



St. Francis

College for Women

Begumpet, Hyderabad

(Autonomous & Affiliated to Osmania University)

FRANCIS ALLUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

The alumnae has 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 of St. Francis College organised a session for the Final Year students on the topic - "What young talent must look for in your first job" on 22nd July 2014. A very informative & thought provoking talk was followed by an interactive session when Mr. Ramesh patiently answered students' questions. We place on record our thanks to the Alumnae association for this wonderful initiative.



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It was truly a memorable day for the Alumnae of St. Francis College for Women Begumpet on 28 August, 2014 as they started early morning to Warangal on a Social outreach. The alumnae included the Principal, Sr. Alphonsa, Vice Principal, Sr. Christine, Correspondent Sr. Jane Mary, Dr. Uma Joseph, Dr. Sravanti, Ms. Seema Victor, Ms. Margaret Francis, Ms. Pooja, Ms. Bhavna, Dr. Vidya, Ms. Roseline, Ms. Prerna and Sr. Bridget. The programme included career guidance for the students of class X, fun, games and songs for the rest of the school kids and distribution of gifts to the students who are less fortunate which included school bags, foot wear, blankets etc. and refreshments for all. At the end of the day as we left the school the kids and the sisters were full of joy and hearts were warmed at the small difference we could make in the lives of the precious students.

Re-unions

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. MallikaShetty & Ms. Geeta Anand.



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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.

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.



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A special note of appreciation & thanks 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.

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.

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 has for one of the teaching staff for enriching college life for the year 2014 was given to Dr. Mrs. Swaroopa Rani. 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.