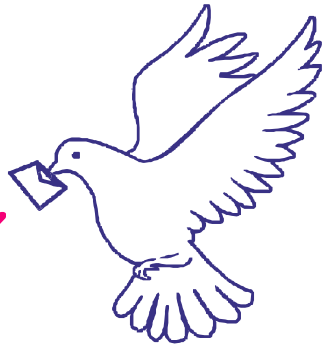


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Secretary's Message

"May the Lord give strength to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace." Psalm 29:11

Dear esteemed alumnae,

It is a pleasure and a privilege to welcome you to the Crossian reunion of 2025-2026. Your presence on campus once again affirms the enduring bond between Holy Cross College and its graduates. We take pride in the paths you have charted and value the lasting connection you continue to maintain with your Alma Mater.



As we gather in the blessed season of Christmas, we are reminded of the message of hope and peace that the birth of Christ brings to the world. May this season fill your homes with joy, strengthen your families with grace, and renew your hearts with serenity. You and your loved ones are remembered with gratitude in our prayers.

This academic year offers us an opportunity to reflect on the role of higher education in a world shaped increasingly by artificial intelligence and new forms of knowledge. These developments call for not only competence, but also wisdom - the ability to apply learning with responsibility, integrity, and clarity of purpose. We find strength in the assurance of Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you."

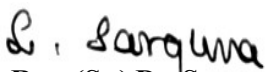
Guided by this conviction, our institution continues to enhance its academic programmes, deepen research culture, and expand

interdisciplinary learning. Our commitment to forming reflective, principled, and socially responsible women remains firm. Your achievements across diverse fields continue to inspire our current students and uphold the reputation of the College.

This Alumnae Reunion has been envisioned as a time of renewal and shared purpose, an occasion for our graduates to reaffirm the values that shaped their formative years, and to strengthen the bond that unites all Crossians across generations. It offers a meaningful space for reflection, for reconnecting with the academic community, and for recognising the important role our alumnae continue to play in advancing the mission of the College. We are grateful for the ways in which our alumnae contribute to the growth of the institution. Your mentorship, collaboration, professional expertise, and unwavering goodwill support and strengthen our mission and enrich the academic environment for future generations.

As you revisit the campus today, may you find renewed pride in the values and vision that have guided the institution across generations. May the peace promised in Philippians 4:7, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds” accompany you in all your endeavours. We remain deeply appreciative of your continued association with Holy Cross College. May the joy and blessings of Christmas be with you and your families, and may the coming year be marked by wisdom, fulfilment, and lasting grace.

God Bless You!


Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Sarguna
Secretary

Principal's Message

A Call to Sacred Stewardship: Your Legacy, Our Future

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

- Ephesians 2:10

Beloved Holy Crossians,

Today, as we gather together, you are not merely attendees at an event-you are a living testament. Each of you represents a unique note in a sacred symphony that began the moment you passed through these gates as students. That symphony continues now, not as memory, but as mission. You are the ongoing success story of Holy Cross College.



In an age that worships speed and metrics, you remind us of what endures: character formed in these halls, conscience sharpened by our values, and courage forged in community. Artificial Intelligence may parse data, but it cannot replicate the Holy Crossian spirit-that divine spark of empathy, ethics, and enlightened purpose. You carry that flame into a world desperately in need of its warmth.

You Are Our Greatest Curriculum

Your lives-your triumphs, your resilience, your quiet acts of grace-are the most compelling chapters of our living pedagogy. When a Holy Crossian leads with integrity in a boardroom, heals with compassion in a hospital, advocates for justice in a courtroom, or nurtures wisdom in a classroom, she does not merely work-she witnesses. She testifies that education is not information transferred, but humanity transformed.

To our revered alumnae from 1965-1995: you are our foundational pillars. You built bridges across generations with your legacy. Your presence today is not nostalgia; it is nourishment. You remind us that roots grow deeper with time, enabling taller reach and sturdier branches for those who follow.

The True AI: Authentic Impact

Our theme, "Wisdom in the AI Era -Educate, Empower, Sustain," asks a profound question: In a world of algorithms, what makes us irreplaceably human? The answer echoes in this room. It is your capacity for moral reasoning, for sacred encounters, for seeing the divine image in every person you meet. Technology is a tool; wisdom is its conscience. And you are that conscience in your professions, communities, and families.

This Christmas, as we celebrate the Word made flesh, remember: You are called to make the spirit tangible. The manger was not ornate, but it was holy. Likewise, your influence need not be loud to be transformative. In a fragmented world, your ability to connect, include, and elevate is your greatest gift. Let your life be a living nativity - where hope is born anew in forgotten places.

The Unwritten Volume of 2026

The New Year is not a blank page, but a sacred canvas. You are both artist and art. What will you create?

- Will you be architects of belonging in polarized landscapes?
- Will you be stewards of wisdom in oceans of information?
- Will you be artisans of peace in cultures of conflict?

You are called to be moral innovators. The challenges ahead demand not just intelligence, but ingenuity of heart. Remember: The Cross itself was a symbol of apparent defeat transformed into eternal victory.

So too, your setbacks are but setups for comebacks authored by Divine grace.

Your Homecoming Is a Holy Commission

You return today is not to retreat into the past, but to refuel for your purpose. This Alma Mater is your sanctuary of strength. We are not merely an institution you attended; we are a community that attends to you—praying for you, believing in you, standing with you.

As you leave, carry this mandate: Be sacred disruptors. Challenge the superficial with substance. Replace transactional relationships with transformational encounters. In a world shouting, let your life whisper truth. Let your success be measured not merely by what you accumulate, but by what you awaken in others.

Final Benediction

May you move into the year 2026 with prophetic clarity and pastoral compassion. May you be strengthened by the knowledge that you are never alone—the sisterhood of Holy Cross surrounds you, the prayers of this community uphold you, and the God who called you equips you abundantly.

Go forth as our most cherished credentials. The world awaits your holy imprint.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory." – Ephesians 3:20

With profound respect, unwavering belief, and shared commitment.

Sr. Rajakumari.P.

Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari
Principal

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College aims at building a network of Holy Crossians to empower and strengthen relationships and create a sense of belonging and gratitude to the Alma Mater. The annual plan of the Alumnae Association is prepared every year by the core group under the guidance of the Principal along with the staff representatives of all the departments. The activities planned are executed by the members during the year and an Annual General Alumnae Meet is arranged every year on the second Saturday of December. The Alumnae of Holy Cross College have been nurtured and shaped to face promising tomorrows. The Holy Crossian family is a circle of strength, which is founded on faith, joined by love and kept by God, together forever. The system of education in Holy Cross College is based on Whole Person Education which gives a complete character formation to the students. The rich experiences of their College days have made them focus more clearly on all their actions and deeds in their lives. They always come back to their Alma Mater with jubilant spirits.

Mission

- Build a society/network of Holy Crossians.
- Contribute to / supplement the personal and career development of the present and passed out students.

Objectives

- To maintain a database of the Alumnae profile.
- To assist in the placement of students along with HRD.
- To organize get-togethers for the former students periodically.
- To develop a sense of togetherness through the Newsletter “In Touch”.

Contribution to the College

- HRD department functions in association with the Alumnae Association.
- Life membership fees collected from all the outgoing students are the source of revenue to spend for the activities of the Alumnae Association.

- A scholarship of Rs. 2000 was given to the children of the supportive staff of the College from the Alumnae Endowment Fund.
- The Alumnae contribute towards a fund for students to avail books on loan from their respective department libraries.

Core Committee Members

1. Dr. (Sr.) Isabella Rajakumari, Principal.
2. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Associate Professor of English & Dean of International Affairs
3. Dr. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil., Assistant Professor of English (Co-ordinator).
4. Dr. Amala Infant Joice, J., Assistant Professor of Chemistry.
6. Dr. Sharmi, A., Assistant Professor of Tamil.
5. Dr. Pricila, R., Assistant Professor of History.

HCC ALUMNAE SCINTILLATORS MEET

The HCC Alumnae Scintillators Meet took place on 14th December 2024, at 9:30 AM in Our Lady's Hall, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The annual gathering brought alumnae together to celebrate their connection to the College. The Chief Guest Ms. S. Poorani, an alumna of the Department of English (1983-1988) and Additional Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Tourism, Culture, and Religious Endowments Department, and Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, presided over the Alumnae Meet.

The event began with a prayer followed by the Tamil Thai Vazhthu, reflecting the College's cultural and spiritual values. A captivating prayer dance by the students set a joyful tone. Dr. Amala Infant Joice.J, Alumnae Core Committee member and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, cheerfully welcomed the gathering. The Chief Guest, Ms. S. Poorani, was honoured by Sister Principal; it was a proud moment that celebrated her inspiring achievements.

The Reading of the Minutes was done by Dr. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil, Co-ordinator of the Alumnae Association and Assistant Professor of the Department of English.

The Chief Guest, Ms. S. Poorani, released the alumnae newsletter Intouch Vol. 18, and the Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, received the first copy. The newsletter keeps the alumnae informed about the progress of the College achievements. The Principal appreciated Dr. Rajathi D. Motilal, Assistant Professor of Zoology, for winning the contest conducted for the staff alumnae to introduce a unique name for the Annual General Alumnae Meet.

A significant feature of the event was the inauguration of 'HCC Hear and Heal,' Counselling Centre for the Alumnae. This initiative fosters emotional support to the alumnae, which proves the College's commitment to their overall well-being. A logo to visually represent the objectives of the centre was designed by Mr. Mohan, a proud alumnus of the Department of Visual Communication and the goals and objectives were introduced by Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Catherine. S., Campus Minister and Counsellor of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy.

The Chief Guest, Ms. S. Poorani, delivered an inspiring speech about her journey from the College to her present position as Additional Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Tourism, Culture, and Religious Endowments Department. She emphasized the significance of determination. She recalled with joy her college days in 1983 at Holy Cross College that prepared and paved her path to success.

Dr. Mary Jayanthi.M, Dean of International Affairs, Associate Professor, Department of English, facilitated the alumnae from abroad to virtually connect via Google Meet. 12 alumnae from 7 International Chapters in the UAE, Singapore, Malaysia, the USA, the UK, Canada, and Australia were present and reviewed the College's global collaborations. The alumnae shared their memories, reliving those cherished moments from their time at Holy Cross College, Trichy. A recreational game, with prizes for the winners enhanced excitement to the day, nurturing a sense of togetherness.

Dr. Sharmi A., Assistant Professor of Tamil and Core Committee member of the Alumnae Association, proposed the vote of thanks to conclude the eventful gathering. The alumnae proudly sang the College

Anthem after the ceremonial group photograph. A total of 230 alumnae cheerfully participated in the reunion.

The HCC Alumnae Scintillators Meet heartened the bond between the Alma Mater and its alumnae. The event celebrated achievements, expressed gratitude, recoloured nostalgic moments, created new memories and set the stage for future collaborations.

HCC ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION SKILL CONNECT PROGRAM

The HCC Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, hosted a Skill Connect Program on 13th December 2024 at 10:00 AM in the Regina's Hall. The event was designed to bring together alumnae, faculty, and students, fostering skill development and professional growth. The program commenced with a prayer invoking God's blessings, followed by the Tamil Thai Vazhthu. Ms. Carmelete Silviya J., Coordinator of HRDC, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, welcomed the gathering. The program was presided over by Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Judy Gomez, Vice Principal, Sister In-Charge of Shift-II, and Associate Professor of English, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy. She motivated the students with her valuable insights and encouragement by quoting the inspirational biography of Srikanth Bolla an Indian industrialist and the founder Chairman of Bollant Industries who was the first visually-impaired student in Management Science.

The highlight of the event was the presence of the Chief Guest, Ms. Angela James, a distinguished alumna from the 1998-2001 batch of the Department of Computer Applications. As the Co-founder and Managing Director of Just Used Computers, Bangalore, Ms. Angela embodies the success and values imparted by Holy Cross College. Her address provided valuable insights into skill development in today's competitive landscape. She insisted that students grab the opportunities, keep learning, and help others with their skills. This Skill Connect Program celebrated the achievements of Holy Cross College alumnae while providing a platform for current students to gain inspiration from their predecessors. It underscored the importance of skill-building and networking as essential tools for success in today's world.

Dr. J. Jenifer Mary, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the management, the chief guest and the participants. The program concluded with the Holy Cross College Anthem.

A SESSION ON LIFE SKILLS AND MARITAL COUNSELLING

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy organized a programme on “Life skills and Marital Counselling on 27th February 2025 at 9 am in the College grounds for the III UG Students. The programme started with God’s blessings followed by the welcome address by Dr. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil, Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College.

Ms. Subha Prabhu, Alumna of Department of Rehabilitation Science, Administrator, Joseph Eye Hospital, Trichy emphasized the paramount importance of life skills in shaping one’s future. She stressed that while numerous paths lie ahead, one must make wise and well-informed decisions. She encouraged everyone to set both short-term and long-term goals and to diligently pursue them with determination and focus. Ms. Subha urged everyone to strive for holistic empowerment by enhancing physical, mental, financial, and social strengths. She concluded her speech with heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to address the students.

Ms.P. Kuyili, Project Director, READ NGO, Ariyalur spoke on the societal perceptions surrounding women’s marital status. She advocated for prioritizing peace above all and maintaining unwavering faith in God while expressing gratitude for life’s blessings. She highlighted the significance of family as the fundamental pillar of an individual’s strength. She emphasized the essence of understanding, patience, and compassion in relationships. She reiterated that marriage entails significant responsibilities and urged individuals to approach it with maturity and commitment. She concluded by encouraging the audience to cultivate confidence, remain goal - oriented, and continually develop their talents. Dr. J. Jenifer Mary, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Holy Cross College delivered the Vote of Thanks. 1390 III UG students benefited from this program.

OUT REACH ACTIVITIES

In collaboration with HCC Alumnae Association, Youth Red Cross (YRC), Red Ribbon Club (RRC), and Consumer Club of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, jointly organized desilting, book donation, and awareness programmes at Thaluthalapatti village on 26th February 2025. The desilting activity was conducted to restore and enhance the water-holding capacity of local water bodies. As part of the educational outreach, a book donation drive was carried out, benefiting underprivileged students in the area. A wide collection of academic textbooks, storybooks, and reference materials were distributed to school, fostering a culture of learning and literacy among children. An Awareness Program on Child Protection was organized for elementary school students to educate them on their rights, safety measures, and protection laws. The session was led by our esteemed alumna (2002-2005 Batch), Ms. V. Philomin Stella, Field Executive – Gramodaya, Ayushman Health Care Project, who served as the resource person. She engaged the students through interactive discussions, practical examples, emphasizing the importance of personal safety, recognizing unsafe situations, and seeking help from trusted adults. She also highlighted child protection laws and helpline numbers for emergencies. The session was highly informative and helped young students become more aware of their rights and safety.

CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME ON “PASSPORT TO PROGRESS: GLOBAL CAREERS AND RESEARCH OPTIONS”

As part of its ongoing commitment to guiding students towards purposeful and globally relevant careers, the Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, organized a high-impact Career Guidance Programme titled “Passport to Progress: Global Careers and Research Options.” The session was held at Our Lady’s Hall on 5th August 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The event brought together an enthusiastic gathering of final-year students from the Life Science departments, all eager to chart their course toward impactful global careers.

This inspirational session was led by the College's distinguished alumna, Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Ph.D. (Batch of 1993–1996), currently serving as the Director of Administration at XeedQ GmbH, a leading quantum computing enterprise based in Leipzig and Ulm, Germany.

The session commenced with an invocation, seeking divine blessings for the fruitful exchange of knowledge and inspiration. Dr. Ranjini was warmly welcomed by faculty members and students, who eagerly looked forward to her insights. A proud graduate of Holy Cross College, Dr. Ranjini pursued her Bachelor's in Chemistry at the institution, her Master's at The American College, Madurai, and went on to complete her doctoral studies in Biophysical Chemistry at the prestigious Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. Her multifaceted career spanning scientific research, international administration, and entrepreneurial innovation has become a beacon for students aspiring to make a global impact.

The keynote address, centered on the theme "Passport to Progress," provided a transformative roadmap for students to translate their academic foundations into thriving international careers. Dr. Ranjini offered an expansive overview of global career landscapes, especially for graduates in life sciences and physical sciences, focusing on high-opportunity destinations such as the USA, UK, Germany, Canada, and Australia. She emphasized the growing importance of industry exposure, internships, and skill-building experiences in enhancing employability on the global stage.

Critical competencies such as analytical thinking, scientific communication, problem-solving, and intercultural fluency were underscored as essential tools for career advancement. Dr. Ranjini also provided structured guidance on higher education pathways abroad, including opportunities for Master's, Ph.D., and Postdoctoral research at prestigious institutions.

She discussed integrated programs such as the BS.,MS., Ph.D. track offered by IISERs and the direct Ph.D. options available to meritorious undergraduates. She offered a clear and practical framework for navigating the admission process from university shortlisting, writing compelling Statements of Purpose (SOPs), and securing Letters of

Recommendation (LORs), to preparing for competitive exams such as JAM, CSIR-NET, DBT-BET, GRE, TOEFL, and IELTS. Students were also made aware of the language requirements for study in non-English-speaking countries such as Germany and France.

A key highlight of the session was Dr. Ranjini's deep dive into international scholarships and funding avenues. She introduced students to prestigious global funding opportunities including the DAAD (Germany), Fulbright-Nehru (USA), Commonwealth (UK), Erasmus Mundus (Europe), MEXT (Japan), and the Gates Cambridge Scholarship (UK). She also directed them to reputable online platforms like www.daad.de and www.boell.de, empowering students to explore opportunities for research internships and scholarships. She emphasized that with strategic planning and academic merit, financial constraints need not hinder international aspirations.

To help students better prepare for global academic pursuits, Dr. Ranjini elaborated on a strategic application timeline, covering language proficiency tests, scholarship identification, professor outreach, document preparation, and logistical arrangements such as visa applications and accommodation. She encouraged students to begin early and approach the process with confidence and clarity.

The session also touched on emerging trends in global employment, exploring opportunities in academia, industry, non-profit sectors, and entrepreneurship. Dr. Ranjini emphasized the value of transferable skills such as adaptability, innovation, teamwork, digital fluency, time management, and independent decision-making qualities essential in multicultural and interdisciplinary workspaces. She motivated students to explore high-demand fields including Data Science, Environmental Research, Artificial Intelligence, Material Science, and Clinical Sciences, encouraging them to align their interests with global trends.

One of the most inspiring elements of the session was Dr. Ranjini's personal story of entrepreneurship. She spoke about founding XeedQ GmbH in 2021 a frontier technology company focused on quantum computing using spin qubits in diamond. Her journey illustrated how scientific excellence, entrepreneurial spirit, and international exposure can come together to drive breakthrough innovation. Her narrative

stood as a powerful example of what women in science can achieve with vision, persistence, and courage.

The event culminated in a vibrant interactive session, where students posed thoughtful questions on field-specific research scopes, international selection processes, and academic collaborations. Dr. Ranjini addressed each query with depth and clarity, encouraging students to dream big, stay informed, and pursue their goals with diligence and determination.

In her concluding remarks, she urged students to “Explore, Prepare, Connect, Adapt, and Believe.” She reiterated that curiosity is the essence of scientific inquiry, and that global opportunities await those who proactively seek them. Her words left an indelible mark, motivating students to approach their futures with open minds and global ambition.

The session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks extended to Dr. Ranjini Arumugam for her invaluable contribution, her inspiring return to her alma mater, and her unwavering support to the next generation of scholars. The event proved to be a turning point for many students, offering not just information, but true inspiration. It served as a reminder that the path to international success begins with self-belief, preparedness, and the courage to step beyond boundaries.

ONLINE GLOBAL ALUMNAE CHAPTERS’ MEET 2025

The online Global Alumnae Chapters’ Meet 2025 commenced with a prayer and was presided over by Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari. The Guest of Honour for the session was Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Vice President of the Europe Chapter. The office bearers from seven international alumnae chapters- UAE, Singapore, Malaysia, Canada, USA, UK, and Australia, participated in the meeting. Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari extended a warm welcome to all participants and highlighted the objectives of the meet: strengthening global alumnae connections, offering career guidance and job opportunities, reinforcing ties with the alma mater, and supporting institutional initiatives such as Viluthugal 100 and other fund raising and empowerment drives. She also shared the academic year’s theme, “Wisdom in the AI Era” and emphasized that the staff and students pray for the goodwill of all alumnae.

Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Dean of International Affairs & Associate Professor of English elaborated on the mission of the International Affairs Office in fostering personal and professional development while strengthening global networks. She noted that the Annual General Alumnae Meet is held on the second Saturday of December every year and highlighted that the institution currently has 30,497 registered alumnae. She traced the growth of the international chapters. She encouraged alumnae to contribute expertise, resources, internships, and career counselling, and reiterated the importance of initiatives such as Viluthugal 100, GOE (Gift of Education), and collaborative projects. She also appreciated the alumnae- Ms. Camila (Singapore Chapter) and Ms. Premila Chandrasekaran (Dubai Chapter)- for offering student internships.

Ms. Raji Chandramouli (President, USA Chapter) stressed the need for a robust alumnae database, improved communication regarding travel and collaboration, and support for students aspiring to study abroad. She also pledged financial help for Viluthugal 100. Ms. Shanju Vigasini (Vice President, USA Chapter) discussed aiding students with career opportunities in the USA, including interview preparation, networking, and mentorship. She suggested quarterly and half yearly meetings for faster project implementation and research collaborations.

Ms. Premila Chandrasekar (President, UAE Chapter) highlighted successful student placements in the UAE and spoke about opportunities at the Access Abilities Expo involving 70+ countries. She proposed creating a digital directory for collaborative projects and linking students with companies. Ms. Carla (Secretary, UAE Chapter) focused on research collaborations and skill development in AI, and confirmed the UAE chapter's participation in Viluthugal 100. Ms. Camila Shirde (President, Singapore Chapter) proposed establishing a strong platform to support HCC students personally, professionally, and in business ventures, along with holding regular meetings. Ms. Muthurakku Alagulakshmanan (President, Malaysia Chapter) suggested expanding outreach to locate more HCC alumnae in Malaysia and establishing collaborations with local universities.

The Secretary of Holy Cross College, Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Sarguna, spoke about Viluthugal 100 and reported that the initiative has supported 100 students by helping them pay their academic and examination fees. A request was made for further contributions to sustain the project. In

her final remarks, the Principal expressed gratitude to all alumnae and organizers. She highlighted the recent infrastructure developments, including the Mother Sophie Multi-Purpose Atrium, upgraded computer labs, breakfast scheme and community-oriented projects such as village adoption programmes. The meet concluded with the vote of thanks and the alumnae proudly singing the College Anthem.

CAMPUS PLACEMENT DRIVE BY MRF TYRES EXCLUSIVELY FOR ALUMNAE

The Campus Placement Drive for alumnae of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, was successfully conducted on 27th September 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Regina's Hall. This placement initiative was jointly organized by the Alumnae Association and Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) in collaboration with MRF Tyres, Perambalur. The drive was specially designed for alumnae from the graduating batches of 2020 to 2025, offering them a valuable opportunity to begin or advance their professional careers.

The programme began with a prayer. Dr. Sherly Wilfred, HRDC Coordinator and Assistant Professor in the PG and Research Department of English, welcomed the gathering and introduced the representatives from MRF Tyres, including Dr. Michael Raj, Manager - HR; Mr. Satish Kumar, HR Officer; Mr. Anand Raj, Deputy Manager; along with two other senior officials from the company. The Presidential Address was delivered by the Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, who expressed her appreciation for the alumnae and encouraged them to pursue their career goals with determination and confidence.

Dr. Michael Raj delivered a special address highlighting industry trends, the increasing role of women in manufacturing, and the contributions of Crossian alumnae already working at MRF Tyres. He also detailed the three-year training programme in Manufacturing Technology, offered in collaboration with the TVS Educational Society, which combines theoretical instruction with practical industry exposure to prepare candidates for long-term career growth. Dr. Amala Joyce, Assistant Professor in the PG and Research Department of Chemistry and a member of the Alumnae Association, delivered the Vote of

Thanks, acknowledging the efforts of the College administration, the MRF team, and all participants. The formal session concluded with the traditional Alumnae Prayer read by the Principal, followed by the Holy Cross College Anthem, creating a sense of unity and institutional pride.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the placement process commenced. The recruitment team from MRF Tyres conducted interviews and evaluations, leading to the successful selection of 23 candidates among 50 participants, for various roles within the organization. The Campus Placement Drive 2025 was a commendable success, reinforcing Holy Cross College's commitment to supporting its alumnae through meaningful industry partnerships and continued engagement.

SKILL CONNECT PROGRAM 2025

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College organized a *Skill Connect Program* on 25th November 2025 to motivate and empower young women students to step confidently into entrepreneurial pathways. The session was graced by our distinguished alumna Ms. Vaira Vaishnavi Karthikeyan, Psychologist & Natural Cosmetologist (Batch: 2017–2022), Founder of Sriva Homemade Soap House, who served as the Chief Guest for the event. A total of 74 undergraduate and postgraduate students from various departments enthusiastically registered and participated.

The programme commenced with a prayer, followed by the welcome address. Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, Principal, Holy Cross College, delivered the Presidential Address. In her inspiring message, Sister congratulated Ms. Vaira Vaishnavi for returning to her Alma Mater as a successful young entrepreneur. She encouraged the students to learn skills, become financially independent, and support themselves while studying. She also highlighted the value of respecting and cherishing one's parents and making them proud through hard work and commitment.

The Chief Guest, Ms. Vaira Vaishnavi, then conducted an enriching and interactive session. She narrated her entrepreneurial journey-how a simple homemade skin-care formula gradually grew into a small-

scale and later a large-scale business, eventually leading her into full-fledged entrepreneurship. She emphasized the harmful effects of chemical-based cosmetic products and advocated safe, natural alternatives. She also explained the traditional concepts of *Vaadham*, *Pitham*, and *Kabam*, insisting how the body responds differently based on individual constitution and how treatment or skin care must be customized accordingly.

She also shared practical insights on the process of MSME registration, guiding students on how to formalize small ventures into recognized enterprises. Adding further value to the session, she demonstrated easy homemade formulations and shared recipes for natural skincare and lip balm.

The session was followed by an open interaction, during which students actively raised questions related to skincare, treatment methods, and product preparation. The speaker provided clear and encouraging responses. Students also expressed positive feedback, sharing that the session was highly informative, motivating and practically useful.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks. Overall, the session instilled confidence, positivity, and strong entrepreneurial spirit among the participants, motivating them to pursue skill-based careers and innovative business ideas.

DEPARTMENTS ALUMNAE MEET 2025

DEPARTMENT OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

The Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology conducted its 14th Alumnae Meet on 23rd October 2025 through an online platform. Dr. R. Sundaresan, Head of the Department, Ms. K. Bhuvaneshwari, Assistant Professor, Ms. Regina Mary C., Alumnae In-charge, and the faculty members were present. The meeting began with a prayer and welcome address, followed by an interaction session in which alumnae discussed updating the alumnae database, including additional batches, collecting feedback, exploring online certification courses, and sharing professional experiences. A total of 13 alumnae participated. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

The PG Department of Biochemistry, in collaboration with the Alumnae Association, conducted an alumnae lecture titled “Building Confidence in a Competitive World” on 2nd December 2025. The programme began with a welcome address followed by an outline of the importance of alumnae engagement in supporting students’ academic and career aspirations. Dr. S. Rexcida Janthark Mary delivered the lecture on the significance of self-confidence in personal and professional advancement, approaches to address self-doubt and fear of failure, the cultivation of effective communication and critical thinking skills, and the need to maintain an appropriate balance between academic responsibilities and personal development. She also addressed goal-setting and preparation for competitive examinations, interviews, and research opportunities. Her insights, drawn from her experience as a global researcher served as motivation to the students. The session was well received and contributed meaningfully to the students’ overall development.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY & BIO-INFORMATICS

The Watson and Crick Club – HCCBIOTECHINFO and the Alumnae Club of the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics organised a Career Guidance Session with its distinguished alumna Dr. Ambika P., Ph.D., Research Officer, University of Queensland, Australia, on 31st July 2025 in Jubilee Hall. The event aligned with the department’s continued efforts to strengthen academic mentoring and professional orientation. The session commenced with a prayer and welcome address. Dr. Ambika delivered an academically grounded reflection on her journey from college to international research, highlighting the institutional foundation that shaped her career. She offered guidance on selecting research domains, preparing for doctoral studies, writing research proposals, and engaging with global scientific networks, while also outlining the interdisciplinary scope of biotechnology and bioinformatics. A discussion followed, during which students sought clarification on higher studies, research fellowships, and career pathways. The programme, attended by 112 students, concluded with the vote of thanks. The event contributed meaningfully to the academic

enrichment of the participants and reaffirmed the department's strong alumnae engagement.

A Skill Connect Program on “Natural Facial Aesthetics and Herbal Beauty Care” was conducted on 28th November 2025 at 2.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. The session was led by Ms. Jasmine Flora, alumna of the 2022–2025 batch, New Angels Bridal Studio & Academy. The programme commenced with a prayer. Ms. Jasmine Flora delivered an informative session outlining the scientific principles of natural facial care, procedural techniques, and the applications of herbal formulations, emphasising the growing relevance of plant-based cosmetology. A total of 148 students from the biotechnology and bioinformatics programmes attended and participated in an interactive discussion that followed on skincare practices and natural formulations.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

The PG and Research Department of Botany conducted a Student Welfare Programme on 12th August 2025 in the UG Laboratory. The Resource persons of the day were a panel of distinguished alumnae from various sectors including, Mrs. M. Selva Priya, P.G Assistant in Botany at GTR Hr. Sec. School, Thuraiyur, Ms. Sushma, Assistant Manager at Sushma Demolition Work, Ms. S. Vanathi, Founder of Academic Writings and Research Scholar, Ms. B. Dhanashi, the creator of DDs Biology and Co-founder of Academic Writings, Ms. A. Bashira, an entrepreneur in Micro Pencil Art and Co-founder of Academic Writings, and Ms. A. Pavi Lucia Mary, AR Executive in Medical Billing, Trichy. They shared their professional experiences and offered guidance on TRB exam preparation, entrepreneurial start-up requirements, academic documentation, creative career pathways, and the structure and career prospects of medical billing. The programme provided students with practical insights, motivation, and clarity on emerging opportunities in both scientific and non-scientific sectors. The event concluded with a vote of thanks.

The Department also organised an Alumnae Meet on 22nd February 2025 for the 2021–2024 and 2022–2024 batches, with fifteen UG and nineteen PG graduates in attendance. Dr. R. Kavitha, Head of the Department, welcomed the alumnae and spoke on the diverse career

avenues in Botany, emphasising the importance of research and higher studies. The alumnae shared their current academic pursuits and personal milestones, and engaged in meaningful interaction with the faculty. The meeting concluded on a warm and encouraging note, reaffirming the department's strong connection with its graduates.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Business Administration organised a skill-connected programme aimed at enhancing students' practical competencies and aligning them with current industry requirements. The initiative bridged the gap between academic learning and workplace expectations through expert-led workshops, guest lectures, hands-on training sessions, and real-time case studies. Students received focused inputs on entrepreneurship, digital marketing, financial management, and data analysis, while simulation exercises strengthened their critical thinking and business decision-making abilities. The programme also included activities like group discussions and collaborative projects, fostering a sense of teamwork and leadership. Participant feedback was highly positive, with students expressing increased confidence and preparedness for professional challenges. Overall, the programme contributed meaningfully to the holistic development of the students and reinforced the department's commitment to industry-oriented education.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

The PG & Research Department of Chemistry organised an inspiring alumna interaction with Dr. Berlina Maria Mahimai, Postdoctoral Researcher at Henan University, China, and alumna of the 2013-2016 batch, who shared her professional journey from Holy Cross College to international research platforms during the Orientation Programme for first-year undergraduates on 27th June 2025, benefitting all 75 participants.

The alumnae of the 2002–2005 batch reunited on 9th August 2025 for a meaningful 20-year anniversary gathering, during which 9 alumnae fondly reminisced about their time at the institution and celebrated their enduring connection with their alma mater.

A session on “The Fusion of Chemistry and AI: Transforming Real-World Applications” was organised on 18th August 2025 featuring Ms. Amalorpava Mary, CEO of ADIGIELITE, Dindigul, and distinguished alumna of the 2002-2005 batch, who discussed the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence on chemical research and practical innovations. Other alumnae Dr. S. Geetha, Ms. Synthy Keyal, Ms. Yegashini, Ms. Jothika, and Ms. Antony Haritha Mercy visited the department and engaged with faculty and students, sharing their experiences and fond memories of their time in college.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The PG & Research Department of Commerce, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), conducted the Virtual Alumnae Meet “Golden Threads of Connection: A Virtual Reunion” on the 28th November 2025 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet. 29 alumnae from India and other countries, participated in the programme. The meet began with a prayer by Dr. S. Subathra, Assistant Professor of Commerce, followed by a welcome address from Dr. R. Marie Sheila, Alumnae In-charge. Dr. Aloysia Regina Joan, G., Head of the Department, presented the Department Development Plan, highlighting forthcoming academic initiatives, research strategies, infrastructural enhancements, and student development programmes. Alumnae shared their professional achievements, experiences, and memories, reflecting the department’s global reach. Dr. R. Marie Sheila also outlined current alumnae activities and future engagement plans. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms. Monisha, Alumnae In-charge, expressing appreciation to the management, faculty, and all participants. The meet successfully strengthened alumnae connections and reaffirmed the enduring legacy of the College.

A Skill Connect Program was conducted on 24th November 2025 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for 68 students of III B.Com. “A” to strengthen their professional competence and industry readiness. Ms. Alagu Soundaram, Trainer from Zoho Corporation, delivered an informative session on Zoho Accounting Software, explaining ledger creation, voucher entry, inventory handling, GST application, report generation, and real-time accounting processes. The programme provided students with meaningful exposure to digital and cloud-based accounting tools

widely used in contemporary business practice. Active student participation reflected the effectiveness of the session in bridging academic knowledge with industry-oriented technical skills.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BPO

The Department of Commerce (BPO) organised the alumnae gathering on 14th June 2025 in connection with the distribution of cumulative mark statements. Graduates returned to the campus with enthusiasm, expressed their gratitude to the faculty, and revisited their former classrooms, reflecting on their College experiences. A brief interaction with the Head of the Department provided an opportunity for the alumnae to share their career progress and reaffirm their continued association with the department. The event concluded with group photographs, highlighting the enduring bond between the alumnae and their alma mater.

The Department also organised the Alumna Meet 2025 on 22nd September 2025 under the theme “Reuniting Minds, Shaping Futures.” The event enabled alumnae to reconnect with the department, share their career experiences, and reflect on their time on the campus. Coordinated by Ms. Leena Jenefer J, the programme emphasised the importance of sustained alumnae engagement and the impact of their achievements on the present student community. The gathering concluded with a group photograph and reaffirmed the department’s commitment to fostering strong alumnae bonds and continued collaboration.

The Department of Commerce (BPO), Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, organised an Online Alumnae Meet on 20th September 2025 to strengthen its engagement with former students and share key departmental updates. The session began with the welcome address by the faculty coordinator, who acknowledged the enthusiastic participation of alumnae from various batches. Important information regarding the HCC Alumnae Group and upcoming HCC Campus Drive opportunities were presented, along with details of initiatives aimed at enhancing alumnae involvement in mentoring, recruitment, and departmental events. The meet also provided a platform for alumnae to reconnect with faculty and classmates, sharing memories, milestones, and professional experiences. The event

concluded with the vote of thanks and successfully reinforced the department's commitment to fostering meaningful and lasting alumnae connections.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Voc. (BFSI)

The Department of Commerce Vocational (Banking, Financial Services & Insurance) organised an Alumnae Skill Connect Program on “Basic Communication Skills in Workplace Environment” on 18th August 2025. The session featured three alumnae, Ms. Poovaranjani (Team Lease, Axis Bank, Trichy), Ms. Alis Pula (HDB Financial Services, Trichy), and Ms. Dharshini (M.A. HRM, St. Joseph's College, Trichy) who shared insights on workplace communication, professional etiquette, customer interaction, and the importance of clarity and confidence in daily professional tasks. They also discussed employer expectations, common communication challenges encountered by fresh graduates, and strategies for improving verbal and non-verbal communication. The interactive session enabled the 36 students of II B. Voc. (BFSI) to engage with the speakers and receive practical guidance for career preparedness, effectively bridging academic learning with workplace competencies.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

The PG Department of Computer Applications organised an online Alumnae Re-union on 24th November 2025 at 5:00 p.m. through Google Meet. The programme, attended by Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Head of the Department, and alumnae in-charges Ms. J. Vinnarasi and Ms. P. Stepi Princi, began with a welcome address and presidential remarks from the Principal. The alumnae shared their memories and professional experiences, while an interactive Connection Game added to the engagement of the session. This was followed by a brief group interaction, reaffirming the strong bond between the department and its alumnae and the meet concluded with the vote of thanks.

As part of the Skill Connect Programme, a team of 25 students visited E-Waste Recyclers, Bangalore, on 26th August 2025, accompanied by Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Dr. P. Revathi, and Ms. S. Monika. The visit provided exposure to the operations, technologies, and business model of e-waste collection, refurbishing, and recycling, while also

highlighting potential start-up opportunities in the sector. A notable aspect of the visit was the interaction with Ms. Angela James, Co-Founder of JUC E-Cyclers and alumna of the department, who shared insights on innovation, technical proficiency, and environmental responsibility. Students observed the laptop manufacturing process and participated in an e-waste collection activity, reinforcing sustainable disposal practices. The visit offered valuable industrial learning and connected academic knowledge with real-world applications.

DEPARTMENT OF B.VOC. SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

The Department of B. Voc. Software Development conducted a Virtual Alumnae Meet on 1st December 2025 with 35 alumnae participating. Presided over by Ms. A. Maria Eliza and the department staff, the session began with a prayer, followed by introductions and a brief reminiscence in which alumnae expressed gratitude for the institution's academic support and practical training. The alumnae shared their career experiences, industry exposure, and updates on their higher studies, including postgraduate and certification programmes. The Head of the Department, Dr. J. Arockia Mary, invited feedback on curriculum strengthening, skill-based training, internships, and industry readiness, which generated valuable suggestions. The programme concluded with a song of praise and the vote of thanks, reaffirming the strong bond between the alumnae and the department.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The PG and Research Department of Economics organised an Alumna Meet on 11th July 2025 at Regina's Hall, featuring distinguished alumna Dr. S. Seethalakshmi, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Bishop Heber College. She inaugurated the Planning Forum and delivered an insightful lecture on the role of artificial intelligence in modern agriculture, highlighting its applications in precision farming, crop forecasting, pest detection, smart irrigation, and sustainable rural development. The interactive session encouraged students to explore research opportunities at the intersection of economics and technology. A total of 149 students benefited from the programme.

The Women's Studies Centre and the PG & Research Department of Economics jointly organised an Awareness Programme on World

Humanitarian Day on 18th August 2025 at Shanthi's Hall, presided over by Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Rajakumari, Principal and Director of the Centre. Dr. S. Shanthi Gretzie Ranjini Devi, Associate Professor at Bishop Heber College and alumna of Holy Cross College, delivered a compelling address emphasising humanitarian values, global solidarity, and community empowerment as essential foundations for sustainable social development. Coordinated by Dr. P. Prisheela and Dr. P. Maria Sophiya, the programme inspired 140 students to cultivate empathy, responsibility, and active citizenship.

A Career Guidance Session was conducted on 13th October 2025 at Sophy's Hall, led by alumna Ms. Subhashini J., Academic Counsellor and Trainer at Action DnA, Trichy. She delivered a practical and engaging session on essential soft skills, focusing on communication etiquette, confidence building, teamwork, leadership, and strategies for overcoming stage fear. Through real-life examples and interactive activities, she motivated students to strengthen their personal and professional readiness. The session benefited 70 students.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

A career guidance session was conducted by Ms. S. Kanishka alumna of the 2022–2024 batch for the II M.A. English students on 23rd July 2025. The session focused on industry expectations, career planning, higher education pathways, and essential skill development. Students gained valuable insights into job opportunities and professional preparedness, making the session both informative and motivating.

Five alumnae from the 1986–1989 B.A. English batch visited the College on 27th October 2025, where they fondly revisited their College memories and interacted warmly with the faculty. They expressed appreciation for the continued growth of the department, revisited their former classrooms, and conveyed gratitude to their teachers for shaping their academic and personal journeys. The visit concluded with a group photograph and an exchange of good wishes.

The alumnae of the Department of English gathered for a reunion on 30th October 2025 at Hotel Grand Empire, Kattur. The presence of several retired teachers added warmth and significance to the event, which was filled with nostalgic recollections and meaningful

conversations. Alumnae shared updates on their personal and professional lives, celebrating enduring friendships and the lasting bond between teachers and students. The gathering concluded with expressions of gratitude and a renewed commitment to remain connected.

The Department of English organised a Skill Connect Session on 3rd December 2025 to strengthen students' entrepreneurial and creative skills. Alumna Ms. Claudia Ernest of the 2019-2022 batch, an emerging candle-making entrepreneur, conducted an engaging session on candle crafting, explaining the step-by-step process, types of wax and candles, and the increasing demand for scented candles. A total of 84 UG and PG students benefited from the session, which concluded with the vote of thanks. The programme provided meaningful entrepreneurial exposure and motivated students to explore creative business opportunities.

DEPARTMENT OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND COSTUME DESIGNING

The Department of Fashion and Costume Designing conducted a Skill Connect Program titled “Henna Vibe” on 26th November 2025 at 10.00 a.m. The session, led by alumna Ms. Haripriya Kannadhasan and presided over by Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari P., Principal, provided a structured demonstration of henna preparation, motif development, cone application techniques, and contemporary design practices, followed by a practical workshop. Students engaged actively and acquired valuable artistic and entrepreneurial competencies.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The PG and Research Department of History organised an Alumnae Meet for the 2021–2024 batch on 21st December 2024 at the History Hall, with nearly 55 UG and PG alumnae participating. The programme included a welcome address, interactive discussions on career growth, higher education, and the relevance of historical studies in diverse professions. The alumnae shared their academic and professional experiences, expressed gratitude to their mentors, and reflected on

their college memories. The meet concluded positively, reinforcing the department's commitment to maintaining strong alumnae connections.

The department organised an Alumnae Meet for the 2022-2025 batch on 27th September 2025 at Room No. H5, beginning with a welcome by the Head of the Department, Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti. The chief guest, Dr. Darsana, Assistant Professor of History, delivered a session on career guidance and strategies for competitive exam preparation. Alumnae shared memories of their academic and extracurricular experiences and acknowledged the role of faculty support in their growth. The gathering concluded with the vote of thanks.

A Skill Connect Programme was conducted on 29th April 2025, featuring alumna of the 2018-2021 batch Ms. Bhuvaneshwari, an entrepreneur and designer, who spoke on entrepreneurial skills in aari work, jewellery making, and tailoring. She shared her journey from student to entrepreneur, emphasised creativity, perseverance, and business acumen, and offered guidance for students wishing to start their own ventures. Students engaged actively, making the session both inspiring and practical.

Another Skill Connect Programme was held on 24th November 2025 in the History Hall, with around 60 students from II and III B.A. History participating. Ms. Maragatha Jothi, alumna of the 2019-2024 batch, Founder of Jothi Natyalaya, delivered a session on the traditional folk dances of Tamil Nadu, explaining their cultural significance, aesthetic value, and mental health benefits. She conducted a practical demonstration of key movements and discussed the technical skills and career opportunities in dance. An interactive question and answer enriched the learning experience.

The department invited alumna of the 2016-2019 batch Ms. Afifa Sherin, Research Assistant to the Honourable Judges of the High Court, Chennai, as the resource person for the Association Meeting on 26th November 2025. She shared her academic and professional journey, highlighted the importance of discipline and consistent effort, and encouraged students to prepare diligently for competitive examinations. Discussing UPSC pass percentages and regional variations, she motivated students to set ambitious goals and pursue excellence with confidence.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics welcomed alumnae Ms. Thirisha, Accountant, Kousnar International, Dubai, and Ms. Srimathi, MMC Infotech, Trichy on 20th November 2025. Both alumnae from the 2021–2024 batch shared their professional experiences, reflected on their time in the department, and offered suggestions for its continued development.

The Department of Mathematics conducted an offline Skill Connect Programme on 25th November 2025 for 67 students of III B.Sc. Mathematics. The resource person, Ms. Bhuvaneshwari, Aptitude Trainer at Trichy Plus and alumna of the 2015-2018 batch, spoke on the importance of consistency, perseverance, and skill development for career advancement. She highlighted how the opportunities and training provided by the department enabled her to pursue competitive examinations and expressed gratitude to her alma mater.

The Department of Mathematics organised a virtual alumnae reunion on 2nd December 2025 at 5:30 p.m., with 57 alumnae and faculty members participating. The guest of honour, Ms. Vincy Allaida Gnamam, Maths Teacher at Al Noor International School, Bahrain, and alumna of the 2016-2019 batch, shared how the academic foundation and confidence gained from the department shaped her career. She expressed her willingness to remain connected with the department. The session concluded with alumnae sharing their joy in reconnecting and the vote of thanks by Dr. S. Jone Jayashree.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

A Skill Connect Program titled “Preparation for Competitive Exams and Career Opportunities after Masters” was held on 15th July 2025, featuring Ms. M. Vidhushinei, alumna of the 2018-2023 batch and current Master’s student in Photonics at Friedrich Schiller University, Germany. She provided guidance on preparing for exams such as IIT JAM and GATE, discussed overseas study opportunities, and shared her personal journey, highlighting the challenges she faced and the strategies that helped her succeed. The highly interactive session benefited 127 undergraduate and postgraduate students.

A Reunion was held on 21st November 2025 at 5:00 p.m. through Google Meet, bringing together more than 40 Physics alumnae. The programme began with a prayer by Ms. Babiya and a welcome address by Dr. Philomina, Head of the Department. Video presentations of College and departmental activities evoked fond memories, and an interactive connection game kept the session lively. Alumnae shared personal and professional experiences and suggested holding future reunions in class-wise groups. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms. M.D. Mercy Jennifer, while coordinator Ms. N. Jayalakshmi expressed appreciation for the enthusiastic participation and the hope of hosting a future in-person meet.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Department of Psychology conducted an Online Alumna Meet on 2nd November 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., bringing together 12 alumnae from the 2023-2025 batch. The Head of the Department welcomed the participants and highlighted the value of alumnae involvement. The alumnae shared updates on their careers, higher studies, internships, and the skills that supported their transition after graduation. Faculty members outlined recent departmental developments, including new courses, research initiatives, workshops, and internship opportunities. The interactive discussion provided useful suggestions to enhance practical exposure, research guidance, placement training, and career counselling. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks and reaffirmed the department's ongoing commitment to alumnae engagement.

DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SCIENCE

The PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science organised a Skill Connect Program, "Rehab Rising: Essential Competencies for the Next Generation" on 2nd July 2025 at the Rehab Auditorium. The session was led by Ms. Linda Louis, alumna of Holy Cross College and Itinerant Teacher for Children with Low Vision in Texas, U.S.A. Drawing from her professional journey and expertise, she highlighted the global relevance of rehabilitation science and emphasised adaptability, empathy, and continuous learning as essential competencies for emerging professionals. The interactive session provided students

with practical insights and strengthened their connection with alumnae role models. The programme concluded with expressions of gratitude from faculty and students, acknowledging the value of alumnae engagement in shaping future rehabilitation practitioners. The session reinforced the strong bond between the department and its graduates, inspiring participants to pursue excellence with responsibility, global vision, and professional competence.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work organised an Alumnae Meet on 9th June 2025, bringing together 18 graduates for a focused discussion on strengthening alumnae student engagement. The alumnae highlighted their willingness to mentor students, offer internship opportunities, and support placements, emphasising the value of sustained collaboration. The meeting also provided space for alumnae and faculty to reflect on academic experiences, fieldwork, and social service initiatives that shaped their professional development.

The Social Experience Learning Programme on 1st July 2025 featured alumnae resource persons Ms. P. Allwins Vinoliya and Ms. E. Tina Evelin, who connected classroom learning with practical realities in social work and healthcare environments. They addressed career pathways, ethical challenges, and the responsibilities involved in working with vulnerable populations. Active student participation enriched the session and deepened understanding of field expectations.

A Skill Connect Programme introduced first-year postgraduate students to Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) structures and participatory rural engagement methods. The alumna Ms. Cathline explained the functions and decision-making processes of PRIs at village, block, and district levels. Group exercises including village mapping, resource identification, role-plays, and simulated gram panchayat meetings enabled students gain practical insight into local governance and community-centred planning.

DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

The reunion of the alumnae of the department of Tamil was held online on 10th September 2025. Dr. T. Neeladevi, Assistant Professor,

Department of Tamil Studies, Muktan College, welcomed all those who attended the event. The alumnae shared their fond memories and spoke about how Holy Cross College has helped them to grow and develop as school teachers, college professors and employees working in other fields. They remembered the glory of the College and the good teachers who taught them and expressed their gratitude. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. A. Anitha Mary, an alumna of the College and Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil.

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION

The Department of Visual Communication gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the its alumnae of the 2023-2025 batch towards the newly established Sr. Genevieve Multimedia Lab. The alumnae donated high-quality speakers to enhance the lab's audio facilities, supporting improved learning in sound design and multimedia production. Their gesture reflected continued loyalty to the department and was formally appreciated by the faculty and administration. The inauguration of the Lab on 4th December 2025 was blessed by Rev. Fr. Xavier Anthony, in the presence of Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Rosy Antony and Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Rajakumari P.

The Department organised the Alumni Meet 2025 for the 2023-2025 batch on 16th October 2025 at the Visual Communication Hall, Tharanallur. The programme facilitated meaningful interaction among alumni, faculty, and current students, with discussions on industry experiences, internships, and emerging trends in media practice. Faculty members encouraged alumni collaboration in training and internship support. The meet concluded with a formal note of gratitude, group photographs, and refreshments.

A Mindfulness Program was conducted to promote mental well-being and self-awareness. Led by counselling psychologist and Founder of Memory Box, Ms. Madhu Bharathi, the session introduced mindfulness strategies for stress management, focus, and emotional balance. 30 UG and PG students participated actively, and the programme concluded with an interactive question and answer session, reinforcing the relevance of mindfulness in academic and personal life.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

The Department of Zoology hosted alumna Ms. A. Abinishiya, entrepreneur and founder of Abiglitz Artistry and Learning Point Tuition Centre, for a Skill Reconnect Programme on 8th January 2025. Addressing final year UG and PG students, she shared her journey to entrepreneurship, emphasised financial independence, perseverance, and disciplined self-development, and encouraged students to pursue their passions despite economic challenges. The department expressed gratitude for her motivating session.

On 7th August 2025, alumna Ms. Priyadarshini of the 2019–2021 batch, Project Coordinator at Aide et Action, South Asia, addressed the final-year students on the theme “Follow Our Passion.” She urged students to make independent career choices, shared her personal experiences in poetry and NGO work, and encouraged resilience, self-belief, and continuous learning.

A guest lecture was organised on 15th September 2025 by the Aristotle Club and the Alumnae Association, featuring alumna Dr. S. Catherine Malliga of the 1985-1988 batch, Regional Entomologist, Tiruchirappalli. She spoke on vector-borne and zoonotic diseases, explaining epidemiology, diagnosis, and control strategies with real-life case examples, and guided students on career opportunities in the Public Health Department. Around 40 students benefited.

A Skill Connect Programme titled “Whispers of the Wing: Climate Stress in the Silent Lives of Butterflies” was held on 18th September 2025. Dr. J. Nesarajan, Assistant Professor and alumnus, discussed the ecological significance of butterflies and climate stress impacts. Students participated in a hands-on field activity involving butterfly-watching, species identification, and host plant observation. The workshop benefited 75 students.

The Alumnae Association hosted an interaction with alumna Ms. Arifa Sheikdawood of the 2015-2018 batch, currently pursuing M.Sc. Clinical Embryology on 22nd September 2025. She shared insights from her academic and professional experience and encouraged students to value mentorship, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and pursue their goals with discipline.

An online Alumnae Meet for the 2022-2025 batch was held on 13th October 2025 with 19 alumnae participating. They shared academic and professional updates, revisited memories of campus life, and expressed interest in future reunions.

On 24th November 2025, alumna Ms. Subashri U. of the 2019-2022 batch, Biology Educator at Unacademy JEE School, Tirupati, addressed the first-year students, encouraging them to develop genuine interest in their course and emphasising dedication, understanding, and consistent effort as keys to success.

AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE COLLEGE 2024 - 2025

College Awards / Special Achievements

MongoDB for Academia partnership certificate was awarded to Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, at the MongoDB Academic leaders connect organized by ICT Academy and MongoDB held on 23rd July 2024, in recognition as a valued partner for MongoDB Academia Program. Our college is selected to partner with MongoDB Inc., Palo Alto, California through ICT Academy.

As a part of Industry Institution Interaction, Associate membership of Holy Cross College with ICT Academy of Tamilnadu is renewed on 29th October 2024 for five years from 2024-2029.

Prestigious recognitions were received at the Annual General Body Meeting 2024, of Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, held at Trinity College, Jalandhar, Punjab from 14th to 17th September 2024.

The College was awarded,

- * Best College for Outreach and Extension
- * Best Researcher Award in Science*: Dr. W. Ritha, Asso. Prof. of Mathematics
- * Best Researcher Award in Arts*: Dr. Yashoda Jagadeeswari, Asst. Prof. of Economics

At the 43rd World Congress of Poets held at Madurai in November 2024 our college received an award from the President of World Tamizh Sangam for the achievement of 93 students of Holy Cross College,

Trichy whose poems that were written by them were published in a book called “Student’s Rhythm”. We are honoured by this award and we appreciate and thank them.

AIACHE Award: An award was presented to Dr. Sr. Isabella Rajakumari at the Triennial Congress of AIACHE, held from 27th to 29th December 2024, in Xavier Institute of Management University (XIM University).

As per the instructions received from AICTE, New Delhi a team comprising of 4 MCA students and 2 Faculty Members visited Amrit Udyam (Former Mughal Garden), Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum, Gardens, Rashtrapati Bhavan and other important historical places from 28th February 2025 to 2nd March 2025.

Our college has secured a position in the Top 100 (97th Place) in the NPTEL Local Chapter Ranking with an AA Grade based on performance in NPTEL online Certification Courses for July - December 2024, in February 2025.

The Women’s Studies Centre (Funded by UGC), Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, has actively participated in the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2024, the largest citizen-led education survey in India.

International Conference Applied Science, Innovation and Research - Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, received the esteemed Recognition of Participation Certificate in World Summit on History Studies and Political Sciences held on 12th March 2025, conducted by RAMS Business Analytics Private Limited, Chennai.

Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy received prestigious awards as given below:

- Excellence in Educational Standards Adaptability & Implementation
- Quality Education, Excellent Administration, Excellent Domain Exposure & Infrastructure.

on 25th April 2025, at the India Elite Education & Institutional Excellence Awards and Conference 2025.

Holy Cross College Tiruchirappalli was presented Academic Excellence Award, on 31st March 2025, “in recognition of outstanding commitment

to academic excellence and holistic development; the institution exemplifies the highest standards of education and leadership”, by RAMS, Business Analytics Private Limited, Chennai.

Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation, by the Global Academy of Excellence (GAOEX) Jubilee Foundation, USA, for the Outstanding Implementation of the Internship Program (2024–2025). This recognition was given for our contribution to the Educational Research Projects :- “Content Design of Spelling Bee Book for Grade 6 and 7 English (Tamil Nadu State Board Syllabus)”-”Thiraipaadam – Art of Digital Film Making”. The program conducted between December 2024 and March 2025, stands as a testament to our institution’s commitment to academic innovation and global collaboration.

Sports

Achievements and Awards

International

Ms. Senthamilselvi.S I-BASLP Secured **Gold Medal** in Individual kata & Kumete (fight) and **Silver Medal** in Team kata in the 12th Open I.S.K.D.J.S International Karate Cup-2025 at Anuradhapura, Srilanka on 22nd & 23rd February 2025.

National

Holy Cross College hosted AIU - South Zone Inter University Hockey Tournament for Women 2024-2025 under the guidance of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. 33 universities registered for the event and the fixtures were drawn for 33 universities on 16th December 2024. 560 Women Hockey Players from Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu participated in it.

The inauguration of AIU - South Zone Inter University Hockey Tournament for Women 2024-2025 was held on 26th December 2024, at 9.30 a.m. The chief guests of the tournament were Tmt N. Kamini IPS, Commissioner of Police, Tiruchirappalli, Dr. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. The Organizing Secretary of the event

was Dr. A. Mahaboobjan, Professor and Secretary (Sports) Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. Local organizer of the tournament was Dr. Diravia Gladina. I, Director of Physical Education, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.

The Valediction of AIU - South Zone Inter University Hockey Tournament for Women 2024-2025 was held on 30th December 2024, at 4.00 p.m. The chief guests of the tournament were Dr. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli Dr. R. Kalidasan, Registrar, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and Rev. Sr. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. The Organizing Secretary was Dr. A. Mahaboobjan, Professor and Secretary (Sports) Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. The Local organizer of the tournament was Dr. Diravia Gladina. I, Director of Physical Education, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. The tournament system was knockout come league basis. The 34 teams were divided in to 4 pools and winners played league matches.

BDU Intercollegiate

Holy Cross College chess team got RUNNERS-UP in BDU Inter collegiate Chess tournament held on 19th to 21st August 2024 at Bishop Heber College, Trichy.

Holy Cross College Hockey team got WINNERS in BDU Inter Collegiate Women Hockey Tournament held on 23rd & 24th August 2024 at Anna Stadium, Trichy Organized by Holy Cross College, Trichy.

Holy Cross College Cross Country Team Secured FOURTH PLACE in BDU Inter collegiate Cross country tournament held on 27th August 2024 at J.J College, Pudhukottai.

Holy Cross College Kabaddi Team got THIRD PLACE in BDU Inter Collegiate Women Kabaddi Tournament held on 30th September and 1st October 2024 at Sathasiavam KathirKaamavalli College of Arts and Science, Mannargudi.

Holy Cross College Basketball Team got RUNNERS-UP in BDU Inter Collegiate Women Basketball Tournament held on 13th & 14th December 2024 at Aiman College for Women, Trichy.

Staff Awards/Achievements

Dr. Sr. Rajakumari. P, Principal, received the award of Academic Excellence in Education from Soka College of Arts and Science for Women, for her exemplary contribution in the field of Education, uplifting and empowering women, on 20th February 2025.

Sister also received Resilient Woman Award conferred by Media Publication Office and Director, Joseph Eye Hospital, Trichy.

Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Department of Social Work and Kathirolai Trust, Trichy, jointly presented Vetri Thirumagal Award to Dr. Sr. Rajakumari. P, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, in appreciation of her great service and commitment to work, at the International Women's Day and International Social Work Day held on 10th March 2025.

Rifacimento International bestowed Global Achievement Award 2025 upon Dr. Sr. Isabella Rajakumari, for her singular dedication and achievement in her profession, on 30th March 2025.

Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Head & Asst. Prof., PG Department of Computer Applications, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has won the Best Paper Award along with a Cash Award of Rs.3000 in the AMET Global Maritime Summit -2024, Charting the Future of Maritime Excellence organized by Dr. J. Ramachandran Maritime Foundation, AMET University, Chennai, on 2nd July 2024.

Dr.F.Merlin Kokila, Assistant Professor of Economics received CEM-EDU Awards 2024 for the contribution of excellence in the field of education in Economics on 21st July 2024 organised by Makkal Kural News Paper at the Tamil Virtual Academy Auditorium in Chennai.

She received Kalavi Thilagam award from the International Lions Club for selfless educational service and in appreciation of teachers good service on 14th September 2024 at the teachers day held at Sowdambika group of schools, Thottiyam.

She also received best teacher award from Big Learn and Kanmalai Trust, National College on 22nd September 2024 in appreciation and recognition for inspiring students to learn and for the outstanding service to the community with dedication and devotion as an excellent teacher.

Dr.F. Merlin Kokila, Assistant Professor of Economics and NSS Programme Officer received certificate as camp officer during the State Republic Day Parade Camp 2025 held at Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai from 17th to 26th January 2025, and also actively participated in the Republic Day Parade 2025 at Marina, Chennai on 26th January 2025.

Dr.F.Merlin Kokila, Assistant Professor of Economics and NSS Co-ordinator, received I Prize in Slow Running and II Prize in Lucky Corner conducted for the NSS Programme Officer at the National Integration Camp held at Saraswathi Narayanan College, Madurai from 20th to 26th February 2025.

She also received the award as Best Teacher Award for the year 2023 to 2024 on 9th February 2025. She received the Rajakalaigan Award from Tamil Cultural Association.

She received Sevai Sirpi award for the academic year 2024 to 2025 on 18th March 2025, from Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli.

Ms. Maheswary. A, Assistant Professor of Hindi, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli, presented a paper on the topic “Sri Aurobindho Aur Manava mulya” in the International Hindi Conference at Delhi held on 25th & 26th July 2024. And She was specially honoured by the Mizoram Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati.

Dr. Shanthi. P, Asso. Prof. of Botany received, Global Best Teacher Award from Global Gyaan Academy, Bengaluru, Karnataka, on 8th September 2024.

Dr. A. Senthamilselvi acted as a resource person in the National Conference on “Connecting Users to Library Resources through Innovative Technologies” on 5th October 2024, at Nirmala College, Coimbatore.

She also served as the Associate Conference Director for the International Conference on “Intelligent Libraries” at Bharathidasan University from 17th to 19th October 2024.

Dr. A. Senthamilselvi, Librarian and Head of the Department of LIS, received the Best NPTEL SPOC Award from IIT Chennai on 22nd June 2024 and on 8th February 2025. She also received the Gnana

Sudar Viruthu from the Royals Lions Club, Tiruchirappalli, on 29th September 2024.

Dr M Rajalakshmi, Assistant Professor in Biotechnology, Department of Zoology, has been admitted as “Fellow of the Society for Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology (FRE)” on 16th November 2024 at New Delhi, in recognition of her contributions to the field of Endocrinology.

Teaching Excellence Award 2024 was awarded to Dr. R. Marie Sheila, Asst. Prof. of Commerce, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, on the occasion of National Education Day 2024 (11th November 2024), in recognition of her outstanding dedication and invaluable contribution to advancing education and inspiring future generations, by International Institute of Organizing Research (12OR), a registered MSME with Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India.

Dr. K. Juliet Catherine and Dr. P. Revathi have been recognized as Evaluators for School Innovation Contest, a National Level School Hackathon organized by Ministry of Education’s Innovation Cell and AICTE, Govt. of India. They have evaluated 150 ideas each, which were submitted by school students Nationwide.

Dr. P. Revathi, Director – AICTE Courses, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications, selected as Expert Evaluator by AICTE - Ministry of Education’s Innovation Cell for evaluating the Ideas Submitted by School Students in E-Pitching Round from 18th to 19th February 2025 in the School Innovation Contest 2024-25.

Dr. R. Marie Sheila, Asst. Prof. of Commerce, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli received International Award for Outstanding Publishers 2024-25 from the Green ThinkerZ, India which is a registered society under Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860), Govt of Punjab, India.

Dr. A. Senthamilselvi, Librarian and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, received the Design Grant for the AI-Based Digital Library Device on 13th December 2024.

Dr. A. Leema Rose, HoD & Asso. Prof. of Chemistry, received “Life Time Educator Award” from Global Society Welfare Foundation, Thailand in October 2024.

Dr. S. Vidhya and Dr. Janeeta Priya, Asst. Profs. of Chemistry, received “Teaching and Research Career Achievement Award” from Global Society Welfare Foundation, Thailand in October 2024.

Dr. P. Swarnakumari, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science received the Excellence in Research Award at the Unsung Heroes 2024 Awards ceremony instituted by the Hallmark Business School on 19th October 2024. She also received “Distinguished Researcher in Rehabilitation Science” X VIWA Award 2025 on 1st March 2025.

Sr. Jasmine, Asst. Prof. of Visual Communication, was awarded with Lavendar Awards - Best Women Faculty Award for her outstanding and exemplary contribution in academics on 27th February 2025 at Poovar, Kerala, India.

Dr. Prisheela P, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Women’s Studies Centre received an award certificate for partnership in the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2024, the largest citizen-led education survey in India on 11th March 2025, at the Department of Women’s Studies, Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai Campus, Tiruchirappalli. The certificate was presented by Prof. N. Murugeswari, Director & Head of the Department of Women’s Studies, Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai Campus, Tiruchirappalli.

Dr. Rajalakshmi, Assistant Professor in Biotechnology, Department of Zoology, Head, Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Coordinator DBT-BIF Centre received Best HCIICT Innovation Ambassador for the Academic Year 2024 -2025.

Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications, received Best HCIICT Innovator Award for the Academic Year 2024 -2025.

Special Award was received by Rev. Sr. Jasmin, Assistant Professor of Visual Communication and Social Media Coordinator of HCIICT for Designing HCIICT Logo

Dr. Sr. Dona Award for Best Researcher

Dr. Sr. Judy Gomez, Asso. Prof. of English received Sr. Dona Award for Best Researcher and Dr. Saffina. C, Asst. Prof. of Commerce received the special recognition for Research (for Arts).

Dr. Lucia Agnes Beena. T, Asst. Prof. of Data Science received Sr. Dona Award for Best Researcher and Dr. Shanthi. P, Asso. Prof. of Botany received the special recognition for Research (for Science).

Two Ph.D. Research Scholars, Ms. Juana (Economics) guided by Dr. P. Maria Sophia, Asst. Prof. of Economics received Sr. Dona Award and Ms. Srinidhi. S (English), guided by Dr. Sr. Judy Gomez, Asso. Prof. of English received the special recognition award for Research (for Arts).

Two Ph.D. Research Scholars, Ms. Joseline Lavino. P (Mathematics) guided by Dr. A. Mary Priyadharshini, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics received Sr. Dona Award and Ms. Tagore. G (Rehabilitation Science), guided by Dr. Turin Martina. A, Asso. Prof. of Rehabilitation Science received the special recognition award for Research (for Science).

Patents Granted

Our College has been granted the **Fourth Patent** for an Innovation titled **"Public Transport Tracker"** (for the term of 20 years from 10th April 2019) ***granted on 8th July 2024*** with the ***Patent No.: 544462*** by the ***Patent Office, Govt. of India***.

Staff Inventors from PG Department of Computer Applications:

1. Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Head & Asst. Professor of Computer Applications
2. Dr. P. Revathi, Asst. Professor of Computer Applications

Student Inventors from B.C.A.: Batch: 2016-2019

Batch: 2017 - 2020

1. A. Balkis Begum
2. B. Bella Grace
3. C. Sivagami

Batch: 2018-2021

4. P. Yoga
5. P. Pavithra
6. B. Nivetha

A patent was granted on 16th January 2025 with patent no. 558059 titled "An Apparatus for Pedestrian Safety"

Faculty Innovators:

Dr. P. Nagalakshmi, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science

Dr. K. Juliet Catherine Angel, Head & Asst. Professor of Computer Applications

Dr. R. Sundaresan, Head & Associate Professor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

Dr. S. Rosy Lidia, Assistant Professor of English

Dr. J Felicita Florence, Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice and five students received a patent for an innovation titled, “A Water Recycling and Power Generated Apparatus for Sanitation” from Patent Office, Government of India, granted on 19th April 2024, for 20 years.

Copyright Granted - 20th November 2024

A copyright was granted on 20th November 2024, to Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, titled “TEEGEN (Computer Software Work)” SW 19631/2024. The Authors are Dr. P. Revathi, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Dr. Fouzia Kousar, Assistant Professor of Economics and Sr. Bridget Chelladurai, Assistant Professor of Psychology.

Dr. V. Priya, Dr. A. Tony Elizabeth, Dr. M. Kavitha and Dr. V. Priya Roseline, Asst. Profs. of Chemistry, received the copy right titled “Nanomedicine from Plant Extract” from Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Canada, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Section 49 and 53 of the Copyright Act in November 2024.

GOLDEN DELIGHT - 25 YEARS’ SERVICE COMPLETED

Congratulations to the following teaching and non-teaching staff for successful completion of 25 years of fruitful service in Holy Cross College, Trichy

Teaching Staff (Aided)

1. Dr. Ruby Merlin I, Asso. Prof. of English
2. Ms. Maria Camilla M, Asst. Prof.(SS) of English
3. Dr. Merlin Vinotha, Asst. Prof.(SG) of Mathematics
4. Dr. Maria Bernadette Leena. A, Asst. Prof.(SG) of Physics
5. Dr. Sujatha Ilangovan, Asst. Prof.(SG) of Zoology

Teaching Staff (Management)

1. Dr. A.K. Umera Begam, Asst. Prof. of Biochemistry,

Administrative Staff (Management)

1. Ms. Motcham Alangaram, Non Teaching Staff,
Economics Department
2. Mr. K. Baskar, Gardener

BIDDING ADIEU

We appreciate and thank the following staff who retired after several years of committed service to the College and the student community.

TEACHING STAFF (AIDED)

Ms. Joy Jona: A Beacon of Dedication, Faith, and Service

“One who delights in the law of Yahweh is like a tree planted by streams of water...” - Psalm 1:3

Born on 23rd December 1964, in Lalgudi, Trichy District, Ms. Joy Jona is the eldest of four children of devoted Catholic educators Mr. Arputham and Mrs. Cecilia. She completed her undergraduate degree in 1984, her post-graduate studies in 1986, and her M.Phil. in 1988 from St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchirappalli.

A passionate athlete and overall champion in her student years, Ms. Joy Jona has carried that same energy into her career. She joined Holy Cross College in 1995, becoming an aided faculty member in the year 2000, and served as Associate Professor of Mathematics with 26 years of committed service.



She has taken on numerous leadership roles, known for her generosity, dedication, and deep empathy—especially toward students from underprivileged backgrounds. Firm in her faith, she draws strength from God’s providence which is reflected in her

humility, warmth, and tireless spirit. Her distinguished minor research project on the mathematical analysis of agricultural commodities in Mannachanallur villages earned high appreciation. Loved by colleagues and students alike, Ms. Joy Jona remains a treasured presence at Holy Cross College, living out the truth that “the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

TEACHING STAFF (MANAGEMENT)

Dr. N. Karpagavalli: A Legacy of Technical Excellence and Dedicated Service

Dr. N. Karpagavalli, Assistant Professor in Computer Science and Computer Applications, completed 34 years of remarkable service to Holy Cross College. Starting in 1991 as a Programmer and Technical Staff, she simultaneously developed key software systems and trained students and staff through certificate and diploma programs. From 1993 onward, she expanded into teaching, handling UG and PG courses across numerous departments before fully transitioning into the newly formed Computer Science and Computer Applications department in 1998.



A skilled software developer, she created and maintained mission-critical systems for pay bills, admissions, student information, income tax, feedback, and result analysis. Her expertise was especially vital during the Y2K transition. She also contributed to major institutional initiatives, including digital documentation for NAAC and CPE status.

As an academic, she taught a wide range of programming, web technologies, databases, networks, cloud computing, and data science courses, while actively shaping curriculum development.

She served as System Administrator, and even as Head of the Department (2012–2015), continued to manage IT infrastructure

with efficiency and vision. Her leadership extended to organizing seminars, workshops, MoUs, departmental events, and outreach initiatives—including a 25-day Computer Literacy Program across 25 villages. She held roles in RESCAPES, E-Content, SWAYAM, and the Staff Club and contributed widely as a Board of Studies member, examiner, and resource person.

Dr. Karpagavalli retired as a teacher, mentor, and visionary who advanced digital transformation on campus. Her decades of service, innovation, and dedication leave an enduring legacy at Holy Cross College.

Ms. P. Xavier Jeba: A Legacy of Service and Excellence

Ms. P. Xavier Jeba retired after 33 years of teaching, including 24 years at Holy Cross College. A proud alumna of Holy Cross, she earned her B.Sc. in Mathematics before completing her MCA at St. Joseph's College, bringing strong subject expertise and a sincere, detailed teaching style that endeared her to students and colleagues.



Since joining the college in 2000, she served with unwavering dedication - as Class In-Charge, RESCAPES Core Committee Member, Association In-Charge, Exam Committee Member, and Head of the Department of Computer Science. She also contributed to curriculum development and mentored many faculty members. Her leadership as HoD was especially notable, with several staff qualifying in SET and completing Ph.D. degrees under her supportive guidance.

Known for her problem-solving skills, administrative efficiency, and calm decision-making, she fostered harmony within the department. Her friendly, approachable nature and empathetic listening made her a trusted mentor and colleague. A woman of humility, faith, and quiet strength, Ms. Jeba leaves behind a legacy of integrity, compassion, and lasting impact on the institution.

OBITUARY

We express our heartfelt condolences on the passing of our beloved Professor **Dr. R. M. Meenakshi**, Former Head and Associate Professor of Botany, Holy Cross College, Trichy, who was called to her heavenly abode in October 2024.



Dr. Meenakshi served as the esteemed Head of the Department of Botany from 1972 to 1994. She was not only an efficient and inspiring teacher but also a firm disciplinarian who balanced her expectations with deep understanding and genuine concern for her students. Her classes were known for their liveliness and clarity, and she possessed the rare ability to transform even the most challenging topics into engaging lessons. A voracious reader, eloquent speaker, and gifted writer, she enriched every space she occupied with knowledge and grace.

Her hard work, sincerity, humility, and unwavering dedication to education touched generations of students and uplifted the entire academic community. She was a true asset to the department and the college, and though she is no longer with us, her spirit continues to guide and inspire.

We offer our deepest condolences and prayers to the bereaved family. May God grant them strength, comfort, and peace during this time of profound loss.

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We express our heartfelt condolences on the passing of **Dr. S. Amala Fathima Rani**, Former Head and Associate Professor of Chemistry, Holy Cross College, Trichy, who was called to her heavenly abode on 7th February 2025. Her unwavering dedication, humility, and deep commitment to education touched the lives of countless students and colleagues within our college community.



Dr. Amala Fathima Rani will always be remembered as an inspiring teacher, a compassionate mentor, and a guiding light whose presence enriched the academic and spiritual fabric of our institution. Her gentle strength, wisdom, and integrity have left an imprint that time cannot

erase. Though her absence leaves a void beyond words, her legacy continues to live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of learning from her, working with her, and sharing in her vision.

May her noble soul rest in eternal peace, and may God grant comfort and strength to the bereaved family during this time of profound loss.

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With profound grief and deep respect, we remember **Dr. A. Sahayitta**, Former Head and Associate Professor of the PG and Research Department of Commerce, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, who completed 36 years of distinguished, dedicated and grace-filled service in our institution. Ma'am left to be with the Lord on 30th June 2025. As the Head of the Department, her tenure was marked by visionary leadership, exceptional administrative ability and a genuine commitment to academic excellence.



She is especially remembered for the remarkable service she rendered during the challenging period of the Covid-19 pandemic. Amid uncertainty and fear, she stood as a pillar of strength Coordinating tirelessly, ensuring academic continuity and fostering teamwork, unity and compassion among staff and students. Her life was a radiant testimony of faith in action, a harmonious blend of dedication to education, compassion for the marginalized and devotion to God. Holy Cross College cherishes her legacy with gratitude, pride and heartfelt remembrance. May her noble soul rest in eternal peace in the loving embrace of the Almighty.

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With gratitude and love we fondly remember **Dr. Susan Jacob**, Former Associate Professor of English. Ma'am reached her heavenly abode on 14th July 2025. Dr. Susan, a person who touched our lives in ways words can hardly express. A gentle intellectual with a profound love for language, literature, and the human stories that connect us.



Professor Susan devoted her life to teaching with both vigor and warmth. Her classroom was a place where ideas were welcomed, curiosity was nurtured, and students felt seen. She was rare combination

of brilliance and humility - an erudite mind guided by a generous heart. She was an Associate Professor at our institution from 1981 through 2010. Her legacy lives on in the countless students she inspired, the colleagues she uplifted, and the community she nurtured with compassion. Though she has left us, her words, her warmth, and her example will continue to resonate. We entrust Susan ma'am to God's eternal care, knowing that her loving spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her. May our Lord grant her eternal rest in his bosom.

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With profound thanks and enduring love, we honour the memory of **Ms. Isabel Fernandez**, Former Head and Associate Professor of English. Ma'am peacefully left for her heavenly home on 9th September 2025. Ms. Isabel was not just a friend; she was a constant source of light and warmth in all our lives, a force of nature whose energy and spirit were as boundless as her capacity to love.



She was a teacher by profession, but her influence extended far beyond the four walls of her classroom. Her office door was always open, her heart always ready to listen, to understand, to help. She did not just teach lessons from textbooks; she taught lessons of life. Patience, kindness, empathy, courage – these were the tenets she lived by, and instilled in everyone around her. She served as an Associate Professor from 1975-2007. In the classroom, she illuminated the beauty of literature, inspiring countless students to see beyond words and into the heart of human experience. Her teaching was never about prestige or recognition, but about nurturing minds and souls with patience and care. We commend Isabel Ma'am to the eternal embrace of God, trusting that her gentle and loving spirit will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. May the Lord grant her everlasting peace and rest in His presence.

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We also fondly remember **Mrs. Celine S.**, Laboratory Assistant (Special Grade), Department of Zoology, who reached her heavenly abode on 4th December 2025. She served in Holy Cross College (Autonomous) from 1967 and retired in the year 2000, having devoted 34



years of dedicated service to the institution. Mrs. Celine was known for her quiet strength - she was gentle, calm, and soft-spoken. She extended help to students with sincerity and care, and approached every task entrusted to her with remarkable precision and commitment. Above all, she was a deeply spiritual and prayerful person. May the Lord grant her eternal rest.

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*May Christmas lights softly glow,
And warm your heart like candle's flow.*

*May joy fall gently, like winter snow -
Blessings surround you wherever you go.*

*As New Year 2026 comes into view,
May dreams be bright and goals pursue.*

*Health, happiness, and blessings near,
Guide your journey through the coming year.*

