

OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE NEWSLETTER



Gear up SJCC, it's the Golden Jubilee!



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE -

Warm Greetings!

As the Annual General Meeting of the OSA takes place tomorrow, we mark the end of yet another successful year! While we say goodbye to our beloved Fr. Daniel as his journey with us comes to an end, we look forward to the college reopening once again after a year and a half of running on a completely online format and we hope for a smooth and safe transition back to campus. In adding freshness to this new beginning, we welcome our new Principal, Rev. Dr. Charles Lasrado SJ and we're sure that together the institution will celebrate a glorious milestone.

Kavita Muthappa

This academic year marks the celebration of the institution's

GOLDEN JUBILEE

That's right! 50 glorious years of SJCC and we are really excited to work towards making it a glamours one as well.

We look forward to a year filled with active participation so do join us in commemorating this milestone as one big family.

Let's do this with the Josephite spirit!

THE JOURNEY OF DR. DANIEL FERNANDES SJ WITH ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in monuments of stone, but what is woven into the lives of others." - Pericles

Principal
May 2002-April 2011
August 2013-April 2021



DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE YEARS:

- Fr. Daniel took the initiative to diversify the academic programmes from one to twelve programmes that cater to the global and national needs of industry and academia.
- He initiated morning batches first in the city to help students pursue professional programmes along with their degree and encouraged economically challenged students to take up employment.
- Fr. Daniel's efforts resulted in the gradual increase in student strength from 300 to 3100 and that made the campus culturally diverse.
- He initiated new collaborations with International Universities, Professional Bodies, Industry and NGOs.
- He developed Research Culture through the developments mentioned below:
- o Established the Research Center in 2010
- o Encouraged student research
- o Introduced Research Sabbatical for faculty members
- o Guided the Research Center in organizing Experiential Learning Workshops
- o Encouraged faculty members to take up Research Projects
- He also revamped the physical infrastructure by constructing the following blocks and renovating the auditorium.
 - o Administrative Block
- o Academic Block
- o Sports Block

- o Examination Block
- o Renovation of the Auditorium (Loyola Hall)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC BLOCK





Before - LOYOLA HALL - Now





SPORTS BLOCK









FOCUS ON STUDENTS:

- Fr. Daniel encouraged Participative Governance through the reforms given below:
- o Restructured the Student Council with new orientation
- o Formed Student Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC)
- o Four Representatives in every class to represent the concerns of all students in class
- o Ensured the prevalence of democratic spirit on campus through diverse cultural activities
- o Established and strengthened TQM, encouraged the involvement of alumni, industry experts, and parents in governance
- Father Daniel established the International Desk which organizes Student International Exposure Programmes and Student Exchange Programmes.
- He introduced Social Internship, Corporate Internship, and Industrial Visits. For the student community, these initiatives act as a bridge to the practical world. Also, these initiatives have been instrumental in offering multidimensional exposure to students.
- Fr. Daniel established a well-designed student support system by introducing the following changes in the institution:
- o Counselling Department
- o 24X7 Active Grievance Redressal Mechanism
- o Scholarships for deserving students
- o Introduced Open Houses
- He attributed due significance to "Learning Beyond Classroom" by forming various Clubs, Associations and College Teams. The numbers of the Associations, Teams and Clubs are mentioned below:
- o College Associations and Clubs 17
- o College Teams 7
- o Department Association B.Com 11
- o Department Association BBA 11
- o Department Associations PG 05



COMPUTER LABORATORY





AV ROOM



EXAMINATION CENTER





NEWLY INTRODUCED:

- Fr. Daniel introduced the following changes in the technological infrastructure of the institution:
- o Made SJCC Wi-Fi enabled campus in 2007
- o Computer Labs established
- o Introduction of Digital Signage Board
- o Introduced ERP System
- o Established Media Center
- o Established E-Learning Center and Library
- o Launched official College Mobile Application
- o Set up Video Conference Room
- o Introduced Microsoft Office Suite for online classes
- Fr. Daniel guided the institution in establishing Innovation & Incubation Center
- He also guided the many Green Initiatives, such as Solar Panels, ornamental gardens, Clean Campus, Rainwater Harvesting, waste-segregation & Vermicompost
- Fr. Daniel made Outreach Programme mandatory for all students which later evolved to be a unique aspect of SJCC education
- Fr. Daniel guided the institution through many accreditation processes including three NAAC cycles and NIRF. At present SJCC is the only college in Karnataka with A++ grade. It is also the only institution which appears in the top 100 best colleges in Karnataka as per the latest NIRF ranking.
- The Placement Cell was established under the leadership of Fr. Daniel.

He steered the institution in achieving Autonomous status in 2005.

- Fr. Daniel established the Examination Center and introduced the following reforms:
- o E- Governance, Exam Calendar, Automation of the Exam Department, Evaluation Boards, Result Analysis of ESE, Reforms in CIA, LMS platforms, and Outcome Based Education. LMS platforms they provided extensively to conduct all CIA assignments,
- o During his tenure as principal the Examination Center also developed an effective framework to support students with disabilities during examination.
- Under Father's leadership SJCC attained College with Potential for Excellence awarded in 2010.

FAREWELL

FR. DANIEL

On the 11th of April, 2021 we bid farewell to one of the most precious gems this prestigious institution has to offer. A small formal gathering was held in order to celebrate the wondrous contribution that Fr. Daniel has made to the institution over the past two decades. Words just do not suffice when it comes expressing our gratitude! We wish him the very best for the years ahead.





Thanking all those that helped in make it really special!



Special thanks to Mr. Irfan Razack for hosting the splendid evening at The Prestige Conrad

The evening comprised of speeches reminiscent of the all memories with Father, given by a few notable members of the alumni. Post this a video montage was also played where old students close to Father shared a few thoughts and expressed their gratitude in their own special ways



WELCOME

FR.CHARLES

Only a few know that Dr. Charles Lasrado SJ is no stranger to St. Joseph's College of Commerce. Having been administrator of the institution in the academic year 2004-05, Father Charles has also worked closely with Father Daniel at St. Joseph's Evening College where he was Principal-in-Charge for two academic years.



Often a rank holder and an outstanding academician through all levels of his studies, Father Charles' expansive academic knowledge has taken him to many a height with the post of Secretary and Treasurer, Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society and Assistant General Treasurer of The Society of Jesus, giving us a brief idea of his commendable qualities as a leader on a global front.

Within the short time spent as Principal here at SJCC, Father Charles has already established himself as a warm and benevolent Principal and we are sure that the Josephite family will extend the same affection towards him.

We wish Father Charles the very best!

THE PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE OSA

K B Shanmukhappa	1982-83			
Jasbir Singh Dhody	1988-89			
Nanu R Mallya	1996-97			
Jayanth M Pattanshetti	1998-00			
S Srinath	2000-03			
Jackie Pinto	2003-05			
Vedam Jaishankar	2005-07			
Rosalind Fernandes	2007-10			
Rajaram A P	2011-14			
Vinay Mruthyunjaya	2014-17			
Kavita Muthappa	2017-present			

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

OUR ESTEEMED ALUMNI



Major Geeta Adhikari

An officer of the elite Indian Army, graduated from the batch of 2008. A woman of substance and simplicity, she has always had an extensive interest to serve the nation with dedication and fortitude.

While at SJCC, Major Geeta Adhikari was a part of the college softball and the basketball team and has also represented Bangalore University at the State Level in softball. She was undoubtdly an omnipresent face of the college and contributed her best in all spheres. It is due to this that she was awarded as the Best Outgoing Student (Alumni) for the batch of 2008.

Major Geeta Adhikari went on to join the Indian Army in 2010, becoming the 4th generation in her family to join the Armed Forces, thereby carrying on her forefathers' legacy. She has been commanding and leading her troops in forward/tough areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. "Service before self", is a motto she has stood by throughout her 10 years of service till date. Apart from her daily call of duty, she has also been a part of many rescue and relief military operations, one of the significant ones among all being the major Flood Relief Operation carried out by the Indian Army in Srinagar in the year 2015. Besides this she has also participated in many adventure sports, especially White Water rafting and played an active role in the Army Adventure Wing.

With deep rooted philanthropist pursuits, she leaves no stone unturned! Major Geeta Adhikari has been sponsoring a child's education since the past 7 years now and she also occasionally carries out her own photography exhibitions, the profit proceeds of which go to the less privileged.

Recipient of the OSA Magis Award for Significant Achievement in the year 2018-19. An honorable officer, braveheart soldier, a beautiful soul and SJCC's pride. We thank you for all that you do!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

OUR ESTEEMED FACULTY - "A great teacher is he who makes

Dr. R Rajaram

Dr. Rajaram believes that the extraordinary quality that makes SJCC unique is the sense of family that is so real, there exists

camaraderie between students and teacher and this connect is an extremely special

one.

For all those that know sir, they know him as the Head of Department of English but what's really interesting is that his passion for this alternative world created through Literature goes way back to when he was a



himself progressively unnecessary"

child, it is through stories from his childhood such as Chandamama, the characters in the epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata that are all so much larger than life in terms of their vibrancy, its appeal has all stayed with him as intensely through all these years. He sees the subject as one that is self suspecting unlike that of other that have a sense of unwarranted self assurance - Literature is what he says can be seen as having "water -logic" while other fields follow "rock-logic".

In his view, to be a teacher is to literally be the emperor in the classroom, the rapport with the students, the sense of ease with the communication and control over the subject is all one inner circle that becomes your focus, and good teaching always offers a certain amount of self-actualization and that must be the aim of teaching! To him each class is an experience of a pearldiver and what brings him happiness is in being able to say that he has found a delightful string of pearls in his 36 years of teaching. A gift much more than any salary can offer.

In sir's words, if there was a metaphor for teaching he says, "a teacher is a constantly growing and evolving tree which unconsciously welcomes lot of life upon it, fruit, birds, squirrels, worms, whatever it may be and each is a symbol of the biosphere and you become the host." While technology eases life, we are all only human and are always in the search for some meaning but simultaneously there exists a general dissatisfaction in life, as Buddha calls "dukha" and this can be addressed through the healing power of metaphors and so a good teacher is that healing tree.

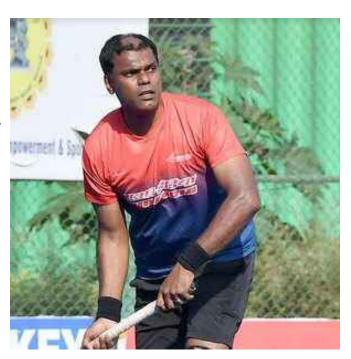
Ultimately teaching is as much as an art form as it is a science and very few professions offer this kind of luxury. In the words of Dr. Rajaram, "The essence of good teaching lies in the quest for unending learning."

Magis Award

Lifetime Achievement

Anil Aldrin

Anil has captained India in hockey while also having competed at the Olympic games. He was also the field hockey gold medallist at the 1998 Asian games in Bangkok.





Dilip Surana

Dilip is the chairman and managing director of Micro Labs, and is being recognized for his philanthropy. Through the GDA Foundation, he supports hospitals, schools, and research centers, and provides free medical help to the needy.

Magis Award

Significant Achievement



Raghu is a past president of ICAI, director of IOB, a former member of the International Federation of Accountants, an honorary member of CPA Australia, and has held several other distinguished positions.

Vikash Goyal

Vikash is responsible for spreading awareness about hemophilia across India. He has helped over a hundred patients with surgeries and thousands with free medicines due to regular bleeds.



Special Recognition

Devdutt Padikkal



Graduating from the batch of 2021, Devdutt has excelled at cricket. With a T20 batting average of 43, and a List-A average over 85, he won the Emerging Player award at the 2020 IPL playing for the Royal Challengers Bangalore, and was the leading run-scorer in the 2019-20 Vijay Hazare Trophy

BEST OUTGOING STUDENT AWARDS 2021-22



Avyukth Krishna

CATEGORY B. Com - Boy



Dhiti Gurnani

CATEGORY BBA - Girl



Arihant Jain

CATEGORY BBA - Boy

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES

THE OSA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The SJCC OSA sponsors scholarships for several deserving SJCC students. In 2018, the batch of 1973 contributed nearly Rs. 1 crore that has been added to a corpus fund which ultimately goes a long way in helping students who require financial assistance. Below is the break up of scholarships given for the year:

		Approx interest		
OSA SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDS		@7.2% to 7.5%		
Batch of 1973 Scholarship	9,100,000	682,500		
Batch of 1980 Scholarship	730,000	54,380		
Batch of 1981 Scholarship	95,000	6,840		
Batch of 1987 Scholarship	290,000	20,880		
Batch of 1988 Scholarship	200,000	14,400		
Batch of 1990 Scholarship	220,000	15,840		
Batch of 1995 Scholarship	70,000	5,040		
Naveen Subramaniam Scholarship	360,000	25,920		
T.V.Raman Pai Scholarship	215,000	15,480		
Scholarship Fund	260,000	18,720		
From SJCC OSA Corpus Funds	11,540,000	860,000		
Scholarship Donors		200,000		
General Fund		50,000		
		1,110,000		

		III Year	II Year	l Year	Total
Total applications received		93	74	41	208
Total shortlisted		60	34	22	116
Total that came for interview		56	32	21	109
Total no of students awarded		55	30	19	104
Amount awarded	1110000	590000	300000	220000	1110000

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Recently, the OSA has been conducting the skill development programme for final year B.Com students who need financial assistance and aims towards equipping them with a management skill-set, with primary focust on Communication, Tally and GST. This course will help them be better prepared to secure a job.

The program began in November 2019 and is wholly sponsored by the Old Students' Association of SJCC. This program is being run through the CADD Centre Training Services. The students will also get a certificate from Skills Development - India. The cost of the program amounted to a total of Rs. 2,00,000.

It is through the corpus fund that we are able to continue running this programme every year.

As of this academic year, 50 students have successfully completed the programme, many of which were able to also secure jobs with great companies! A hearty thank you to everyone that contributed towards making this happen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual General Meet of the Old Students' Association will be held on 29th August, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. Those wishing to attend the meet virtually can join by tapping the link below:

https://spaces.zang.io/spaces/611ddf3681bf1116a9597611

Joining instructions: (can be done through any device: phone, laptop, tablet)
Once you tap the link -

Step 1: Enter your name and year of passing out, and join the Meeting (for example, John Smith - 1998). If asked for a Gmail/cloud login, please log in with a Gmail account to enter the Meeting.

Step 2: After joining, click the "Start Meeting" icon on the right end of your screen.

Step 3: Please check that your camera and microphone are working. Click on "Allow Camera" and "Unmute Audio" to participate in the meeting.

To know more about the OSA and its activities, tap the link below!

http://www.sjccosa.org/index.html

If you wish to contribute towards the OSA Scholarships or the OSA Skill Development Programmes, please get in touch with us at osasjcc@gmail.com or call +91 97311348481

SJCC has been awarded 'A ++' Grade (CGPA 3.57) by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council is a government organization in India that assesses and accredits Higher Education Institutions. It is an autonomous body funded by the University Grants Commission and headquartered in Bangalore.

NAAC accreditation is beneficial to University, Faculty members, Parents, Students, Alumni as well as Employers. A university being accredited usually signifies that it has met certain standards of excellence across its operations.

This is the 4th cycle of assessment that the institution has completed successfully. There are very few institutions in the country that have been awarded A++ in the fourth cycle of accreditation by NAAC and we are happy to have secured this highest grade.

The Department of Business Adminidtration has been ranked 3rd in India by the TImes Education Ranking Survey of 2021



OBITUARY



Dr. Karthika S. Teacher



Fr. Roshan Lobo (BJES Secretary & Treasurer)



Anto Paul Staff Member



Suman Subbaiah Batch of 2020



Lidwina Lucas Batch of 2019



Jonah Roche Batch of 2019



Arokia Vinothkumar Batch of 1999



Mohan Puri Batch of 1979



S N Mohan Batch of 1984



Anthony Sagairaj Batch of 1991



Ramchandra Pai Batch of 1991



William Batch of 1999

Selvam Hart Batch of 1972 Suresh Venkatesh Batch of 1999 Rohan T Batch of 2004 Avinash Kumar Batch of 2009 For more details about the OSA, events and activities tap on the links below!



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