

OYSTER

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

Annual Report 2018-19

The year 2018-19 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 2018

OYSTER Day 2018 was conducted in Rajagiri Hill Campus, Kalamassery on 26th January from 10am to 2pm. The registration started by 10am and a total of 100 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. Dr Joseph I Injodey (Executive Director) welcomed the gathering. The annual activity report of OYSTER for the year 2017-18 was presented by Mr. Kiran Thampi (Secretary, OYSTER). The highlights were the OYSTER Home coming day 2017, Alumni Involvement in Syllabus Revision, 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 Mathew Vattathara CMI, Director, Rajagiri Institutions shared his experiences associated with the institution. Dr Binoy Joseph (Principal) mentioned about the new courses in Rajagiri as well as the structural change, Rajagiri is undergoing. Dr Mary Venus Joseph (Dean-Research) addressed the gathering and introduced the batches being honoured. She was invited to present a compiled video on Silver Jubilee batch and then to call upon jubilee batches. The alumni members, who have completed 50 years after completing their course in Rajagiri were honoured. Special mention was made for Decennial batches (2007 passed out for MBA, 2007 passed out for MCA and 2007 passed out for BSW and BLiSc). Awarding to Dr M P Antoni, CRC Member was held during the meeting. Mr. Salim E.A (President, Bengaluru Chapter) was invited for the Briefing on Bengaluru Chapter Activities. Photo Session was held and followed by Lunch at the college mess hall.



Syllabus feedback session:

As part of the homecoming day, separate sessions were organised by the various departments to discuss the syllabus and get the feedback of the alumni members. Alumni members actively contributed in the session which will be followed up.



Executive Committee Meetings

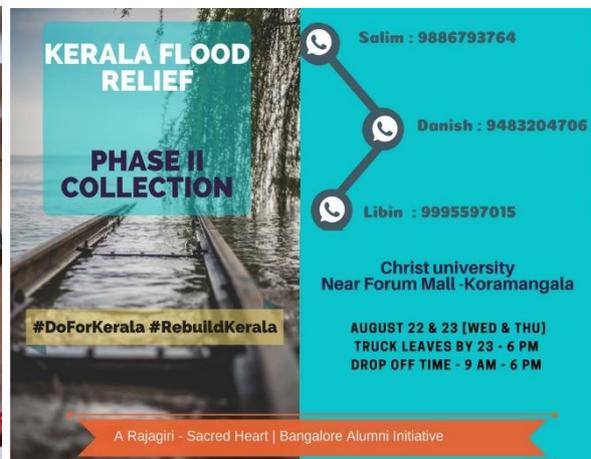
Executive board met 2 times during the time period

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.

Alumni sponsorship

The alumni members contributed to Rajagiri Transcend- a student body of Rajagiri College, for the Kerala Rebuilding efforts after floods. Bengaluru Alumni Chapter contributed truckloads of materials worth Rs 5 Lakhs to various parts of Kerala after the Floods in August. All the alumni members wholeheartedly supported this cause directly and indirectly.



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. 10 Alumni members from PGDM were the panel members for Summer Internship Viva of PGDM batch in July-August 2018. Mr P Padmakumar (Saint Gobain), Mr Anup P R(TCS), Mr Aji Tom(KONE), Mr Manu Sree Achuthan (Williams Lea Tag), Ms Uma Shankar (Thryve Digital Health LLP) were actively involved in Industry Interface programmes.

Mr. Shibas N.P, HR Lead - ILP Tata Consultancy Services(2009 Passout Alumni, RBS) & Mr. Rony Thomas, TCS Kochi - Talent Engagement (2009 Pass out Alumni, RBS) Trained MCA semester 4 students in Corporate Etiquette & Group Discussion techniques on Jan 20th 2018. Mr. Shelly Jose- Faculty RCBS (1990 pass out MA (PM & IR) and Mr. Ritesh Radhakrishnan (2013 Pass out MCA, Head-Project Delivery, Ignitho Technologies) Were Panel members for the Mock interview sessions conducted for the semester V MCA students. Mr. Bharath Jagadeesh (2018 Passout MCA), Software Engineer E&Y gave an orientation to the entire MCA students during the CSTAR session on the topic “Skills and Techniques for conducting an effective IT fest” on 4th Dec 2018.

Dr Priti Wilson (MSW 2001 Pass out), Regional Director, Social Justice Dept gave a talk during the induction programme of current MSW Batch.

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 various Programmes in the name of alumni members

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 2018, Ms Anjana N 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 Minnu Celine, Sr Shiny Varghese and Ms Anjana N from MSW. Best performer in academics and field

practicum (Prof V J Pappoo award) in PGDCSW was given to Jissmol Shaji. Four awards were given for BSW students in the name of social work educators who taught in the Social Work Programme.

Manu Memorial Award for the Best Outgoing MCA Student-2018 was given to Mr Vishnu Sudhakaran.

Batch get-togethers:



MCA 2006 Batch gathering, August 2018



BSW 2009 Pass out gathering, December 2018



2016 pass out batch gathering, Canada-July 2018



MCA 2006 BATCH, New York, December 2018

Chapter news

Bengaluru chapter is having 200 members currently and frequently meet and connect. Chennai Chapter and Dubai Chapter are having informal get togethers. We thank overseas alumni members especially in USA for supporting our students for their placement activities.

Chennai Chapter: Chennai informal gathering was conducted on 17th March 2018 wherein 20 members participated from various disciplines



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- Rev. Dr Fr. Saju M D, Asst Director and Councillor, Education, SH Province
- Dr. Joseph I Injodey, Executive Director, Rajagiri Institutions
- Dr Binoy Joseph, Principal, RCSS
- Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean, Research
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