

OYSTER

(Organisation of yesteryear students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences)

Annual Report 2017-18

The year 2017-18 was a fruitful year for OYSTER as well as for Rajagiri College of Social Sciences

OYSTER activities for the period:

OYSTER Home Coming Day Jan 26th 2017

OYSTER Day 2017 was conducted in Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kakkanad on 26th January from 10am to 2pm. The registration started by 10am and a total of 162 members registered for the event. The formal event started with Rajagiri Anthem followed with one minute silence in honour of all the departed alumni members. Mr Issac Varghese (Vice President, OYSTER) welcomed the gathering. The annual activity report of OYSTER for the year 2016-17 was presented by Mr. Kiran Thampi (Secretary, OYSTER). The highlights were the OYSTER Home coming day 2016, Alumni Involvement in Syllabus Revision, Bangalore chapter Onam celebrations, Alumni contribution in various events organized by the departments, OYSTER contribution for best students in various departments etc. The cultural programmes presented by students from different batches engaged the audience. Presidential address was given by Mr Venugopal K (President, OYSTER). He thanked all the alumni members who have contributed to the alma mater and made the institution proud. Rev Fr Jose Alex CMI, Director, Rajagiri Institutions shared his experiences associated with the institution and wished the alumni members to continue their efforts in branding the institution. Cake cutting to commemorate 75th Birthday of Fr Jose Alex CMI was also held. Dr Joseph I Injodey (Executive Director, Rajagiri Institutions) discussed about the efforts of alumni members in making the Rajagiri flag fly higher. Dr Binoy Joseph (Principal) mentioned about the new courses in Rajagiri as well as the structural change, Rajagiri is undergoing. Election for the office bearers for 2017-19 was done. Dr Mary Venus Joseph (Dean and Administrator) addressed the gathering and introduced the batches being honoured. The alumni members, who have completed 60 years after completing their course in Rajagiri were honoured. Honouring Golden Jubilee batch (1967) and DSS, MA-PM & IR, MSW silver Jubilee batches (1992), honouring the decennial batches from MCA, MBA and BSW were also held. Mr

Pavithran (Alumni and winner of best principal award) was also honoured. Photo Session was held and followed by Lunch at the college mess hall.



Executive Committee Meetings

Executive board met once during the time period

Updation of the Alumni directory

Regular updation of the Alumni Directory is on with the available data and special thanks to Dr Mary Venus for supporting the cause.

Financial support to student

Financial support to a student in MBA who is hospitalized after the accident

Alumni sponsorship

Sponsored as well as volunteered for Crayons 2018 organized by Rajagiri Transcend. This was in memory of the classmate, Mr. Sumesh- MBA 2005-07 batch who passed away. Alumni contribution for the MCA national level fest euphoria 2k17 was Rs.1,70,460 and also helped as being judges for various competitions of web designing, App development, Novel minds.

Alumni participation in the conferences and seminars

Alumni members had meaningful contribution to the institution as Resource persons and linkages for other resources during conferences and seminars organized by the various departments in the college. Rajagiri HRx club –online network of Rajagiri HR admin. Very active by discussion, webinars, and lateral placement support

Alumni visit to Rajagiri

Alumni visiting Rajagiri had interactive sessions with faculty members and students. They enlightened the students by sharing their experiences and motivated them with the opportunities they have for a good career. Preplacement training for MCA students by practicing professionals like Ms Sreelakshmi A Nair (2014-17), Mr. Jaljith Narayanan, HR of UST Global(MA (PM&IR) 1994), Mr.Shibas N.P,HR Lead- ILP Tata Consultancy Services & Mr. Rony Thomas, TCS Kochi - Talent Engagement (2009 Pass out Alumni, RBS) trained MCA students in Corporate Etiquette & Group Discussion techniques. Mr. Ritesh Radhakrishnan (2003 MCA Batch) facilitated for recruitment process.

In the School of Social Work, Dr George Palattiyil & Ms Silvy Mathew (1993 MSW batch), addressed the students.

Alumni Involvement in Syllabus Revision

The various departments in the college are having Alumni members as board of studies members. The board meets and takes decision on syllabus updating, new courses to be introduced and the teaching learning process.

Best Outgoing student in MSW Programme

An award for Best Outgoing student in MSW Programme was initiated by 1984-86 MSW Batch in memory of Shri Roy & late Shri Chacko in connection with their Silver Jubilee Year. During the certificate awarding ceremony held in 2017, Ms Ms. Aneena Anna Sebastian was awarded with the Roy & Chacko memorial cash award for the best outgoing student in MSW Programme. Prof K A Balakrishnan Memorial award was given to Ms Kaviya, Ms Sulekha and Mr Alvyn from MSW. Best performer in academics and field practicum (Prof V J Pappoo award) in PGDCSW was given to Sangeetha. Four awards were given for BSW students in the name of social work educators.

Batch Get together:



MSW and MCA 2013 Passout batch, October 2017



MCA 2006 Pass out batch gethering, July 2017

Chapter news

Bengaluru Chapter: Bengaluru chapter conducted ‘Annual Meet up and Onam Fest’ on 17th September 2017. The venue was Christ University Bengaluru. There were different events for children and also fun filled games for all the participants along with a musical band show. The representatives from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences participated in the event. Around 95 alumni members gathered for the event. Their member strength is currently 250. They have also conducted two online chat sessions named as ‘Logos’, which is the Virtual version of "Fireside Chat" will be aired via Hangout/Skype/YouTube medium. The

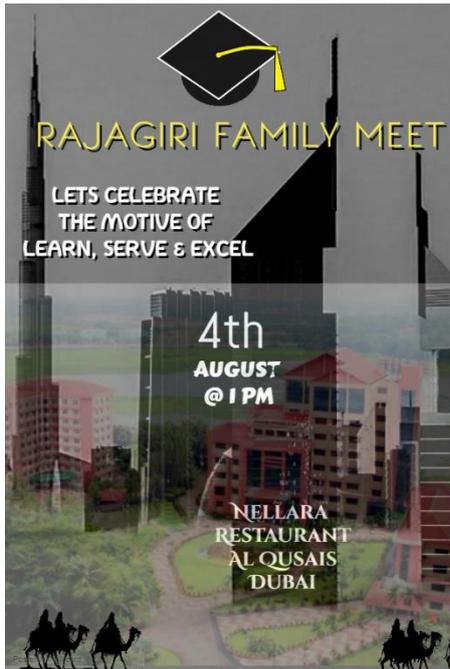
format of the program would include topics from various domains including Management, Social Works, and Technology.



Chennai Chapter: Chennai Chapter had an informal get together in Chennai wherein 20 alumni members gathered and they are in the process of refreshing the chapter.



Dubai Chapter: Rajagiri Family meet was conducted at Al Qusais, Dubai on 4th August and 82 members participated in the event. Dr Manoj Mathew represented Rajagiri in the event.



Various chapters in Delhi and Trivandrum also meet occasionally.

We thank overseas alumni members especially in USA for supporting our students for their placement activities.

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- Rev Fr Jose Alex CMI, Former Director, Rajagiri Institutions
- Rev. Dr Fr.Saju M D, Councillor, Education ,SH Province

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- Dr Binoy Joseph, Principal, RCSS
- Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean, Research
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