

OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

St. Joseph's College of Commerce Bangalore

THE NEWSLETTER



FROM THE BOSS WOMAN -

Greetings Josephite Family,

Being here is an honor and we began yet another term which is all the more exciting! While 2020 has been a roller coaster of sorts, this has not put a stop to the wheels of this prestigious wagon, the team still shines and works tirelessly ensuring that we only move forward.

We are trying to stay constant and relevant at the same time while aiming to do a few flagship programs that will make a difference.

Of course, none of this is possible without the constant support of Fr. Daniel Fernandes SJ.

It is with great pleasure that I put forward this newsletter and wish to keep sending exciting content and updates your way!

PRESIDENT Kavita Muthappa

SPECIAL MENTIONS: 2020-2021



Hearty thanks to Mr. Shashi Lewis, who has always stepped up in times of need and contributed endlessly to the alma mater.

Apart from the goal posts given personally from his end this year, he has also provided sanitizer stands for the college; this has been of great need during the pandemic.



The alumni contributed a generous sum of Rs. 100,000 towards COVID-19 Relief Funds.

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE 2020 - 2021



EX-OFFICIO MEMBER Fr. Daniel Fernandes SJ



VICE PRESIDENT Chetan Venugopal - Batch of 1987



SECRETARY Samantha Pasha - *Batch of 1991*



PRESIDENT Kavita Muthappa - Batch of 1995



TREASURER Brian D'Lima - Batch of 1981



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Vinay Mruthyunjaya - *Batch of 1983*





Kiran Boal Batch of 1973



Wilfred J Batch of 1973



Paola Ravishankar *Batch of 1982*



Raghunandan Batch of 1986



Chetan Komarla *Batch of 1991*

Shashi Lewis Batch of 1995







Lawson Monteiro Batch of 2004





Amit Porwal Batch of 2007





Vivek George Batch of 2009

Sonam Raheja Batch of 2012

> Medha Prasad Batch of 2020



A GLIMPSE FROM THE PAST



The very first OSA committee Year of Formation: 1974

> PRESIDENT KB Shanmukhappa

<u>Also present inset:</u> Father Rebello SP Iyengar Irfan Razack Aswathnarayan Rao Amanullah Khan

47 Years later and still going stronger and growing!
As of today the OSA has over 14000+ members

What Can the OSA Do for You?

- Help in providing mentoring from experienced personnel in the field.
- Connecting you with like-minded people and help create something bigger out of your ideas!
- Assist you in building a strong network and connections.
- Help raising funds for/towards deserving causes, activities and in times of need.
- A platform where anyone can reach out for almost any matter in order to get help and guidance.

OSA ACTIVITIES

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- OSA Scholarships
- OSA Student Awards
- Teachers Day Celebration
- OSA Day
- Magis Awards
- OSA Workshops & Fun
- Speaker Sessions
- OSA Quiz & Debate
- OSA Student Awards

NEW & UP-COMING

- Skill Development Programme
- Mentoring: Incubation Centre
- OSA Website
- The Online Store
- The UK Chapter
- Office Bearer's Wall of Fame
- Welcome to The OSA
- OSA Talent Connect
- OSA Walk The Talk

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EVENTS









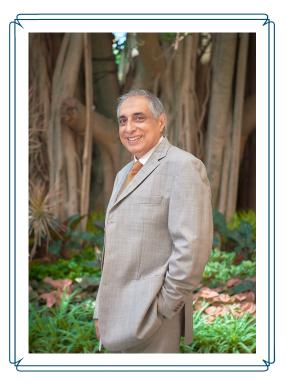
OSA Workshops & Fun











OUR ESTEEMED ALUMNI

Mr. Irfan Razack

With more than 41 years of rich, hands-on experience in the retail and real estate industry, Mr. Irfan Razack is one the most honourable alumni members of this prestigious institution.

A millionaire entrepreneur from Bangalore. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Prestige Group, one of the reputed property developers in India. According to 2014 Forbes India Rich List, he was the 77th wealthiest Indian, with a personal wealth of \$1.23 billion, and Prestige was the second largest listed property firm in India.

He is also the Chairman and Co-Founder of Inventure Academy, Bangalore, and was Honorary secretary of Al-Ameen Educational Society, President of Bangalore Commercial Association (BCA) and Chairman of CREDAI.

He is a Cutchi Memon and has been actively involved in the upliftment of the people of the community through the Cutchi Memon Jamat, Bangalore. He has received many awards for his business excellence such as Real Estate Excellence Award (2008), Best Developer Award (2009) by Karnataka State to Extraordinirine Award (2010) by Builders Association of India and Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India.

Mr. Anthony Cruz has been the back bone of the institution for over 40 years. He has spent his time tirelessly serving, with pride and has become an integral part of the Josephite family. Apart from his dedicated work ethic and commitment, his wonderful and humble nature never goes by unnoticed, lighting up the hearts of all that interact with him.

The institution is blessed to have had you see through its progress over the past four decades and the Josephite family conveys their warm regards and best wishes for his future. OUR ESTEEMED FACULTY Mr. Anthony Cruz



You will be missed dearly!

OUR ESTEEMED STUDENTS



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"The ultimate goal for me is to play test cricket for the country and also be part of a World Cup winning side."

Padikkal has been playing cricket ever since he was a 9year-old boy. He has represented the India Under 19 Team, played for Karnataka in the Ranji Trophy, and also represented The Royal Challengers Bangalore. Some of his most significant achievements are:

- Highest Run Scorer in the Vijaya Hazare Tournament.
- Highest Run Scorer in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Tournament.
- Emerging Player of the Year Award in debut IPL Season 2020-2021.

The Josephite family is proud to have such a dedicated, young talent among us and we wish him the very best for all his future endeavors!

The Story Behind The OSA Corpus Fund

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- In 2018, Mr. Irfan Razack hosted his batch mates at the Sheraton, Whitefield, for the 45th get together of the batch of 1973.
- Over 70 alumni members along with their spouses were present for the meet, in total about 120 were present for the gathering.
- It was in that moment where the idea of raising funds for a corpus was put on the table.
- At first, Irfan Razack proposed to match the value raised by his batch mates, but later that day, he decided to directly contribute a whopping sum of Rs. 50 lakhs towards the corpus.
- In that instance, a new mission had begun! His batch mates were to now match his target.
- Two members contributed Rs. 10 lakhs each and another 10 lakhs present from funds collected in the past years helped make it a total of 80 lakhs!
- Ultimately, 20 other members of the batch came together and agreed to contribute one lakh each, some over the span of 5 years, some in lump sum.

While there are many others from various batches that contribute generously to the Corpus, as of today, the Corpus Fund holds over 1 crore, of which 90 lakhs is from the batch of 1973 alone! At the 50th meet of Batch of 1973, they look forward to having crossed the target of 1 crore with ease.

The Corpus Fund helps the OSA in providing schoalrships to the students that need financial aid to support their education.

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Teachers' Day: On account of teachers' day, the OSA personally gifted each staff member a tote bag imprinted with the SJCC logo, filled with goodies, to appreciate them and thank them for all that they do for the alma mater.





A warm farewell to Mr. Cruz on behalf of the OSA along with a token of gratitude contributed by alumni members.

Office Bearers' Wall of Fame: Done on behalf of the OSA in remembrance of the office bearers beginning from the very first council from batch of 1972-73.

Flagship Programmes



OSA Scholarships: The alumni gave scholarships worth a total of Rs. 11.1 lakhs to help 104 students this academic year.

- As of last year, 85 students were given Rs. 10,000 each.
- A scheme that started off at Rs. 1.5 lakhs has now grown to Rs. 11 lakhs + in just 2 years.

The OSA Skill Development Programme: based on Tally/GST/Communication; it is conducted for final year B'Com students. This training consists of 40 hours on tally and basics of GST and 16 hours on communication and presentation skills for students who are from very poor economic backgrounds. Donors from various batches of the OSA contribute generously towards this program allowing it to be such a success.

Our aim is to watch these numbers grow and hope that via the skill development programme and OSA scholarships, we are ultimately able to impact and benefit the lives of hundreds more.

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OSA Entrepreneurs Incubation Program: The alumni provides budding student entrepreneurs mentorship by creating interactions and connections with experienced professionals in the industry helping them gain more knowledge through the vast resource pool of personnel and network that the OSA possesses. We thank Shashi Lewis for spearheading this initiative.

OSA Talent Connect: Aimed at providing additional support to the students that need help in finding the right jobs.

The OSA Gaming Tournament: With an increase in number of gamers across all agre groups due to the pandemic, the very first gaming tournament is to be conducted for the alumni.

Virtual Stock Market: A simulation workshop/competition for students.

Walk The Talk: Alumni speaking to current students to understand their life's story and share their inspiring journey.

SJCC OSA – The UK Chapter: With alumni spread far and wide, the OSA is now beginning to branch out and build chapters in various destinations, UK being the very first of this expansion!

Behavioral Skills Program for current students.

OSA EVENT POSTERS







Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade SJ, former principal of St. Joseph's College of Commerce and St. Joseph's Evening College passed away on 26th August, 2020.

Fr. Walter Andrade S.J.,

You will always be in our thoughts, hearts and prayers.



May his soul Rest in Peace.



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