

FATIMA COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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Praise God's name in song and exalt Him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30

FATIMA COLLEGE (Autonomous)

Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai

College with Potential for Excellence (2004 - 2019)

Re-Accredited with "A" Grade by NAAC (3rd Cycle)

ALL INDIA 74th RANK (NIRF 2020) By MHRD

Mary Land, Madurai – 18

Principal's Message



FOR HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS.

Psalm 91:11

Dear Fatimites,

Loving Greetings and prayerful wishes from your fond Fatima!

Praying for your well-being and hoping that you all are safely sheltered under His protective wings, I paint this verbal portrait of my thoughts here. As anxiety, apprehensions and fear grip and engulf us during this COVID – 19 crises, I urge you to “Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken” – Psalm 55:22.

Being at the crossroads of confounding circumstances caused due to COVID -19, we as Fatimites should express our solidarity in vanquishing the looming threat and overcoming it. Armed with courage, prudence, hope and faith in our Almighty, let us daringly manoeuvre through these miserable moments and enjoy the God-given gift of life. As of now, Fatima's sudden leap from the normal to the new normal might appear to be staggering. Nevertheless, it is not so. Drawing confidence from the Eternal Springs of solace and wisdom, we at Fatima are gearing towards intensive and effective digital education on the one hand and on the other, meticulous preparation for NAAC's fourth cycle is going on. As we venture further into it, I seek your fervent prayers and your continued cooperation at different phases of the forthcoming assessment and accreditation process.

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I am also thankful to the Lord for journeying with us during all our Pre-lockdown endeavours, specifically that of FCAA's global undertakings. With pride and happiness, I would like to bring to your kind notice that Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) has further strengthened its network by creating two international chapters:

- **FCAA USA East Coast** Chapter was instituted at the residence of Ms. Nirmala Singaram in New Jersey on November 10, 2019.
- **FCAA USA West Coast Chapter** was instituted at the residence of Ms. Madhuravalli in San Jose on November 14, 2019.

I gratefully place on record the hosts at both these places for their painstaking efforts in hosting this dream event and all our beloved alumnae for making it a reality.

During this global slowdown, I call on each of you to treasure and live by the values that Fatima inculcated in you. Cloaked with courage over the cool clothes of compassion, live the NEW NORMAL life. Pinning the insignia of Fatima, fight all fears to create a better and equitable world for all to live in.

MAY HE GRANT YOUR HEART'S DESIRE AND FULFILL ALL YOUR PLANS.

Psalm 20:4

Best wishes

Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary



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FATIMA COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) is a registered body since June 2015. FCAA has formulated its own objectives and structured by laws in compliance with the vision and mission of the Institution (Fatima College) to which it is associated. The Association is comprised of Chairperson, President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members elected on a democratic basis. Hence, the body meets regularly to plan and effectively execute the various activities of the association. Whenever important resolutions are passed in the meetings, the President makes it a point to brief the same to all the members of FCAA other than the office bearers and executive committee members. The Annual Alumnae Meet is slated on the second Saturday of July every year. Besides enhancing the networking between Alumnae and Institution, FCAA endeavours to organise eclectic activities thereby gearing up towards holistic progress and achievement.

Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary	- Principal & Chairperson
Dr. S. J. Kala	- President
Dr. Ancemma Joseph	- Vice President I
Dr. Sr. J. Arul Mary	- Vice President II
Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi	- Secretary
Sr. S. Stella Arul Mary	- Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Dr. P. Shyamala | - Associate Professor of MBA |
| 2. Dr. P. Loyola Juliet Mary | - Assistant Professor of Tamil |
| 3. Dr. S. Parvathi | - Assistant Professor of English |
| 4. Mrs. N. Asha | - Assistant Professor of MBA |
| 5. Dr. B. Vinosha | - Assistant Professor of Chemistry |
| 6. Mrs. M. Fanny | - Assistant Professor of B.Com CA |
| 7. Mrs. J. Annaal Mercy | - Assistant Professor of Mathematics(SF) |



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AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ALUMNAE ON STAFF

AWARDS RECEIVED BY OUR PRINCIPAL

- ▶ **Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary**, Principal, received

- The National Mahila Ratan Gold Medal Award from the Indian Solidarity Council (ISC), New Delhi for outstanding achievements and remarkable role in the field of Education on August 30, 2019.
- The Best Educationist Award from the International Institute of Education & Management, New Delhi for outstanding achievements and remarkable role in the field of Education on August 30, 2019.
- ஸ்திரீரத்னாவிருது (*Sthree Ratna Virudhu*) from Bharathi Yuva Kendra, Madurai on March 08, 2020.

- ▶ **Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi**, Directress of Physical Education, received the Award for **100% Attendance** for the year 2018 - 2019 conferred by Fatima College on March 27, 2019. It is commendable that **Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi** has received it for **10** consecutive years.

- ▶ **Ms. J. Sahaya Bowlin**, Assistant Professor of Tamil (Shift - II) received சேவ ரத்னாவிருது (*Seva Rathna Virudhu*) from கவியரசர்கலைதமிழ்சங்கம், பரமத்தி, வேலூர் (*Kaviyarasar Kalai Tamizh Sangam, Paramaththi, Velur*) for கல்விப்பணி (*Kalvipani*) on August 15, 2019.

Achievements

- **Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary**, Principal, participated in the **6th Global Service-Learning Summit** at **Clemson University**, Clemson, South Carolina, USA from November 3 - 5, 2019.
- **Dr. S. J. Kala**, Associate Professor, The Research Centre of English, participated in the **6th Global Service-Learning Summit** at **Clemson University**, Clemson, South Carolina, USA from November 3 - 5, 2019.
- **Ms. G. Revathy**, Assistant Professor, The Research Centre of Tamil, presented papers at the International Conference on “**பன்னோக்குப் பார்வையில் தமிழ் மொழியும் இலக்கியமும்**” (*Pannokku Paarvaiyil Tamil Mozhiyum Ilakkiyamum*) at **University of Malaya**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on May 04, 2019.
- **Dr. S. Saira Banu**, Associate Professor, The Research Centre of English and Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, continues to serve as **Master Trainer** conducting sessions for Tamil Nadu Police Personnel to reduce Mental and Physical Stress to improve Professional Skills, under the “**Police Well-being Programme**” launched by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu. So far she has trained **420** Police Personnel.

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SHARING OF EXPERTISE

PROGRAMME	DATE	RESOURCE PERSON(S) / TRAINER(S)	TOPIC
Throw Ball Match	December 13, 2019	Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi , Directress of Physical Education conducted and refereed the Match played by 4 teams.	
Panel Discussion for Students	July 19, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sr. M. Francisca Flora, Secretary, Fatima College • Sr. Amala, Advocate, Madras High Court, Madurai Bench • Dr. S. Saira Banu, Associate Professor, The Research Centre of English & Asst. IQAC Coordinator, Fatima College • Ms. M. Thatchayani, I M.A. Tamil • Ms. N. Afzal Sara, II B.Sc. Statistics 	The Draft of National Education Policy 2019
Inauguration of Fitness Club	January 13, 2020	Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi, Directress of Physical Education with the help of Sports Students demonstrated simple exercises to be practiced everyday by all the students	
Fit India Movement	August 08, 2019	An initiative launched by the Prime Minister of India took off on a brisk note with a string of activities to inculcate the need to stay fit.	



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ALUMNAE ON FATIMA RESOURCE TEAM (FRT)				
NAAC Induction Programme - Sacred Heart College, Dindigul	June 01, 2019	Dr. S. Vidya, Co-ordinator of IQAC & Associate Professor of Computer Science	NAAC: Metrics Challenges	New and
		Dr. S. Saira Banu, Asst. Co-ordinator of IQAC, Associate Professor of English & Head of Journalism & Mass Communication	NAAC Preparedness: Soft Skills for Teachers	
NAAC Re-Accreditation - Subbalakshmi Lakshmipathy College of Science	December 28, 2019	Dr. S. Saira Banu, Asst. Co-ordinator of IQAC, Associate Professor of English & Head of Journalism and Mass Communication	NAAC Metrics and Academic Audit	

Dr. Vasantha Esther Rani, Associate Professor & Head	Member of Committee for change in nomenclature of Ph.D. Degree	Change in Nomenclature of Ph.D. Degree in Home Science to Ph.D. in Home Science – Food and Nutrition	Alagappa University, Karaikudi	July 08, 2019
	Equivalence Committee to Govt. Higher Education Dept.	Issuance of equivalence to courses offered by educational institutions for purpose of employment in public services & for pursuing higher studies	Tamil Nadu State Council For Higher Education	Sept. 23 & 24, 2019

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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT ANIMATION AND TRAINING (WEAT)

WEAT is a social wing of Fatima College that aims at improving the economic and social status of the underprivileged women and girls in and around Madurai. WEAT offers training programmes like Apparel Designing, Garment Construction, Tailoring, Machine Embroidery, Computer Application, Bakery & Food Preservation and Diploma in Medical Lab Technology. **WEAT also empowers the enthusiastic Alumnae and helps them fetch lucrative jobs.**

S. No	DATE	NAME OF THE ACTIVITY	RESOURCE PERSON	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
1.	July 12, 2019	Orientation Programme	Sr. Vinnarasi, Coordinator	40 Women
2.	Aug. 22, 2019	Alumnae meet for DMLT Students	Dr. N. Malathy, Assistant professor of Zoology, Fatima College, Madurai	29 old students
3.	Oct. 03, 2019	Certificate Distribution	Dr. Sr. Arul Mary, Vice Principal of Fatima College, Madurai	25 students
4.	Dec. 18, 2019	Counseling session	Sr. Pauline, Counsellor of Fatima College	38 students

Academics & Visits Abroad

S.No.	FACULTY NAME & DESIGNATION	COUNTRY	TYPE OF PROGRAMME	PURPOSE	DATE
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, PrincipalDr. S. Vidya, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science	Malaysia	Award Ceremony for Best Governed Institution	Accompanied the Head of the Institution in the capacity of IQAC coordinator to receive the award	Sep. 07, 2019

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S.No.	FACULTY NAME & DESIGNATION	COUNTRY	TYPE OF PROGRAMME	PURPOSE	DATE
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sr. J. Arul Mary Vice Principal (Shift -II) Dr. K. Rosemary Euphrasia, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science 	Malaysia	SAP - Study Abroad Programme	Accompanied with Students	Oct. 05-13, 2019
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary Principal Dr. S. J. Kala Associate Professor, The Research Centre of English 	USA	6 th Global Service-Learning Summit at Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, USA	Participation	Nov. 03 - 05, 2019

FATIMA TODAY - A PANORAMIC VISTA TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

Fatima College secured the **74th Rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2020** conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the All India “College” category.

🌸 Recognizing the College's merit and its contribution towards Higher Education in India, the Government of India has selected it for the following programmes during 2018. The same is extended to 2019 - 2020.

- ▶ **Study in India Programme** launched by EdCIL (India) Limited.
- ▶ **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)** – Government Programme
- ▶ **National Resource Centre** - Cyber Safety and Security Standards.

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- ✿ **Certificate of Appreciation** was given by the Blood Donors Club, Madurai Medical College, Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, Tamil Nadu AIDS Control Society and Tamil Nadu State Blood Transfusion Council, Chennai on June 21, 2019, as part of World Blood Donor Day உதிரம்'19 (*Uthiram*) celebration at Madurai Medical College.
- ✿ Fatima College received the **Appreciation Award** from the District Collector, Madurai, for the Best Cultural Events in the celebration of Independence Day in August 2019.
- ✿ Fatima College was awarded **ஞானதீபாலயம்விருது 2019** (*Gnana Deepalayam Virudhu* – 2019) by the Kaviyarasai Kalai Tamil Sangam, Namakkal for the maximum number of participants in the State Level 73rd Independence Day celebration held on August 15, 2019.
- ✿ **Letter of Appreciation** from the Little Sisters of the Poor, Tuticorin, for generous contributions by staff and students was received on August 17, 2019.
- ✿ Fatima College was internationally awarded the **Best Governed Institution** at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during the 25th International Conference on September 7, 2019.
- ✿ **Certificate of Appreciation** was given by the Tamil Nadu State Aids Control Society and State Blood Transfusion Council, Chennai, for organizing a voluntary Blood Donation Camp at Fatima College, Madurai on September 09, 2019.
- ✿ **Madurai City Police** has **recognised and appreciated** Fatima College for launching **ANANDHAM: An Initiative to promote comprehensive Development for the Police Personnel and their families in Crime Branch C2 Police Quarters** on October 11, 2019. As part of the MoU, the Department of Sociology & Social Work in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Police organised a **Well-Being Programme** in August & December 2019.
- ✿ **Recognizing the services of** Fatima College the Govt. has included the article and pictures of Fatima College in the **UBA Website** in October 2019.

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- ✿ **INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC NETWORKING: Study Abroad Programme (FC-BU-SAP):** Credit-based Study Abroad Program in Leadership and International Business was organised at Binary University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from October 07 to 12, 2019.

GRANTS RECEIVED FROM UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

Financial assistance is provided by the University Grants Commission of India, a statutory body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, to improve teaching/ learning/ evaluation methodologies, renovate existing buildings and engage in extension activities. The details of funds disbursed are as follows.

S. No.	Name of the Grant	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Autonomy Grant ▶ Balance of 2018 - 2019 ▶ 2019 – 20120	3,89,817 16,00,000
2.	Travel Grant ▶ Re-imbursement to Dr. Vasantha Esther Rani	1,52,010
3.	Faculty Development Programme (TF) ▶ Contingency Grant	45,000
4.	Major Research Project ▶ Final Settlement to Dr. Rosary Royar	1,30,513
5.	Minor Research Project ▶ Final Settlement	74,624
Total		23,91,964

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CONVOCATION

Fatima College organised its **44th Graduation Day** on February 23, 2019. The Guest of Honour was **Dr. K. Pitchumani**, Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. The number of graduates who received their respective degrees is as follows:



- ✿ **89** Professional
- ✿ **321** Post Graduates
- ✿ **1137** Under Graduates
- ✿ **31** M.Phil. Scholars

End Semester Examination Results

RESULTS - APRIL 2019

Courses	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
U.G. Arts	1115	928	83
U.G. Science	1577	1472	93
U.G. Commerce	510	431	85
P.G. Arts	183	168	92
P.G. Science	281	240	85
P.G. Commerce	111	84	76
Professional Courses	528	469	89
M.Phil.	11	11	100
Diploma Courses	53	48	91

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Results - November 2019

Courses	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
U.G. Arts	1096	895	82
U.G. Science	1417	1315	93
U.G. Commerce	506	452	89
P.G. Arts	169	149	88
P.G. Science	269	205	76
P.G. Commerce	85	56	66
Professional Courses	494	425	86
M.Phil.	3	2	67
Diploma Courses	72	61	85

EXAMINATION REFORMS

- The evaluation pattern is changed to match the Learning Outcome Based Education.
- Continuous Internal Assessment for I UG & I PG is restructured with a timeline.
- Introduction of ERP data entry in the Examination Section made time & labour efficient through Cloud Computing.

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Ph.D. Awarded to 8 of our Faculty:



Dr. S. Aarthi (Alumna)
Assistant Professor
The Research Centre of English



Dr. S. Parvathi (Alumna)
Assistant Professor
The Research Centre of English



Dr. E. Helena
Assistant Professor
Department of Mathematics



Dr. V. Vanitha
Assistant Professor
Department of Mathematics



Dr. K. Saritha
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology and
Social Work



Dr. N. Bavithra
Assistant Professor
The Research Centre of
English



Dr. C. Sujatha
Librarian



Dr. S. Santhi
Associate Professor
The Research Centre of
Home Science

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BOOKS PUBLISHED

- ✿ **Dr. R. Srija**, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, has authored a book titled *Estimation and Sampling Theory* published by Dr. M. Kishore, KY Publications, Bharathpet, GUNTUR. A.P. India, May 2019, ISBN: 978-93-87769-61-8.
- ✿ **Dr. T. Jeyanthi Vijayarani**, Associate Professor, The Research Centre of Commerce, has authored a book titled, *Export Marketing of Coir Pith in India* published by Mittal Publications, New Delhi, April 2019, ISBN: 81-8324-650-8.
- ✿ **Dr. Sr. Biji Cyriac**, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, has authored a book titled, *Marvels of Algae Kappaphycus alvarezii and Gracillaria dura* published by Shanlax Publications, Madurai, March 2019, ISBN: 9789366396725.
- ✿ **Dr. Sr. Bindu Antony & Dr. V. Suganya**, Assistant Professors, The Research Centre of Commerce, has authored a book titled, *E-Commerce* published by Shanlax Publishers, Madurai, July 2019, ISBN: 978-93-89146.
- ✿ **Dr. A. Pappy Kamala Bai**, Associate Professor & Head, The Research Centre of Tamil, has authored a book titled, இயற்கைதரும்நோயில்லாத பெருவாழ்வு (Iyarkai Tharum Noyillatha Peru Vaazhvu) published by NCBH Madurai, January 2020, ISBN: 978-81-2343-954-9.
- ✿ **Mr. H. Vincent**, Placement officer. Training and placement cell has co-authored two books titled
 1. *English for Career Communication* published by Jeyalakshmi publications, Madurai in 2019. ISBN: 978-93-86712-77-6.
 2. *English for Effective Oral Communication* published by Jeyalakshmi Publications, Madurai in 2019. ISBN 978-93-86712-81-3.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

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Sports is given equal importance along with academics. Under the able guidance of the Physical Directress Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi, the students have brought in lot of laurels.

MKU Inter Collegiate Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Winners in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hockey ✓ Handball ✓ Volleyball ▶ Runners Up in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Badminton ✓ Ball Badminton ✓ Judo ✓ Athletics
Open Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Winners in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hockey : 3 times ✓ Kho-Kho : 2times ✓ Volleyball : 10times ✓ Handball : 2times ▶ Runners Up in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Football : 2times
We have produced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ National Players: 5 ▶ State Players : 12 ▶ University Blues : 28 ▶ District Players : 48
National Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Kho-Kho <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preethi M, III B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift - II) ✓ Kaviyarasi S, I History ▶ Hockey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Daisy J, I B.A. Economics ▶ Football <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mahalakshmi M, II B.A. Tamil ✓ Pooppandi G, III B.A. History

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Career Guidance Cell(Training & Placement Cell)

In the Academic Year 2019 - 2020 till date, **652** Students have been placed in the Corporate and Educational Sectors. The details are as follows:

S.No.	NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION	SHIFT-I	SHIFT-II	PROFESSIONAL COURSES	TOTAL PLACED
1.	Nobel Institute for Communicative English, Kerala	6 5	106	19	190
2.	BS Teknology Pvt. Ltd., Madurai	1	2	0	3
3.	The English Academy, Sivakasi	2 2	89	0	111
4.	INFACTE, Tirupur	2 7	57	0	84
5.	Nagasiva CBSE School, Madurai	6	13	0	19
6.	Wipro off Campus, Chennai	4	5	0	9
7.	SBL Knowledge Services Pvt. Ltd. Madurai	1 3	21	0	34
8.	Make My Trip, Madurai	0	0	2	2
9.	CTS off-Campus, Chennai	1 0	10	0	20
10.	Jayashree Spun Bond. Madurai	0	2	0	2
11.	Apple Holidays - Sharmila Travels Pvt. Ltd. Madurai.Subsidiery of Apple Holidays	7	11	0	18
12.	Fortune Pandiyan Hotel. Madurai	0	0	2	2
13.	T.I.M.S., Madurai	0	2	2	4
14.	Winners Institute of	2	18	0	38

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S.No.	NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION	SHIFT-I	SHIFT-II	PROFESSIONAL COURSES	TOTAL PLACED
	Communicative English, Trichy	0			
15.	Abserve Tech. Pvt. Ltd., Madurai	0	0	1	1
16.	Thaai Schools. Madurai	6	10	0	16
17.	Parlan, Madurai	6 7	29	0	96
18.	SRV Schools, Trichy	0	2	0	2
19.	Ambisys Tech. Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	0	1	0	1
Total		2 48	378	26	652

■ Sector Wise placement details:

- ❖ **68** students got offer letters from the Software Sector.
- ❖ **4** students got offer letters from the Training Sector.
- ❖ **22** students got offer letters from the Hospitality Sector.
- ❖ **520** students got offer letters from the Soft Skill Sector.
- ❖ **38** students got offer letters from the Education Sector.
- ❖ **2** students got offer letters from the Administrative Sector.



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ACTIVITIES OF THE FATIMA COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Annual Alumnae Meet JULY 13, 2019

Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) organised the Annual Alumnae Meet on July 13, 2019 in the college premises. The campus was vibrant with the presence of Alumnae whose joy of homecoming and reunion echoed throughout Mary Land. The reminiscences of the golden moments of nearly 1,200 alumnae animated the scenario. The college campus reverberated with Alumnae who had come from various places and batches ranging from the 1962 down to 2019.

The Guests of Honour were the illustrious Fatimites: Rev. Dr. Sr. B. J. Queensly Jeyanthi, Secretary, Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam and Mrs. Amala Stanley, CEO, SVPM Trust Schools, Thane, Maharashtra. The Secretary, Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora, the Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Vice Principals - Dr. Sr. Bindu Antony, Dr. Sr. J. Arul Mary, Dr. G. Uma and Dr. M. Arasammal, and the President of the Alumnae Association, Dr. S. J. Kala, graced the occasion.

The programme started with a prayer song by 10 a.m. in the Jubilee Hall. After the traditional Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries, Dr. Mrs. Miriam Benedicta Suriya Devi, Alumna of 1972-75 batch rendered a soulful Veena performance. Following the Veena recital, Dr. S. J. Kala welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guests of the day. The Secretary, Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora, and the Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary honoured the chief guests with mementos. Dr. S.J. Kala honoured the Secretary and the Principal.

Dr. R. Velankanni Matharasi, the Secretary of the Alumnae Association and the Physical Directress of the College, presented the Annual Report. Highlighting how Alumnae Fund supported the needy students of Fatima, she specified the Association's 'Soup Kitchen' which supplied nutritious soup to the sports students of Fatima. She declared with pride the creation of chapters in Rameshwaram, Bangalore and Devakottai. She also underscored the efforts taken to create Chapters across the globe. The Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, expressed her words of appreciations and congratulated the efforts of the Alumnae team for the meticulous execution of the programme. The Principal also motivated the alumnae to contribute in various ways and help the institution to progress towards excellence.

In her address, Mrs. Amala Stanley, CEO, SVPM Trust Schools, Thane, Maharashtra, spoke about the bravery and gracefulness which are proud possessions of Fatimites. She praised the moral values which the college inculcates in every student. Rev. Dr. Sr. B. J. Queensly Jeyanthi, Secretary,

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Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam, fondly remembered her college days in Mary Land. She recalled how her experiences in Fatima carved her in the path of excellence.

Mrs. Pavazhamalai and Mrs. Rukshana donated copies of their published Books to the Rosa Mystica Library. The books were handed over to the Secretary, Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora and the Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary.

The college campus was vibrant with stalls put up by the alumnae. The stalls had a colourful display of goodies ranging from recycled paper bags and files, mushroom and oil. Environment friendly jute bags, sarees and various trinkets also adorned the stalls. The festive atmosphere was accompanied with a sumptuous lunch served to the alumnae. The campus resonated with the joy and success stories of entrepreneurs demonstrated through the expo and sales of various products.

The Award of Recognition was bagged by The Research Centre of Commerce for bringing more number of alumnae. After visiting their department, the jubilant Alumnae came forward to participate in the cultural programmes organised to entertain them.

Ms. A. Mable Jasmine Shobha, Executive Member, FCAA Assistant Professor of Commerce, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme ended with the National Anthem.



Dr. Mrs. Miriam Benedicta Suriya Devi's Veena Recital

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Secretary Rev.Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora honouring Mrs. Amala Stanley



Enthralled Alumnae adorning the
Jubilee Hall

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Promoting Entrepreneurial Skills – Products made at Fatima Recycling Unit



The Research Centre of Commerce received the Award of Recognition

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THE LAUNCH OF RAMESWARAM CHAPTER

The Fatima College Alumnae Association (FCAA) had its grand inauguration of the Rameswaram Chapter on March 29, 2019 at St. Josephs School, Verkodu, Rameswaram.

Rev. Dr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary briefed on the vision and mission of Fatima College, its noble role of imparting value based holistic education to young women with the objective of giving preference to the rural and economically backward women and first generation learners. She also introduced about the FCAA, its new chapters and their role in the development of the college.

Dr. S. J. Kala, Associate Professor of The Research Centre of English and President of FCAA, described in detail the aims and objectives of FCAA and briefed on the activities carried out throughout the academic year. Following is the list of Office bearers elected for the FCAA Rameswaram Chapter.

President – Dr. Geetha Manickka Naachiar (1987-1993 B.A, M.A, M.Phil Tamil) , Principal (incharge) & Head of the Department of Tamil, Govt. Arts College for women, Ramnad

Secretary – Ms. Judith (2007 – 2011, BCA)

Treasurer – Ms. Arul Pushpam (2008-2011, B. A. Sociology)



OFFICE BEARERS HONOURED WITH SASH

FIRST FCAA INTER-COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN

The Fatima College Alumnae Association in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education organised the first Fatima College Alumnae Association Inter-Collegiate Volley Ball Tournament for Women on September 3 & 4, 2019 at Fatima College. Around 10 colleges took part in the tournament.

On September 3, 2019, the inauguration began around 11.30a.m. with a prayer song. Dr P.Shyamala, Executive Committee Member, FCAA, and Head, Department of Management Studies, welcomed the gathering. In her inaugural address, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal of Fatima College, highlighted the importance of Sports for women and underscored that games promote a healthy competitive spirit among the players. She also expressed that true sportsmanship denotes the enthusiastic spirit 'to participate' rather than 'to become' a proud winner. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Rev. Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora, Secretary, Vice Principals, Dr. S. J. Kala, President of FCAA, Dr. Velankanni Matharai, Physical Director and Secretary of FCAA and the other Executive Committee members of FCAA.

The matches began on September 3, 2019 on the basis of knockout cum league. The players representing various teams competed with each other and showcased their skills and physical prowess. They also evinced a spirit of true comradeship and sportsmanship. The audience witnessed a sustained spirit and energy among the players on the second day also. A sense of anxiety reached the pinnacle when Fatima College and Lady Doak College qualified themselves to meet in the final round. However, the Fatimites embraced a stupendous victory over the Doakians on a straight-set basis by scoring 25:23 and 25:21.

The valediction took place on September 4, 2019. Dr. Sr. Arul Mary, Vice Principal of Shift II expressed her words of appreciation and congratulated all the participants. The winners' trophy was bagged by Fatima College and Lady Doak College received the Runners-up trophy. The III place was secured by V.V.V. College and the team from Mangayarkarasi College occupied the IV place. With her outstanding performance, Ms. D. Perin Percy of Fatima College got the Best Player Award. The trophies and certificates were distributed by the Secretary Rev. Dr. Sr. Francisca Flora, the Principal, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Dr. S. J. Kala, President of FCAA and Mr. Raghavan, Indian Volley Ball Player. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr Loyola Juliet Mary, Executive Committee Member, FCAA.

PROUD FATIMITES WITH THE WINNERS TROPHY



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JUBILANT PLAYERS FROM LADY DOAK COLLEGE

WITH THE RUNNERS-UP TROPHY



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INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

FCAA USA East Coast Chapter

The first international chapter of FCAA was created by Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal and Dr. S. J. Kala, President, FCAA, in New Jersey at the residence of Ms. Nirmala Singaram on November 10, 2019. As many as 12 of them from different parts of the East coast came together and cherished fond memories of their Alma Mater.



ECSTATIC MOMENTS

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FCAA USA West Coast Chapter

On November 15, 2019, Dr. Sr. G. Celine Sahaya Mary, Principal and Dr. S. J. Kala, President, FCAA, and 14 of the alumnae from the U.S. Bay area met at the residence of Ms. Maduravalli in San Jose to create the second international Chapter. In a Month's time on December 21, 2019, the members of the chapter came together on ZOOM to participate in a session on "Emotional Freedom Techniques" by Ms. Meenakshi Ramesh (1988- 1991 Batch of Home Science).



A DREAM MADE REAL

Eclectic Undertakings

Research

In order to promote research activities on campus, FCAA motivates both students and staff to take up outcome based research activities. Every year, the Association sanctions research proposals from both students and staff. FCAA contributes its mite by sanctioning an amount of **Rs.15,000/-** to the eligible researchers whose research proposals are selected. The details of The Research Fund released for the current academic year are furnished below:

- ✚ **Dr. Sr. G. Jenita Rani**, Assistant Professor, The Research Centre of Physics - Eco-Friendly, Bio-Mediated RGO/Metal Nanocomposites for Remediation of Hazardous Pollutants in Water
- ✚ **Ms. P. Nancy Vincentina Mary**, Assistant Professor, PG Department of Computer Applications (MCA)- Organic Farming Using Cocopeat
- ✚ **1 ongoing Research Project** funded by **FCAA: Dr. Ancemma Joseph & Dr. M. Ragam**, Assistant Professors, The Research Centre of Physics on “Fabrication of Solar Cells using e-waste”.

Giving Back

The alumnae on staff nurture the healthy practice of giving back to their Alma Mater through regular monthly contributions maintained as Alumnae staff fund. The fund is directed towards enhancing the financial funds created to support the meritorious and economically backward students. The President of the Association monitors the distribution of funds in such a way that students from all the Departments (Regular & SF) benefit in turns. In the academic year 2019-2020, an amount of **Rs. 67,109/-** was disbursed to the needy students.

Dr.Amirthavally Ragupathy Memorial Fund

FCAA acknowledges with gratitude the kind gesture of Mr. N. K. RAGHUPATHY, IAS (Retd), Chennai, for launching *Dr.Amirthavalli Raghupathy Memorial Scholarships* in memory of his wife Dr. Amirthavalli Raghupathy, an alumna of 1962 Batch of Chemistry Major.

- ✿ **Dr. Amirthavally Ragupathy Memorial Fund:** A total amount of Rs.80,000/- was contributed for the academic year 2019-2020.
- ✿ **Extension Activity:** Rs.40,000/- was used to install RO plant at Government High School, Achampatti.
- ✿ **Merit Scholarships:** Scholarship of Rs.10,000/- each was given to the following students who are from a rural background or reared by a single parent.



Paper Recycling Unit

The paper recycling unit functions effectively by honing the latent entrepreneurial skills of the students of Entrepreneurial Development Cell. The unit also organises special training programmes and short term courses. The students are also motivated to make paper products.



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The details of the Training Programmes are as follows:

S.No.	DATE	PROGRAMME/ ACTIVITY	TITLE OF THE PROGRAMME	NAME OF THE SPONSOR(S)
1.	Mar. 01 - Nov. 30, 2019	Trainees Worked in the Recycling Unit	Making Eco-Friendly Product Using Waste Paper	Fatima College Alumnae Association
2.	Throughout the year	Awareness on Conversion of Waste Papers Into A New Product	Special Sales of Eco-Friendly Paper Bags	Fatima College Alumnae Association

Soup Kitchen

An initiative of FCAA that attempts to offer hygienic and nutritious soup to the sports students of Fatima College who unceasingly bring accolades to the institution.

Solar Lights On Campus

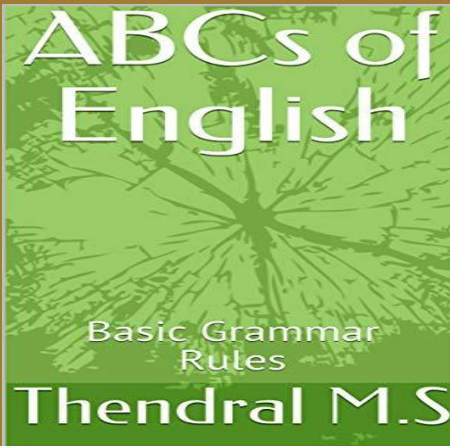
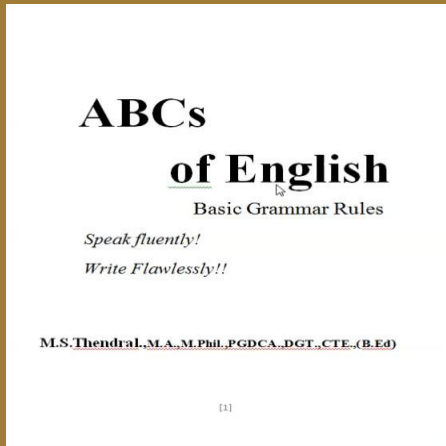
As per the demands of NIRF & NAAC, FCAA also endeavours to create an eco-friendly atmosphere on campus. The alumnae rendered monetary support and installed 26 solar lights on campus. Installation of Paper recycling unit is another achievement.

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HEARTY CONGRATS

Achievements of Alumnae


- ✚ Sr. Soosai Mary, (2003-2006 Batch of UG English), Principal of St. Mary's Convent School, Elivalikkara, Kerala, was honoured with the National Clean India Activity Principal Award by the National Education and Human Resource Development Organization, Mumbai on Nov 11, 2019.
- ✚ Ms. M.S. Thendral, alumna of 2014 – 2016 (PG English Major), published a book titled *ABCs of English - Basic Grammar Rules* on April 2, 2020.



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6. I completed my project and appreciated _____ (himself/ myself)
7. _____ learns drawing. (I/ She)
8. I put _____ spectacle on my table. (my/ mine)
9. We talked to _____ (each other/ one another)
10. I got _____ mark sheet from your college yesterday. (my/ your)
11. He can do it _____ (himself/ yourself)
12. The boy _____ is in the hall is my childhood friend. (who/ whose)
13. I went to the market _____ I saw the rally for dengue awareness.
(when/ where)



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4. ADJECTIVE

An adjective qualifies or describes a noun/ pronoun.
Ex: He is a good cook.

Adj
It can be used in two ways.
Immediately before the noun and after the verb.
Ex: She is the best dancer.
She is tall.

Type	Definition	Example
Adjective of quality	Denotes a quality or nature of a noun/ pronoun	James is an honest man

REVERBERATING VOICE OF ALUMNAE

Fond Memories



Education is improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

- MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

I got a wonderful opportunity to study in Fatima.

As I recall my days in Fatima...

The other names for my College are Discipline and Decorum. As a teacher, I realise that the discipline and decorum I learnt in Fatima help me stand tall among my peers and other colleagues. As the bitter medicine helps to cure diseases, discipline (bitter when I was a student) alone helps the students to become better human beings in life. I was merely like clay with little knowledge in literature. But, the dear Sisters and lovable professors of my College shaped me into a dedicated teacher and good human being. The process of transformation was not an easy one. I struggled a lot to stand firm against innumerable difficulties. My professors stood by my side and made me what I am today.

I always admire our Principal Sister, an epitome of confidence, compassion and kindness. I always feel proud to salute our Sisters and Professors for making me strong enough to face the real world's challenges as I have just started my journey as a teacher.

Every teacher should have some influence on her students' attitudes. My professors shaped me by sharing their valuable knowledge and real life experiences which helped me in developing my life skills in a better way.

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My interest towards my subject had started after joining our college. My professors helped me and they have been helping me still to analyze myself and engage in self-introspection. Where am I? What should I do? What should be my target? How should I achieve?...

Even after completing my course they support me and encourage me till date. Their positive vibrations and affection and concern made me do something apart from my career as a teacher. For, I am now an author of an e-book on Grammar titled *ABCs of English- Basic Grammar Rules*. I hope I will do my best in future with their blessings.

When I got my first offer letter I went to get blessings from my professor Dr. A. Roselin Mary who said, "Be humble whatever peak you reach". I am following that till date and I am sure I will uphold the dignity of my College throughout my life.

M.S. Thendral
2014 – 2016 (PG English Literature)

Fragrance of Fatima – My Dear Rosa Mystica



I look back with great happiness and joy the day when I stepped into Maryland to pursue my bachelor's degree in English literature. On the very first day, our friendly seniors escorted us on a campus tour. The college campus was so beautiful with trees and plants welcoming us into the portals of Fatima. The neat and clean campus had striking buildings with unique names on it. There was the stunning stone building hiding behind the blossoms of bougainvillea that captivated me. Right above it was the name board - Rosa Mystica Library.

I visualize now ...The huge entrance gives a magnificent and outstanding look with a display of books on the shelves. The entire building gives us a heavenly feeling of entering into a holy place. The neatly organised bookshelves according to different subjects and the absolute silence prevailing inside makes anyone read and relish. There is a beautiful little garden between the two buildings of the library. It is a great privilege to be a literature

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student in Fatima. After class hours, a huge amount of time was spent on reading books in the library. It had always been my second classroom.

Literature section has a large collection of books starting from junior fiction to books on Contemporary Literature. The steel chairs and tables next to the window gave a glimpse of the beauty of nature outside. Whenever the eyes got tired, one glance at the little garden would refresh our mind, body and spirit. Amid the silence, one could hear the birds chirping at regular intervals. The whispering among the students, the chairs scraping against the floor each time a student moves and even the snoring sound of students can be witnessed in the afternoon. The untouched old books have an antique smell on their pages. On the whole, Rosa Mystica library allows us to use our four senses out of five. It is indeed a library full of life in it.

My Rosa Mystica library is a user-friendly library with a dedicated librarian and staff members. Whenever a student approaches the library staff, they extend their help with an ever-smiling face. They are so kind enough to offer their service even when the college is not working. All the credit goes to the staff members of the library who take utmost care and concern in arranging and positioning the bookshelves with clear signboards. It would be apt to say that Fatimites navigate the open waters of a new and increasingly complex sea of information inside the walls of the library.

It is rightly said that “A good book always elevate spirits”. There are numerous books in the self-development section that allow the readers to eliminate negativity and to embrace positivity. The ‘ever-alive’ books boost their confidence level to survive in this competitive world. These books truly lift the weaker spirits of the students into an all-powerful spirit. Books are secondary teachers in one’s life. Books help us to mould us for a better future. While one leaves the portals of Fatima, the degree obtained and a confident mind can help the individual to shine till the end. Books on Self-development must be valued deeply by the students so that they can grow, inspire and motivate themselves and others in future.

Fatimites must always remember that they are chosen to break boundaries. They have to stand out of the crowd to show their individuality so that they keep the brand name going. They must always rise and shine with a positive spirit. They have to use their skills, talents,

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energy, and knowledge to the fullest extent possible. Rosa Mystica library being a hub of knowledge provides a wonderful opportunity for Fatimites to soar high like an eagle.

L. NESTRICIA MARY
UG ENGLISH 2011 – 2014 & M.Phil. ENGLISH 2016 – 2017

Best Ingredients For Life: Yours Sincerely, Fatimite



Hi, I'm **Juhil Susanna** belonging to **2014 - 2016 Batch of MBA** course. I am privileged to write an article for our College Alumnae Newsletter. I'm married and I doodle. At SHOSHI doodles we design Books, Invites, Games and Merchandise. To know more about me, follow me on Instagram @shoshi_doodles

In this big world, our lives may look like a roller coaster ride, but as we grow up we make lemonades if life gives lemons. We find ways to fight our way through. The present Corona crisis obviously makes us realise that we can survive even in strange and threatening situations. To break the big and tiny things that make you worry, I would like to tell you about the ingredients to get back on your feet.

Love and compassion

Do everything out of love and never talk behind people. If people hurt you, forgive them and don't playback the past negative episodes. Keep emotions under control. Express love. Have empathy on people around you. For instance, think about your maid's survival if you had to cut her salary because of lockdown. Try to help people in need.

Hope and faith

Always hope that things will go well. Unnecessary imagination, over thinking and fear lead to anxiety and stress. It's hope that will pull us through even when things don't go in our way. Yes, we will see the light at the end of the tunnel. Have faith in what you believe in and work towards it.

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✚ Balance

Balancing work, family and rest may be a huge task, for mothers especially. But asking help from the spouse, family or friends can help us ease the burden. Remember, your mood affects the family; so get help when you feel emotionally, mentally or physically down. If you don't have people to share your emotions with, just pray. Take a break and go to the nearest park, eat out, play a game, sleep well.

✚ Gratitude

Counting your privilege and thanking God will definitely make you feel special. Having a grateful heart for the food we eat, family to spend time with, protection from viruses, good education, language to converse, roof over your head, we will have a huge number of lists that we forget to think about in our lives

✚ Humility

Ego in any relationship can break people. It's always essential to stay humble even in thoughts, words and at times of great success. Our words must build others' life. Underestimating others' capabilities and capacity, bragging one's trumpet, making someone else feel low, revenge attitude, bringing up the past – all lead to self- destruction.

✚ Never compare

Never compare with others, compete with yourself because we all grow at a different pace. Each one of us will have our own race to run. Be happy for a friend who bought a new house, appreciate her hard work, celebrate it with true happiness in heart instead of feeling jealous.

✚ Add creativity

Try to have "My time". Add creativity to what you are passionate about. I'm a doodler, whenever I feel bored, I shift my focus on gardening - adding new plants , cooking - trying new recipes, decorate home, pull a surprise for the husband. This has certainly helped me to refresh myself.



Go Beyond The Horizon

College is a memorable part of a student's life, whether it is about friends, Professors or personal growth in life. I am one among the proud alumnae of the Fatima Institute of Management, Fatima College. My Head of the Department and the other professors are the life-promoting beacons. I feel blessed for being a student of this prestigious institution. Apart from the knowledge I gained, I learnt the important lessons of life. It was my Fatima that taught me to fight and not to give up in life.

It would never end if I begin penning down about my College (Pride), Professors (Gurus) and Friends (Happiness). I am what I am today is just because of my college. Under the able guidance of my professors, I learnt not only the subject but also the good values in life. Class room lectures, joyful moments in the canteen, cultural and other extra curricular activities, projects, International and national seminars, intercollegiate competitions - I find them all not as part of my memories but wonderful and cherishable platforms for my growth. I feel proud to share some valuable lessons I learnt as a management student in Fatima.

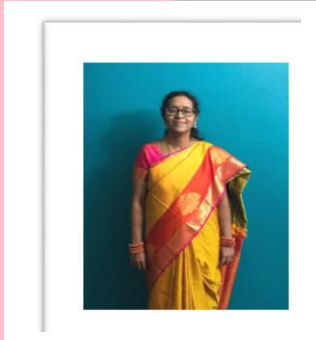
As I gear up to recall my amazing experience at FIM, I remember the courses I took, friends I made and most of all the 'perspectives or good attitudes' I picked up which make me believe that I can also change my world. *Commit to expand, care to understand, converse to growth* – What a wonderful maxim to cherish! One cannot paint a picture of life with hands in one's pocket. Remember to take risks if you want to grow and progress in life. Opportunities are ample and so seize them.

At Fatima Institute of Management, I made a new beginning that offered me a variety of challenges. I threw myself out of my comfort zone embracing every opportunity towards growth and multitude of experiences. I learnt to find my passion and persisting on it while having fun all the way. My College helped me to learn about myself, meet people and network, gain experience and improve my soft skills. This automatically helped me pick up a career path. Dear friends, Market yourself better to get the job you want. Pick up analytical skills, critical thinking, communication skills, writing skills, Do your readings utilizing library resources, stay active! Aim to touch the stars!

C. SHAALINI

MBA BATCH 2016-2018

Travelling Down the Memory Lane



I joined Fatima College in the year 1988. I still remember entering the college campus with so many questions, a sense of fear, butterflies in my stomach and anxiety in my mind wondering what the next three years would be like for me. As I walked through the campus towards the Department of Home Science, it was almost time for our morning assembly and our college President was making an announcement asking students to join the assembly.

I was looking for my friends, some familiar faces, seniors whom I knew already from my school. It was a similar feeling that I experienced when I started school at the age of three. By the end of the first day, having completed the orientation, I felt really safe and grounded after listening to all of our professors.

Life takes us through so many transitions and college is one place where our experiences begin to shape our reality. College life teaches you to take ownership and responsibility for who are, who you want be, and what you to want to pursue in life. Every student who enters the college with big dreams, hopes, and desires gets a golden opportunity to reinvent oneself. Fatima College taught me to gain many valuable experiences which changed the trajectory of my life.

My parents were very happy that I got an admission in Fatima College. Some of my beautiful memories were walking to Maureen Hall with my friends and learning the Christmas Carols, the music echoing and vibrating through the walls. Fine Arts week was yet another profound experience when the entire students' community came together as a family to showcase innumerable talents. Muthamizh Vizha was a remarkable event that I still vividly recall when the Department of Tamil hosted the best speakers, conducted debates and promulgated folk arts. Our ten-day camp to Thondi for a coastal clean up doing community service through NSS was really a once in a lifetime experience, one that I still fondly remember and all the fun time I had with my friends. Pongal Celebration, Candle Light

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ceremony and Department welcome and farewell with seniors and juniors were some of the other highlights and privileges for students who entered the portal of Fatima College.

Maryland became my second home in those three years. During the third year, my mornings always started with doing a flower arrangement and displaying in different areas of the campus or watching my friends do the same. Our Nutrition and Cooking lab was always a classic masterpiece in those days. The unforgettable words on one of the wall hangings was “A Place for everything and everything in its place.” These words are a gentle reminder for me even today to plan and organise so that we progress. Doing group study with my friends before our internal examinations boosted my confidence to do really well in those tests. I still savor our quick trips to the canteen for masala vadai, parotta and kurma, and parnar (mango drink) after college, and during lunch.

Walking through the corridors, climbing stairs up and down and breathing the fresh air was very relaxing during a busy day as there was always a sense of peace and calm within the campus. Each and every professor of ours created an indelible impression on the students, and there was always something very special we could learn from all of them apart from the subject they taught. It could be the way they dress, their language and communication skills, their confidence in teaching the course and their very presence drawing the students like a magnet.

To conclude, I remember attending a day long workshop by one of the Sisters on Life, which included learning about the Human body, pregnancy and child birth, and healthy lifestyle practices at the end of the third year. With no access to technology like now, this class made a huge difference for all the young adults who were making a transition into the next phase of their lives. I am proud to say that I graduated from Fatima College, and will always hold this institution in my mind with the highest regard and reverence, a place that taught me the core human values of love, kindness, and compassion.

A place that instilled confidence and a life-long love for learning and exploring this big world!

Meenakshi Ramesh
Certified Clinical EFT Tapping Practitioner,
San Jose, California, USA
(Home Science Major -1988 to 1991)

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ALMA MATER SO DEAR



Rev. Mother Rose Benedicta, the Founder of Fatima College, composed the song - Alma mater so Dear. Yes, my Alma mater - Fatima College is so dear to me!

When I first entered Fatima College in 1971 on June 2nd as a Pre-University Course Student with my mother, I glanced above the well-framed photo of the great woman, the noble soul, Rev. Mother Rose Benedict, who had christened me as Benedicta. Rev. Mother Rose Benedicta - the illustrious soul who dedicated all her life to the cause of Education particularly for women. How was it possible for her who came from an alien soil? I was astonished. Yes, Rev. Mother Rose Benedicta paved way for the eradication of ignorance through the noble fire of Education. She instilled the passion for knowledge and rational thinking.

After 8 long years, my LORD JESUS CHRIST revealed that I am called to do service through Education. I decided to emulate my beloved sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons who served the downtrodden women with selfless sacrifice, zealous efforts and with a smile on their face and a brisk walk. The grandeur and magnificence of Fatima, the meritorious institution, the pergola in the entrance, the lobby with everyday new floral arrangements at the entrance, Maureen Hall, Niveditha Hall in the midst of fertile paddy field and, Rosa Mystica Library are still ever green in my memory. The entire campus was filled with the air of wisdom!

All the events on campus merged with my experiences in Fatima. I cherish the 'Fine Arts Week' which gave me an opportunity to exhibit my talent of playing Christian songs on Veena and this added scores to my Zoology major. The Maureen Hall was the place we gathered for 'Association Hour' on Saturdays when Rev Sr. Francisca Flora, our Chemistry lecturer, and the Present Secretary, would lead and guide us imparting value

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Education. The 'Muthamilvizha' introduced eminent personalities and versatile Orators from far and wide. The visit of Rev. Mother Teresa is a memorable event. She blessed us with the words "GOD BLESS YOU CHILDREN" which still linger in my ears. The Christmas Celebration was such a memorable day promoting the feeling of communal harmony among us. This helped me during my service projects as Leo-Advisor for the Students in Madurai city Lion's Club. I encouraged my students to involve in charitable activities to the under privileged and socially down trodden people. The NCC Training given by Miss Mabel Miranda brought laurels to our college during the summer camp at Kodaikanal.

I started my teaching career in the Department of Biological Sciences, Madurai Kamaraj University, in 1979. The training I got from Fatima enabled me to handle classes effectively and make them better students and responsible citizens of Tomorrow. The training from Fatima enabled me to solve problems of life with moral courage and sane approach. The ideals of womanhood inculcated in me make me impart the same in my students and others who come in contact with me.

I implemented the principles and values I learnt in my Alma mater when I shouldered responsibilities in various capacities. I mingled with my students showering motherly affection and tender care, giving space to translate their latent talent into deeds. But at the same time, I underscored the importance of discipline and punctuality through personal attention. When I taught "Women Empowerment", "Time Management", "Emotional Intelligence" in the Life Skill Programme for B.Ed., Students, I remember my dedicated Nuns of Fatima who adhered to such theories and applied in their day today living.

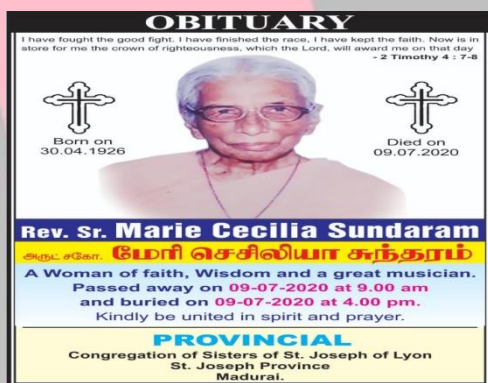
With the strength of my LORD JESUS CHRIST, my ALMIGHTY FATHER, I developed logical thinking and passion to search for Truth and it is HIS WISDOM that sustains me till date. MAY GOD ALMIGHTY BLESS my Alma mater where thousands of girls irrespective of caste, creed and religion are given a holistic value-based Education. The dream of Rev. Mother Rose Benedicta, the great and noble soul has come true for GOD'S GLORY and GOD'S GLORY ALONE.

Dr.Miriam Benedicta
Department of Zoology
1972-75

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