the ex-students who attended were swamped with nostalgia as they caught up with friends, class mates & teachers. The members of the Alumnae association place on record their gratitude to every staff (teaching & non-teaching), who helped in the arrangements for the event.