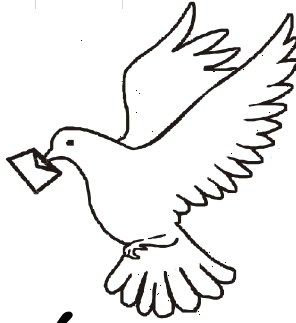


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Principal's Message

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118:24

Happy Home Coming and Joyful reunion of our dear Holy Crossian Alumnae! It is indeed a memorable day for us and a great honour for me as Principal of Holy Cross College, Trichy, to meet and greet all of you. I extend a warm welcome to each one of you.

As our college celebrates its centennial year, we have a triple jubilation,

- ✓ Holy Crossian Centennial Milestone achievement in the noble cause of women's higher education and empowerment, to serve society as dynamic and good leaders, potential employers, committed employees and creative entrepreneurs, for the uplift of the poor and the down trodden.
- ✓ Our general Annual Alumnae Meet which is a time for a joyous memory recall – a happy recollection of college days, the golden time spent with friends and teachers in the campus and hostel, in a healthy ambience and conducive learning environment, the lessons taught, the values imbibed and the foundation that was laid for our present-day achievements and successes in our professional career and personal life.

A line from the poem, *The Light of other days...* by Thomas Moore, states “Fond memory brings the light of other days around me”. Similarly, the smiles, the cheers, of yester years, at HCC, instilled hope to drive away future fears.

Holy Cross College has been a citadel of learning where you gained knowledge through subject focussed and life-oriented teaching and acquired skills, values and honed your potential to excel in the domains of your choice. It served as a platform for you to launch out into the sea of life, well equipped with job oriented and life-based skills with the zeal, adaptability and aptitude to create and sustain a Brave New World with an inclusive spirit of integration of humanity and nature

and to leave a healthy and happy legacy for the future generations to experience and enjoy.

You dear Alumnae, always hold the flag of Holy Cross College, Trichy, high by your success stories in all walks of life. Let your light of achievement be the yardstick that measures the glorious name and fame of our college in its centennial march of progress in the service of society through women empowerment.

May you as torch bearers uphold the light of learning and values of life and serve as scintillating role models for the younger generation to emulate.

Just as Lord Tennyson in his poem “The Brook” says “Men may come and Men may go but I go on forever”, so also the committed service of our Alma Mater continues...goes on and on. Let us proclaim God’s Goodness and Mercy that enables our institution to fare forward in its yeomen service to society by enlightening and empowering women to arise, achieve and stop not till the goal of success is reached. In the words of the poet Robert Browning, let us acknowledge “My times be in Thy hands, perfect the cup as planned”

Hail HCC! We are proud to be an integral part of thee.

Let the springs of this fountainhead of knowledge and values continue to flow and nurture the young minds and hearts of younger generations to come, so that they can drink deep of this Pierian Spring, that is guided by Divine Providence and God’s grace, which will lead them to pastures new and challenging and innovative avenues for them to explore and achieve success.

May the Good Lord continue to bless our alumnae and strengthen their bonding with our Alma Mater.

God Bless You!



Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget
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 a 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

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

Objectives

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

Contribution to the College

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

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

Core Committee Members

1. Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget, A., Principal.
2. Dr. Amala Infant Joice, J., Assistant Professor of Chemistry (Co-ordinator).
3. Dr. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil., Assistant Professor of English.
4. Dr. Sharmi, A., Assistant Professor of Tamil.
5. Dr. Ramya, B., Assistant Professor of Biochemistry.
6. Dr. Angaleswari, S., Assistant Professor of History.
7. Dr. Thilaka, S., Assistant Professor of Economics.

Report of the General Alumnae Meet – 11th December 2021

The General Alumnae Meet of Holy Cross College was held on 11th December, 2021, in Our Lady's Hall at 11 a.m. The Chief Guest of the day was Ms. Kanimozhi Mathi Advocate, High Court of Madras, Tamil Activist- Keezhadi Excavation, Founder- "Tamizhaga Pengal Iyakkam" Chennai. The special invitee was Dr. K. Shanthichitra, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of English, Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM Institute of Science and Humanities, Kataankulathur, Chennai. The meeting was graced by Alumnae who were present for the meeting. The function began with a prayer service. Dr.J.Amala Infant Joice, Co-ordinator, Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College welcomed the dignitaries and the alumnae. The minutes were read by Dr. Rexlin Jeyakumari.S, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Holy Cross College, Trichy. The Newsletter of the Alumnae Association "In Touch" Vol: 15, December 2021 was released by the Chief Guest Ms. Kanimozhi Mathi and the Special Invitee Dr. K. Shanthichitra. The first copy was received by the Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget and by the Secretary Rev.

Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier. The Chief Guest Ms. Kanimozhi Mathi in her address, thanked the institution for the opportunity and shared her experiences as a student during her education. She talked about the Tamizhlian tradition as current research going on in Keezhadi Excavation. The Secretary of the College Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier thanked the alumnae for their presence and wished them God's blessings, in the years to come. The Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget thanked the alumnae for their prayer support though they are away from their Alma Mater and wished them God's blessings, in the years to come.

The Special Invitee Dr. K. Shanthichitra through her message inspired the gathering to look back on their wonderful days spent as students in Holy Cross College. Games were conducted by the Department of Computer Applications. The alumnae actively participated in the games. The winners were awarded prizes. Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti Assistant Professor, Dept of History delivered the vote of thanks. Totally 266 alumnae participated in the Alumnae Meet. The Alumnae meet ended with a pledge to meet again and every one bid each other a touching farewell.

REPORTS OF THE INAUGURATION OF 4 INTERNATIONAL ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

The United States of America Alumnae Chapter Report

The inauguration of the United States of America Alumnae Chapter of Holy Cross College was held on 5th November, 2022 at 7.00 a.m IST, through Google meet. God's abundant blessings were invoked through a prayer service. Our energetic Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget welcomed the alumnae and sister expressed her joy in inaugurating the USA Alumnae Chapter. 30 Alumnae from USA participated in the meet. A self-introduction was given by the alumnae regarding their batch and current position. The alumnae shared their memories and immensely thanked the college and acknowledged the staff who enabled them to develop

into self-reliant women, by providing them with the knowledge and skills. They also said that the college has shaped and moulded them into achievers. The glimpse of the college at present was given to the alumnae as a video. Former Principals Rev. Sr. Elizabeth Rose, Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier, Rev. Sr. Dr. Rosy offered felicitations and thanked the alumnae for their virtual presence and wished them the best that life could shower on them, in the years to come. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Dean of International Affairs and Assistant Professor of English interacted with the alumnae. The office bearers of the USA chapter were elected. Mrs. Raji as President, Mrs. Friggita as Vice-President and Ms. Swathi Maria as Secretary. The six centennial projects of Holy Cross College were presented in the form of a video. The alumnae appreciated the initiatives of the college and said that they would be part of it. Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Co-ordinator of the Alumnae Association and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Holy Cross College, proposed the Vote of Thanks. The College Anthem was played and the virtual meet ended with an online photo shoot.

Canada Alumnae Chapter Report

The Canada Alumnae Chapter of Holy Cross College was inaugurated on 5th November 2022 at 7 pm IST. The meeting began with a prayer. The welcome address was given by Dr. Josephine Lourdes De Rose, V., Vice Principal and Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Holy Cross College, Trichy. Our dynamic Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. A. Christina Bridget greeted the alumnae with great enthusiasm and said that she was happy to inaugurate the Canada HCC Chapter. Rev. Sr. Principal emphasized that at Holy Cross College, it is a double rejoicing as our dear alumnae reunite to rejuvenate their lives by a happy recall of their cherished memories of their study and stay at HCC. These reminiscences we know will linger on in our hearts and minds as treasures for all times. A glimpse of the college at present was given to the alumnae as a video. The Special invitees were Rev. Sr. Dr. Rosy Antony, Former Principal of Holy Cross College, Trichy and Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier, Secretary of Holy Cross

College, Trichy. 15 alumnae were present for the meeting. The special invitees Rev. Sr. Dr. Rosy Antony and Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier through their messages, inspired the gathering to look back on their wonderful days spent as students in Holy Cross College that explained the implication of alumnae reunion, for the growth of the institution and the individuals. The office bearers were elected President – Ms. Uma Siva, Vice President – Ms. Nirmala Raymond, Secretary – Ms. Priscilla Stephen. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Dean of International Affairs and Assistant Professor of English interacted with the alumnae. The six centennial projects of Holy Cross College were presented in the form of a video. The alumnae shared their memories and were happy to meet virtually. Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Co-ordinator of the Alumnae Association and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Holy Cross College, proposed the Vote of thanks. She thanked the Alumnae for the interest and the time taken for this occasion. She concluded that the Holy Cross Alumnae Association will always be moving ahead, with selfless intentions for the growth and development of the College and the society. The association will continuously work towards its vision for a better tomorrow. The College Anthem was played and the meeting came to an end with a virtual photograph.

Australia Alumnae Chapter Report

The inauguration of the Australia Alumnae Chapter was held on 6th November 2022, at 11.30 a.m. IST. The program began with the invocation of God's blessings. The welcome address was given by Dr. Morris Princey, Vice Principal and Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Holy Cross College, Trichy. 22 alumnae attend the meeting. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy, delivered a congratulatory speech. Sister was really pleased to meet the alumnae and sister gave an introduction to the six centennial projects and a short video about the college and the projects was then presented. Former Principals and Professors Rev. Sr. Dr. Rosy Antony and

Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier our Secretary, Dr. Maria Eugenie Pia and Dr. Sheila Christopher were overjoyed to connect with the alumnae. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Dean of International Affairs and Assistant Professor of English elected the office bearers of the chapter. President– Ms. Rhoda Francis, Vice President– Ms Gomathi Suresh, Secretary Lovelyn Hector. Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Co-ordinator of the Alumnae Association and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Holy Cross College, proposed the Vote of thanks. The College Anthem was played as a video and the meeting came to a close with an online photo shoot.

Europe Alumnae Chapter Report

The inauguration of the Europe Alumnae Chapter was held on 6th November 2022 at 6.p.m. IST. The event commenced with the prayer. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Dean of International Affairs and Assistant Professor of English welcomed the alumnae. 12 alumnae participated in the meeting. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, our Principal addressed the alumnae and spoke on how an individual can contribute to the alumnae community. Sister encouraged the alumnae to make an effort to connect with alumnae via reunions and social network platforms. Sister gave an introduction to the six centennial projects and a short video about the college and the projects was then presented. Sister then facilitated the selection of office bearers for the European Alumnae Chapter. President- Ms. Radha, Vice-President- Ms. Sriranjani, Secretary - Ms. Geetha. Thus, a team of 3 individuals has been formed to take up the European Alumnae initiatives. Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Co-ordinator of the Alumnae Association and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Holy Cross College, proposed the Vote of thanks. The College Anthem was played and the virtual meet ended with an online photo shoot.

Unique Alumnae ID

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has designed a link for the alumnae

to get their Unique Alumnae Identification. This will help enhance the alumnae database and enable the alumnae keep in touch with the college.

The link is <http://erp.hcctrichy.in/alumnae/index>

OTHER ALUMNAE MEETS CONDUCTED BY THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION:

Let's Reunite

The Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli conducted a meeting Let's Reunite on 6th September 2022 at 2.00 pm in Shanthi Hall. The meeting was presided over by Ms. S.H. Afrose, alumna of Holy Cross College, Dept. of Economics (1993-1996) and Former Principal of Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Arts and Science College for Women, Perambalur. The meeting commenced with a prayer. Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Alumna Co-ordinator and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Holy Cross College welcomed the gathering. The Chief Guest, Ms. S.H. Afrose initiated an interactive session with the participants of the meeting. Student Representatives and Faculty from various departments introduced themselves and shared their ideas regarding the Centenary alumnae meet of Holy Cross College, Trichy which is to be held and how to make it a grand success.

Different ideas and means of improvising the alumnae database of our college and inviting them for the alumnae meet, by collecting different data through various fruitful methods were discussed. The meeting ended with a group photo and with the resolution to complete the task on time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Department of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology

The alumnae meeting of the Department of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology was conducted on 9th November

2022. 9 alumnae from 2010-2019 batches participated in this meeting. The department organized a free cognition and swallowing screening camp on 28.08.2022 and 30.08.2022. A total of 35 geriatrics from Amaithinilayam old age home were screened and counselling was given.

The department association was inaugurated on 8th September 2022. The chief guest was Ms. Suganya, Speech Therapist, MRM Speech Therapy Clinic, Thillai Nagar, Trichy, Deglutologist, Kauvery hospital, Trichy, who is an alumna of the Department of Audiology. She handed over the responsibilities to the newly elected association members and congratulated the leaders. She then encouraged the students to be dedicated to the college and the society and form a strong bond with the college as alumnae.

The Department of Biochemistry

The alumnae of (2017-2020) batch had an alumnae reunion on 5th September 2021, through Google meet in which 13 alumnae participated. On 19th March 2022, an alumnae meeting was held in the department. 37 alumnae participated in the meeting. It was a special occasion for them as they were able to meet their friends and faculty members after the pandemic period.

The Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

The alumnae meet of the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics was conducted on 15th September 2021. 38 alumnae actively participated in the meeting. There was a short invocation followed by a lively interactive session. Dr. G. Smilin Bell Aseervatham, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Biotechnology delivered a motivational speech followed by Mrs. A. Clara Mary, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology who enlightened them on career prospects and choices in biotechnology research and biotechnology-based industries. All the faculty members of the department met the alumnae. The planned

objective was to interact with the alumnae, planning future career, conducting Alumnae Satisfaction Survey and collecting Alumnae Feedback. Majority of the alumnae emphasised on the improvement of the curriculum to achieve the need for bridging the gap between academia and industry. The alumnae agreed that the support activities provided by the college to the students were excellent and adequate with satisfactory infrastructure. They appreciated the academic excellence and discipline in the college which provided a greater opportunity for the students to excel in their career as well to shine as empowered women in society. The meeting concluded with a short note of thanks and appreciation by the teachers.

The Department of Botany

A formal alumnae meet of the department was conducted on 19th March 2022 for the UG batch 2017-2020 and PG batch 2018 – 2020. Totally 63 (45 UG & 18 PG) alumnae participated in the meeting. Dr. R. Kavitha, Assistant Professor of Botany addressed the gathering. During their discussion, she asked them to share their memories of their college days and their current position. A few of our PG alumnae specifically insisted that our syllabus is relevant and useful for preparing for the competitive exams. In their discussion, some of our alumnae who are studying in other colleges appreciated the teaching methodology and care taken by our department staff members and also appreciated the infrastructure facilities and discipline of our college. All the alumnae expressed that they are very proud of being ‘Holycrossians’ and thanked their Alma Mater.

Dr. Karthika Paranthaman, Senior Science Technician, Boroughmuir, Edinburgh, UK, a prominent alumna of our department delivered a talk on “Higher studies and Job opportunities abroad” on 25th July 2022. III UG & II PG students of our department participated in the meeting. Dr. S. Catharin Sara, Assistant Professor and Head welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest. In the lecture Dr. Karthika shared her

own research experiences. She also discussed about job opportunities in other countries and insisted on opportunities abroad for higher studies. She interacted very well with our staff and students. Students clarified their doubts regarding higher studies. Finally the session came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr.A.Auxilia, department alumna In charge.

The Department of Business Administration

On 19th March 2022, 96 alumnae from the Department of Business Administration met in the department; they shared their experience about their higher studies and about their job. They met their class teachers in various rooms allotted and shared their experience in and outside Holy Cross College Campus. The staff members guided the alumnae who expressed their need to get jobs. They felt happy in sharing their personal and academic growth with the staff members.

A Virtual Alumnae Reunion- 2022 was organised on 17th November 2022. More than 30 alumnae from different places attended the meeting. Ms. Sree Kaviya, HR Consultant, Trichy shared her memories. Ms. Jeyashree, studying in Business School in Bangalore shared her life style in the present scenario. Ms. Merlin Mary, EDI (Exchange Data International), Research analyst mentioned her work culture. Ms. Karishma, Ms. Merlin and Ms. Monisha are the notable alumnae who participated in the meeting and shared their views. It was a happy virtual gathering.

The Department of Chemistry

The PG and Research Department of Chemistry, Holy Cross College organized an Alumna Interaction with Ms. Aarthi on 3rd August 2022. The meeting commenced with a prayer followed by the welcome address by Dr. Philomina Mary, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. The resource person encouraged our students to utilize all the resources available in our college and motivated the students to express their hidden talents in their college life. The importance of Chemistry driving the entire universe and

acting as a connecting unit of all subjects was clearly emphasized by the resource person. She shared her experience of research in chemistry and about the various entrance exams available for students to join in National universities across India. The students actively interacted with our alumna. 146 students of I UG, I PG and II PG of Chemistry participated and benefitted by this useful session. The session ended with a formal vote of thanks.

On 30th January 2021, our prominent alumna, Ms. Suba Rajasekaran, High School Chemistry Teacher and Chemistry Subject Advisor, BASIS Chandler, Arizona, USA spoke on the topic 'Chemistry Graduate – Life in Abroad'.

On 6th September 2021, 100 alumnae of the batch 2020-2021 gathered in the college. The students visited the department and shared their happiness with the staff members in the department.

Three Alumnae Staff of our department organized their batch wise reunions in the month of October, 2021.

The Alumnae batch reunion (2002-2005) was organized by Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Assistant Professor of Chemistry on 9th October 2021 (Saturday) through google meet from 6:30 pm. 25 alumnae participated in the meet. Dr. Noreen Antony, Former Alumnae Co-ordinator and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, the class teacher of the batch 2002-2005, was invited as the chief guest. The alumnae shared their sweet memories with their friends and their class teacher. The role of alumnae in the college was discussed in the meeting.

The Alumnae 2010-2013 batch reunion was conducted through google meet on 10th October 2021 (Sunday). The meeting was organized by Mrs. Philomina Mary, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Felicia Rajammal Selvarani, Former Head and Associate Professor of Chemistry was the guest for the reunion. 20 alumnae participated and shared their fruitful memories.

The Alumnae of the chemistry department (2003-2006) batch reunion was conducted through google meet on 23rd

October 2021 (Saturday). The meeting was organized by Mrs. Margrat Sheela, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. 10 alumnae from their batch participated and shared their fruitful memories.

A two-day Virtual International Conference on the theme, “Materials Science for Sustainable Environment” (ICMSSE-2022) was organized by the PG and Research Department of Chemistry, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy in commemoration of the centennial year of the college, on 23rd and 24th August 2022. The second day was comprised of four technical sessions. Our proud alumna Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Head, IPR Management, XEEDQ GmbH, Leipzig, Germany delivered a talk on the topic, “Energy efficient Diamond based Quantum Sensors”. 170 participants registered for the conference from all over the globe.

The PG and Research Department of Chemistry, conducted the Board of Studies Meeting on 25th November 2022, through google meet platform. Our proud alumna, Dr. Sri Ranjini Arumugam, Director of operations and Co-founder: XeedQ GmbH, Germany Senior Scientist, Leipzig University, Leipzig, Saxon, was invited as the Foreign Representative. She evaluated the syllabus and gave clear inputs about current trends in research which can be incorporated for the welfare of the students who will pursue higher studies. Many outstanding alumnae visited the department during this year. Some of them are T.Chitra, S.Deepika, D.Kaspar Mary, B.Sangeethapriya, Sribalapavithra, P.Dhivyadharshini, J.Kiruba Juliat, Dr.K.Shenbagam, D.Udayabanu, R.Yavanika, D.Maria Shirley, S.Sheela, J.Kanimozhi. They shared their rich experience in the department.

The Department of Commerce

The PG and Research Department of Commerce (Regular) organised an online Alumnae Reunion on 13th November 2022 which was conducted through Google meet. The alumnae shared their memories about the college and proudly spoke about their learning for life from the sisters and teachers. 25 alumnae attended the meeting. The alumnae were very happy to connect with their

teachers and friends. They thanked the management for conducting a reunion meeting. A Whatsapp account was started to connect with the alumnae forever.

Mrs. Srividhya Sivakumar, Lecturer in Business Management at Sixth Form College, Farnborough, United Kingdom, alumna from the 1994 to 1997 batch visited the department on 14th July 2022. She met all the staff of the department. She shared her experience as a student in our college appreciating how the sisters and teachers helped her to be self-disciplined which led her to focus on her future at a higher level. She expressed her gratitude to the college and her teachers.

The Department of Commerce with specialization in Computer Applications, organised a virtual Alumnae Reunion on 19th November 2022 at 6:00 pm. 41 alumnae attended the meeting. They shared that they were recognised as Holy Crossians in the work place and colleges where they are pursuing their higher studies. They felt grateful to Holy Cross College, Trichy for inculcating values of life, ethical behaviour and discipline that has made them excel. They were happy about the centennial celebrations and also promised to participate in all the forthcoming events. Ms. Gayathri, Assistant Professor of B.Com CA shared about the six projects adopted by Holy Cross College, Trichy which made the alumnae feel proud and happy. The alumnae regretted that they couldn't witness these celebrations wholly.

The alumnae meet of the Department of Commerce Vocational (BFSI) for the academic year 2022-2023 was held on 17th November 2022. The Head of the Department Dr. M. Mary Suthanthira Malar along with the staff members were present. They interacted with the alumnae and encouraged them to be in touch with their Alma Mater and to participate in its development. 20 alumnae from the past three batches attended this year's alumnae meet. The participants enjoyed the day by sharing their nostalgic and happy encounters with the staff and others in the college during their period of study. The participants also decided to meet on the

same day every year and declared their willingness to contribute for the development of the department and the college.

The Department of Computer Science

The PG Department of Computer Science conducted the alumnae meet on 19th March 2022. 60 of our alumnae attended the meeting. Ms. J. Magelin Mary, Ms. A. Maria Eliza and Ms. V. Amala Deepa, faculty of the department addressed the B.Sc and M.Sc alumnae. They shared the Career opportunities and Self Development and encouraged them to update themselves with current trends in IT. They explained the importance of alumnae association of the college and suggested that students keep in touch with our college and be present for all the alumnae meets.

The Department of Computer Applications

The PG Department of Computer Applications conducted an alumnae meet on 19th March 2022. 118 of our alumnae attended the meeting. Ms. Carmalete Silviya, Human Resource Development Center (HRDC), Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy addressed the BCA and MCA alumnae on Career opportunities and Entrepreneurial Development and encouraged them to update themselves with current trends in IT. She articulated on the importance of alumnae association of the college. She also asked the alumnae to update their career/academic profiles with the department and suggested that they can provide financial and non-financial support to the Department.

The Department of Economics

The PG & Research Department of Economics, Holy Cross College organized a virtual Alumnae Meet on 26th September 2021. The Speaker of the day was Ms. Afrose, alumna and Retired Principal of Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women, Perambalur. She shared her experience about her association with Holy Cross College. On that day, many alumnae came forward to share their experiences in HCC. A total of 30

alumnae participated in this meet from various batches 1985,1996, 2019, etc.,

An alumnae meet was conducted in the Department of Economics on 19th March 2022 at 2.30 p.m. Dr. A. Fouzia Kousar, alumna and Assistant Professor of our department motivated the students to excel in their studies. She also explained about seeking knowledge from the cradle to the grave and the five secrets for a successful life. A total of 64 alumnae participated in this meet.

The Department of English

The alumnae meet of the Department of English was held on 19th March 2022. The Chief guests were Dr. Catherine Edward, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Holy Cross College, and Ms. Benita, Asst Prof of English, Holy Cross College. They spoke about Positive thoughts to the students and how they should face the world with courage and manage the struggles of their life. They were also asked to hold on to their Alma Mater and represent themselves in the centenary of the college. The students were asked to feel at home and come back to the department to visit their teachers for any kind of physical and mental support. The alumnae were happy to reunite after 2 years and shared their experiences in their workplace and personal life. 269 alumnae benefitted from the meeting.

A Virtual alumnae meet of the Department of English was conducted on 5th December 2021 at 6pm on Google meet. 98 alumnae from different batches participated in the meeting. The alumnae were happy to reconnect. All the alumnae shared their reminiscences and interacted with the former teachers who were present for the meeting. A WhatsApp account was created to stay in touch. The meeting ended with a virtual group photo. It was a fruitful gathering and the alumnae said that they eagerly awaited many more alumnae meetings in the future.

The Department of History

The PG & Research Department of History, Holy Cross College conducted an alumnae meet on 19th March 2022 at 12.00

p.m. in the History Hall. 47 alumnae participated in this meet. The meeting started with a formal prayer service and Dr. R. Pricila, Assistant Professor of History, was the chief guest. She spoke on various opportunities, higher studies and job opportunities for the History Students. The alumnae were asked to share their experiences, they cherished their past memories and felt delighted to come back to the department. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. J. Theresa Rosetti, Assistant Professor of History.

The Department of Library and Information Science

The alumnae meet is to reconnect with the alumnae and celebrate their success and various achievements. The Alumnae meeting of the 2018 and 2019 Batch of M.Lib.I.Sc was held on 19th March 2022. All the alumnae participated in the meeting and shared their memories and association with HCC. The alumnae said that they will committedly work towards the upliftment of their Alma Mater.

The Department of Mathematics

On 2nd February 2022, 4th March 2022 and 17th March 2022, Ms. P. Amudhavalli (1979-82 batch), Ms. M. Poonguzhali (2012-15 batch) and Ms. K. Renganayagi (1997-2002batch) respectively, three proud alumnae of the PG and Research Department of Mathematics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, visited the department and shared their experience and memories about the department and shared their views and gave their suggestions for the welfare of the department.

The PG and Research Department of Mathematics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, conducted an interactive meeting for the outgone student alumnae, both UG and PG from both Shifts I and II of the 2020 batch on 19th March 2022. 322 of our alumnae took part in the interaction. Dr. Rexline Jeyakumari, Ms. A. Alphonse Anitha, Dr. Jennie Sebasty Pretha, Ms. Saranya, Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi, and Dr. Francina Nishanthini, respectively, Assistant Professors of the PG and Research

Department of Mathematics, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, interacted with the students and the student alumnae shared their experiences and benefits gained from Holy Cross College which enabled them to face society through a good career, embedded with confidence and ethical values.

On 23rd May 2022 a virtual alumnae reunion meeting was conducted for various alumnae from different batches. Former professors participated and proudly shared their experiences and joys and the guest of honour of the day was Ms. A. Philo Anthony, Associate Principal, Package Implementation, LTI, KIADB Industrial Area, Whitefield, Bangalore, a proud alumna of the department (1997-2000 batch). She shared her views on the values and academic benefits acquired from the department and the college and mentioned that her career development and life skills were all results of the knowledge and learning acquired from the department.

The PG and Research Department of Mathematics of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy conducted the In-service Faculty workshop on “Python Programming” on 12th July, 2022 in the E-learning hall, at 10 am with 35 staff members from the school of Mathematical and Computation Sciences. The expert, Dr. I. Priya Stella Mary, Assistant Professor of Data Science, St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Trichy was the resource person and a proud alumna of the department of Mathematics (2003-2006 batch). She introduced Python on different platforms, example, creating a comment, Python indentation, Identifiers, variables, Python operators, loops, and simple programs, methods to handle big data and perform complex mathematics. The Resource person elaborated on the concept of Python Data types, Dimensions and statements. She also ingrained the different functions used in Python also its tuple and dictionaries.

The PG and Research Department of Mathematics of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy conducted a meeting on “Aptitude Mathematics” on 12th September, 2022 at Sophy’s Hall,

at 3:30 pm for 307 students from II and III UG Mathematics. The resource person of the day was Ms. Bhuvaneshwari, Aptitude trainer in Trichy Plus, Tiruchirapalli, a proud alumna of the department of Mathematics, (2003-2006 batch). She shared some essential tips and techniques with the students to easily solve the Aptitude Mathematics problems in the competitive Examinations.

On 31st October 2022, Ms. Sabitha Pattanath, a senior citizen and a proud alumna of the department (1960-1963 batch), currently residing in Chennai and a former citizen of Germany, visited the department and shared her experience and memories about the department and shared her views and gave her suggestions for the welfare of the department.

The Department of Physics

The PG and Research Department of Physics conducted the Board of studies meeting for the academic year 2022-2023 (Even Semester) on 19th November 2022 at 10.30 a.m in the Physics department. Our alumna, Dr. Jency Sundararajan, Assistant Professor of Physics, University of Virginia, USA, was the international subject expert of the board. She contributed her valuable suggestions in revision of both UG and PG syllabi.

The UG 2019 – 2022 batch students (A & B sections) visited the department on 14th November 2022. 35 students visited and shared their reminiscence.

The Department of Psychology

The alumnae meet was held on 17th September 2021. 9 alumnae participated in the meeting. The program began with a prayer. A welcome dance and group medley was performed by the students. Games were conducted for the alumnae and all of them actively participated in all the events. A memento was given to all the alumnae as a token of love. The event came to an end with the vote of thanks.

The Department of Rehabilitation Science

The alumnae meet of the PG & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College, Trichy named “Virtual Santhipoma 2022” was conducted for the Alumnae batch 1987 - 1990 of Rehabians via Google meet on 25th June 2022 at 7: 30 pm. 11 of them attended the meet. The meet started with the prayer service and a welcome address by the Head of the Department Dr. A.Turin Martina. Felicitation was given by Dr. R. Leema Suganya. The alumnae shared their reminiscences about their college life and their present job experience after the felicitation of the professors. The agenda was an informal introduction with an exchange of pleasantries, followed by a short briefing on the upcoming centenary celebrations of HCC.

The following details were discussed and resolved, to update the profile of the 1987 - 1990 batch and share the current details particularly the occupational details to develop the Alumnae data base: To highlight their contribution as either in cash or kind towards the centenary celebrations of our college. To suggest and put forth novel ideas as alumnae towards the centenary celebrations and finally come out with a best practice to contribute as a batch towards a novel initiative to commemorate 100 years of our college and 30 years as the Rehab batch 1987 – 1990. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks by the department alumnae staff in-charge Dr. R. Leema Suganya. Thus, with these deliberations the meeting came to a close with a formal word of appreciation and thanks for the presence and participation of the members.

The Department of Social Work

An alumnae meet for 2018-20 batch was conducted on 19th March 2022. The alumnae were overwhelmed on seeing their classmates after the pandemic. They shared their experiences about their job and explained how the department contributed for their growth.

On 19th April 2022 an alumnae meet was conducted for 2019-21 batch. They shared their feedback on various aspects of the department. Placement details and job opportunities were discussed with them.

On 4th August 2022 an alumna meet was conducted for the 2020-22 batch. They shared their new jobs and helped their classmates to get some contacts and opening for jobs.

ICSSR sponsored two days National Seminar on: Pandemic & Child Protection-Challenges & Interventions was conducted on 13th & 14th May 2022. Mr. Shinto James, Cardio Vascular Health Senior Treatment Supervisor (consultant) WHO-IHCI, Thrissur Dt, Kerala, the proud alumna of Social Work Department, HCC gave a resourceful talk.

The Department of Tamil

Reunion of Alumnae meeting at Holy Cross College (Autonomous) was held online on 12th October 2022. Dr. A. Jasintha Rani, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Tamil, welcomed all the alumnae. In a special manner, she highlighted the pride of the college, the excellence of the professors. The alumnae then shared their pleasant memories and good experiences. Those who could not participate in the event expressed their memories through email. The event ended successfully with a formal Vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S. Kowsalya, Assistant Professor of Tamil.

The Department of Visual Communication

‘Let’s Look Back at Our Fun Memories’. The alumni batch meet was held on 11th October 2022 at Yercaud Servarayan Hotel. The 2019 batch students 6 of them joined. All six of them are working at various media departments in Chennai. They felt renewed and refreshed in this meeting. They all felt that the college must utilize the strength of alumni, who can energize the college with new ideas, feedback on design of courses, promote industrial

contact, interaction. Such association may help training students, placement. All of them promised their contribution for the college.

The Department of Zoology

The PG and Research Department of Zoology conducted an alumnae meeting on 11th December 2021. 25 members attended the meet and shared their memories and experiences of their college life. Another alumnae meeting was held on 19th March 2022. 67 members participated in the meeting. Dr. A.J. Bhorgin Lourdu Mary, Head of the Department of Zoology enlightened the alumnae on the topic “Bonding with the Alma Mater: HCC – Alumnae”.

Dr. M. Divya Gnaneswari, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Gargi College, New Delhi is our prominent alumna of 2002 – 2004 batch. She had contributed as the resource person for the webinar on “Exploring the Potential of thermophilic microbes as a source of therapeutic proteins” conducted by the PG and Research Department of Zoology on 25th March 2022. 82 members benefitted from the webinar.

AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE COLLEGE

College Awards / Special Achievements

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)

Holy Cross College received 49th Rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework, by MHRD, in September 2021.

The Institution’s Innovation Council of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has been awarded 95 score Points and 185.556 Reward Points in the IIC 3.0 Star Rating Annual Performance at the national level by the Ministry of Education’s Innovation Cell, New Delhi, for the academic year 2020-2021. IIC of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli is one among the 2 Arts and Science Colleges that secured the maximum of 4 Star Rating allotted for Annual Performance in Tiruchirappalli, released on 2nd December 2021.

ARIIA Ranking 2021

Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli has been recognised as the Fifth-Most Innovative Educational Institution in the General (Non-Technical) category in India, as per the “Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA Ranking 2021)”, by the Ministry of Education’s Innovation Cell, Government of India. Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon’ble Minister of State for Education, Government of India, announced the results on 29th December 2021 in a virtual event. A total of 1438 institutions from India participated in the ranking process.

The ranking was based on the following innovation-related indicators:

1. Developing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset through series of activities.
2. Teaching and learning: Academic programmes related to innovation and entrepreneurship (I & E) and IPR offered by the HEI.
3. Dedicated infrastructure and facilities to promote innovation and entrepreneurship at HEI.
4. Generation of innovations/ ideas with the support of HEI and recognition received.
5. Ventures established with the support of the HEI and recognitions received.
6. Angel and VC fund/investment mobilized to support innovation and startups incubated at HEI, Promotion of collaboration for and co-creation of I&E initiatives.
7. Intellectual Property (IP), generation and commercialization.
8. Annual budget on promoting and supporting I & E activities: Total expenses towards I&E and IPR support activities, total revenue generated by HEI from incubation services to startups and commercialization of IP and innovations.
9. Participation of HEI in I&E initiative of MOE.

Mentor Institution

Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has been selected as Mentor Institution on 21st October 2021 under the Mentor-Mentee Scheme by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Ministry of Education/AICTE, New Delhi for mentoring 5 Mentee Institutions to facilitate knowledge exchange and resource mobilization by offering inter-institutional collaborations and peer mentoring support during the IIC 4.0 calendar year (October 21 - March 22). Our Institution is one among the 143 Institutions selected for mentoring without funding assistance in the National Level. Mentor institutions have to provide mentoring and handholding support to mentee institutions by organizing a set of prescribed activities for mentee institutions and enable them to lead and streamline campus I&E ecosystems. Moreover, the mentor institutions have to guide mentee institutions to take part in ARIIA, and adopt NISP and encourage institutions to actively participate in I&E initiatives of state and central government.

Ministry of Education Institution Innovation Council selected our college as one of the Mentor Institute. HCIIC has been given the responsibility of Mentoring two colleges, Bishop Heber College, Trichy and Aiman College of Arts and Science for women, Trichy in March 2022.

Holy Cross Innovation and Incubation Council (HCIIC)

Holy Cross Innovation and Incubation Council (HCIIC) has also been selected as a Mentor Institute to mentor four schools in Trichy, SBIOA Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Trichy, Kendra Vidyalaya, OFT, Trichy, Government Boys Hr. Sec. School, Manachanallur and Government Girls Hr. Sec. School, Manachanallur, Trichy.

Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, was awarded 4 Star rating for the academic year 2021 – 2022 by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, New Delhi, on 7th December 2022. Out of 1823 institutions (Universities & Colleges)

in the Technical and Non-Technical categories that participated at the All India level and among 407 of the southern region organizations, our college was rated as one of the toppers in the star rating. The 4 star rating is the highest awarded for the distinct excellent performance in innovation and entrepreneurship activities of Holy Cross Innovation & Incubation Council (HCIIC) during the academic year 2021 – 2022.

District Green Champion Award

Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was recognized as District Green Champion for Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu for the Academic year 2021-2022 in March 2022. The institution has successfully elevated the Swachhta Action Plan, adopted and implemented best practices in the areas of Sanitation, Hygiene, Waste Management, Water Management, Energy Management and Greenery Management.

Staff Awards/Achievements

Congratulations to Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal for receiving AIACHE's Dr. Sam Higginbottam Award for 'The Best Principal of India 2020 – 2021 on 29th December 2021.

All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi, conferred Dr. Sam Higginbottam Award, for the Best Principal of India – 2020-2021 on Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on 29th December 2021. This National Award is conferred on Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget by AIACHE in recognition of her educational leadership, devotion to academic excellence, introduction of educational innovations, concern for the overall development of students and commitment to professional ethics.

This Award has been instituted jointly by Sam Higginbottam University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (Shuats) and AIACHE in memory of Dr. Sam Higginbottam, who founded the institute in 1910 and was a pioneer in value-based agricultural education, research and extension.

Dr. Sr. A. Christina Bridget, the Principal, was awarded 'Wonder Women – of Inspiration' by Pothy's, for her contribution in the field of Collegiate Education on 20th March 2022, at Sri Vignesh Public School, Trichy.

Dr. P. Revathi, Assistant Professor & Head, PG Department of Computer Science and Dr. J. Emima Jeronsia, Assistant Professor, PG and Research Department of Physics completed the credential requirements and passed the online certification of "Certified Chief Innovation Officer (CCIO)", held on 21st August 2021, a unique certification which has 17 modules starting from Design Thinking, Creativity from Liberal Arts, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Protection of Intellectual Property, Building Startups, Monetising Innovation & Best practices of most innovative companies etc., with the score of 74% and 75% respectively.

Dr. Cheryl Antonette Dumenil, Assistant Professor of English was awarded InRes Distinguished Professor Award 2021 for her outstanding research work on 20th August 2021, by the Institute of Researchers, registered and recognized by the Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, and a premier organization in India to promote and support research.

Dr. P. Anita, Assistant Professor of Social Work received the Young Academician Award - Global Iconic Award 2022 in February 2022 from ESN publications, Goa, India.

Dr. Horne Iona Averal, the IQAC Co-ordinator and Associate Professor of Zoology, received Naari Shakthi Awards for Women-2022, from Universal Society for Research & Development in association with Science Publications & Dr Yellapragada Lifesciences, on 8th March 2022 through Online Google Platform.

Ms. Shirley Deepak, Media Relations Officer, Holy Cross Media House, received three awards,

- The Best Media Woman of the Year Award for her contribution in the field of Community Radio during the pandemic from

Nakshathra Foundation and India Glitz on 8th March 2022 at Dr. MGR University, Chennai.

- ‘HIMS RECOGNISES HERS – You are the Difference award’ by Heber Institute of Management Studies, Bishop Heber College, Trichy for her ongoing commitment, dedication, services to the society, for shaping so many lives and providing priceless memories, on 11th March 2022 at Bishop Heber College, Trichy.
- ‘Best Media Woman Award’ by Radio Mirchi for her contribution in the media field on 20th March 2022 at Sri Vignesh Public School, Trichy.

Dr. G. Arul Selvi, Assistant Professor of Visual Communication received Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Achiever Award, organized by Thiruvalluvar Book of Global Achievers and Yohi Publication, Puducherry on 7th November 2021.

Dr. R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women’s Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli has been conferred with Best Social work Practitioner Award 2022 in recognition of her passionate professional Social Work endeavours as a Practitioner, for her illustrious, Impeccable, Impactful service in commemoration of World Social Work Day Celebrations, held on 15th March 2022, at Bishop Heber College organized by Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli.

Dr. G. Arockia Sahaya Sheela, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Data Science received the following awards in 2021 – 2022,

- Best Young Faculty Award – Tamilnadu Association Intellectuals and Faculty (TAIF), Tamilnadu
- Indian Scientist Award – International Research Association, England, UK

Dr. Leema Rose, Associate Professor & Head of the Department of Chemistry received Leadership Excellence Award 2021 from Institute of Researchers, Kerala in August 2021.

Dr. F. Janeeta Priya and Dr. S. Vidhya, Assistant Professors of Chemistry received Young Achiever Award 2021 from Institute of Researchers, Kerala in August & September 2021.

Dr. L. Cathrine & Ms. P. Pratheema, Assistant Professors of Chemistry received Young Achiever Award 2022 from INSC - Institute of Scholars in March 2022.

Dr. W. Ritha, Assistant Professor of Mathematics received Munnodi Penmani Virudhu 2022 from Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and Indian Women Achiever Award 2021 from International Research Association, England respectively.

Ms. A. Joy Jona, Associate Professor of Mathematics received Global India Excellence Achievement Award from Bharat Rattan Publication House.

Dr. J. Merline Vinotha, Assistant Professor of Mathematics received Indian Teacher Award 2021 from International Research Association, England.

Dr. I. Antonitte Vinoline, Assistant Professor of Mathematics received Indian Teacher Award 2021 from International Research Association, England.

Dr. M. Mary Jansi Rani, Assistant Professor of Mathematics received Universal Best Senior Faculty Award from International American Council for Research and Development on 27th June 2021.

Ms. A. Alphonse Anitha, Assistant Professor of Mathematics received Best Young Faculty Award from DK International Research Foundation on 27th June 2021.

Dr. M. Mary Jansi Rani, Assistant Professor of Mathematics received Outstanding Researcher from Saint Martin's Centre for Research and Accreditation Commission on 26th December 2021.

Dr. (Sr) Jeusin Francis, Associate Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from the Department of Tamil, Holy

Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai and Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from Annai Illam Arakkattalai.

Dr. Jasintha Rani A, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Ilam Kavi Award from Annai Arakkattalai, Mahathma Gandhi Award from Annai Illam and Tamil Amuthu Arakkattalai, Semmozhi Thendral Award from Annai Illam Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from Annai Illam Arakkattalai, Kavi Chemmal Award Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Peraasiriyar Semmal Award from Anaiththinthiya Tamizh Ezhuththaalarkal Sangam and Kavingan Pathippagam.

Dr. Prema M, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Kalvi Tamil Vendhar Award from Pasumai Foundation, Shenbaga Raman Award from Pasumai Foundation, Kaviyulaga Vendhar Award from Patti Mandra Peravai, Kavi Sirpi Award from Azhivai Thedi Kuzhumam, Mahathma Gandhi Award from Annai Illam and Tamil Amuthu Arakkattalai, Peraasiriyar Semmal Award from Anaiththinthiya Tamizh Ezhuththaalarkal Sangam and Kavingan Pathippagam.

Dr. Thevatha A, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from Annai Illam Arakkattalai.

Dr. Latha D, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai Semmozhi Aayvu Sudar Special Award from Annai Velanganni Ladies College, Seer Valar Sivagnana Balaya Swamigal Tamil Arts and Science College, Kuwait Tamil Islamiya Sangam, Kamban Kazhaga Arakkattalai, Melbern Tamil Sangam and Tamil Thaa Arakkattalai, Peraasiriyar Semmal Award from Anaiththinthiya Tamizh Ezhuththaalarkal Sangam and Kavingan Pathippagam.

Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi G, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh

Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from Annai Illam Arakkattalai, Senthamizh Viththagar Viruthu from PorunaiIlakkiya Kalam, Tamizhnilam Arakkattalai – Naangal Arakkattalai.

Dr. Sujatha K, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai, Mahathma Gandhi Award from AnnaiIllam and Tamil Amuthu Arakkattalai, PeraasiriyarSemmal Award from Anaiththinthiya Tamizh Ezhuththaalarkal Sangam and Kavingan Pathippagam

Dr. Sharmi A, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai, Mahathma Gandhi Award from AnnaiIllam And Tamil AmuthuArakkattalai.

Dr. Dolly Arokia Mary K, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai.

Dr. Elizabeth Rani G, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Venmai Thilagam Nehru Award from Global Indian Records, Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Kalvi Tamizh Vendar Award from Pasumai Foundation, Bharathiyar Viruthu from Jayam Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai, Best Professor Award from Sivagami Academy.

Dr. Premalatha V, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and TamizhAmuthuArakkattalai, Kalvi Tamil Vendhar Viruthu from Pasumai Vaasal Foundation, AgniPengal Tamil Sangamam, Veera Mangai Samooga Sinthanai Arakkattalai and Kambar Ilaingar Narpani Sangam, Mahathma Gandhi Award from AnnaiIllam and Tamil Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from Annai Illam Arakkattalai.

Dr. Arul Sagaya Anitta A, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai.

Dr. Arumbu M, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai

Dr. Anulakshmi S, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Mahathma Gandhi Award from AnnaiIllam and Tamil Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai, Kalvi Chudaroli Viruthu from Aram Anbin Adaiyalam Arakkattalai.

Dr. Anitha Mary D, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai.

Dr. Anu Dayana A, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Semmozhi AayvuSudar Special Award from Annai Velanganni Ladies College, Seer Valar Sivagnana Balaya Swamigal Tamil Ars and Science College, Kuwait Tamil Islamiya Sangam, Kamban Kazhagarakkattalai, Melbern Tamil Sangam and Tamil ThaaI Arakkattalai.

Dr. Imaculate B, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Semmozhi Chelvar Award from Pasumai Vaasal Foundation, Tamilnadu Panai Maram Kaakkum Paathukaappu Iyakkam, Subam Kalvi Arakkattalai and Kamban Kazhakam.

Dr. Kowsalya S, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai, Semmozhi Aayvu Sudar Special Award from Annai Velanganni Ladies College, Seer Valar Sivagnana Balaya Swamigal Tamil Arts and Science College, Kuwait Tamil Islamiya Sangam,

Kamban Kazhagarakkattalai, Melbern Tamil Sangam and Tamil ThaaArakkattalai.

Dr. Punitha S, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and TamizhAmuthuArakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllamArakkattalai, Semmozhi Aayvu Sudar Special Award from AnnaiVelanganni Ladies College, Seer Valar Sivagnana Balaya Swamigal Tamil Ars and Science College, Kuwait Tamil Islamiya Sangam, Kamban Kazhagarakkattalai, Melbern Tamil Sangam and Tamil ThaaArakkattalai

Dr.Nancy S, Assistant Professor of Tamil received KaviChemmal Award from Holy Cross College and TamizhAmuthuArakkattalai.

Dr. Neela Devi, Assistant Professor of Tamil received Mahathma Gandhi Award from AnnaiIllam and Tamil Amuthu Arakkattalai, Dr. Rathakrishnan Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai, ThaaUllam Award from Thaa Ullam Arakkattalai, Semmozhi Thendral Award from Annai Illam Arakkattalai, IlamKavingar Award from AnnaiIllam Arakkattalai, from Kavi Chemmal Award from Holy Cross College and Tamizh Amuthu Arakkattalai, Kavingar Award from Ulaga Kavingar Sangamam, Arivu Virutcham Award from Pasumai Foundation, Arivu Sirpi Award from Senthamizh Sangam, Kalvi Chemma Award from Pasumai Foundation.

Dr. A. Senthamilselvi, Librarian and Head, Department of Library and Information Science received 3 Awards,

- Noolaga Mamani Viruthu 2021 from Dr. Mohanarankan Research Center & Tamil Nadu Librarian.com in August 2021
- Nartamil Aasan Viruthu 2021 from Kulithalai Tamil Sangam on 5th September 2021
- NPTEL SPOC Award - IIT Chennai in January 2022

Dr. Shanthi. P, Assistant Professor of Botany, received Life-Time Achievement Award from Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore on 20th November 2021.

Dr. R. Kavitha, Assistant Professor of Botany, received Young Scientist Award for outstanding professional & Research achievements in the field of Botany on 20th August 2021, from the Institute of Researchers, Wayanad, Kerala, registered with Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India.

Dr. J. Rosaline Vimala, Assistant Professor of Chemistry has received Young Achiever Award 2022 from INSC - Institute of Scholars, India in April 2022.

Dr. J. Felicita Florence, Assistant Professor of Chemistry has received Research Excellence Award 2022 from InSc Institute of Scholars, India in April 2022.

Dr. R. Kanmani, Assistant Professor of Chemistry has received Young Researcher Award 2022 from InSc Institute of Scholars, India in April 2022.

Dr. S. Akila, Assistant Professor of Chemistry has received Young Researcher Award 2022 from InSc - Institute of Scholars, India in April 2022

Dr. J. Amala Infant Joice, Assistant Professor of Chemistry has received Young Researcher Award 2022 from InSc Institute of Scholars, India in April 2022.

Dr. M. Stella Bharathy, Assistant Professor of Chemistry has received Young Researcher Award 2022 from INSC - Institute of Scholars, India in April 2022.

Dr. B. Sathyabama, Asst. Prof. of Social Work, won third prize (Cash Prize Rs.5000) in the All India Shiksha Shilpi – Aahaar Kranti (Vijnana Bharathi) Video/Script Competition for Teachers - (higher education Category) held in September 2021 organized by ShikshaShilpi and Global Indian Scientists & Technocrats Forum Organised by ShikshaShilpi (VijnanaBharathi) New Delhi, Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats Forum.

Dr. Sr. Dona Award for Best Researcher

Dr. Merlin Kokila, Asst. Prof. of Economics received Dr. Sr. Dona Award for Best Researcher and Dr. M. Mary

Jayanthi, Asst. Prof. of English, received the special recognition award for Research (for Arts).

Dr. W. Ritha, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics received Dr. Sr. Dona Award for Best Researcher and Dr. Arockia Sahaya Sheila, Asst. Prof. of Computer Science received the special recognition award for Research (for Science).

Two Research Scholars, Ms. N. Rajeswari and Ms. R. Sarumathi (Department of Mathematics) guided by Dr. W. Ritha received Sr. Dona Award and the special recognition award for Research.

Students Achievements in Sports

Ms. Pennaraci .R of III-BBA B section secured WINNERS in Throw ball tournament, Nepal International Heroes Games Championship 2021 at the 1st General Championship, Youth Sports Development Forum, Nepal held from 2nd to 6th October 2021.

National Level

Ms. A. Kevina Ashwine III- English secured Silver Medal in High Jump in the 19th National Federation Cup Junior (U20) Athletics held at Sangrur, Punjab on 1st August 2021.

State Level

Ms. S. Asmitha of III B.Sc Vis Com & Ms. T. Navinnisha, of II B.A. English were the Runners up with Rs.5000/- cash award in the 75th Independence Day Celebration Open State Level Roller Hockey tournament at Hockers rink, KK Nagar, Trichy, on 15th August 2021.

Ms. A. Kevina Aswine of III B.A. English secured Silver medal in High Jump with the performance of 1.71 mts & Ms. A. Shalu Rekhana of I-Economics secured Silver medal in Discuss Throw with the performance of 36.44 mts in the the 93rd Tamil Nadu State Senior Athletics Championship held at Nehru stadium, Chennai from 15th to 17th October 2021.

Ms. Gracy Margrat .S of III-B.Sc Physics was the winner in State Level Volleyball Tournament held at Builders Engineering College, Tirupur Dist, Tamil Nadu from 29th to 31st October 2021.

Ms. Yuvaharini I BBA B Secured FIRST PLACE in State level Silambam Competition at Madurai on 24th October 2021.

Ms. K. Hempooja, II B.C.A A and Ms. S. Hajira Bathool, II B.Sc Computer Science participated in the Science Exhibition held at Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli in the National Science Week on 26th February 2022.

They won the Best Contestant Award with shield and Prize Books among 30 teams from various Colleges in the South Zone.

CUO Josephine Jenifa.J attended Inter Unit and Inter Shooting Competition from 1st to 9th September 2021 conducted by Air Sqn fly NCC, Unit Headquarters Pondicherry and she won Silver medal in Firing.

Highlights of the year

One important highlight of this academic year 2021-2022 is that all major departments conducted an online five-day FDP, at national and international levels, in their discipline. This was an intellectual reaching out through webinars to wider audience, revealing the potential of Holy Cross College staff.

Another important highlight was the introduction of Learning Outcomes based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for I U.G. and for four departments at the PG level (Environmental Science, Library and Information Science, Psychology and Social Work), from this academic year 2021 – 2022.

Centre of Excellence Unit on Women Empowerment was launched on 23rd October 2021 in our college campus by Mr. Saravanan, Head, Marketing and Strategic Division of ICT Academy.

Preparatory Prayer Service for the Centenary was held with 100 Hours Continuous Adoration from 8th December (Wednesday) 9.30 a.m. to 12th December (Sunday) 1.30 p.m.

As preparation for the Centenary Celebration of Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy, Holy Mass was celebrated on 8th December 2021 by Rev. Fr. Anthuvan, Vicar General, Trichy Diocese. The Principal, Secretary, Mother Superior, staff and students of Holy Cross College participated in the Holy Mass.

He appreciated the college for its efforts, challenges, success in its journey of 100 years and prayed that God bless the management and all staff and students who have crossed the portals of Holy Cross College.

After the Holy Mass, there was the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the College prayer room with a schedule for 100 hours continuous Adoration from 8th to 12th December 2021.

This spiritual preparation for the Centenary Celebration was highly significant as it proved that the achievements were the outcome of faith / trust in God's providence and guidance and all glory and honour are due to God in the first place.

The 100 hours continuous prayer preparation for the centenary ended meaningfully on 12th December 2021 with benediction and mass at 12.30 p.m. attended by the management sisters, Principal, Secretary, Mother Superior, other sisters, staff – teaching and non-teaching and students. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. Father Albert, Director of Arunkodai Illam, Trichy. He appreciated the sisters of the Cross for this magnificent milestone that was attainable because of the vision, zeal and futuristic plans of the pioneer Mother Sophie who laid the foundation for this educational citadel, 100 years ago when women's education was not considered important.

In his homily he mentioned how we must be the light givers of the light of Christ to humanity. He prayed God's blessings on all who had the good fortune of being associated with Holy Cross College especially the students and staff both past and present. He wished the college would attain greater heights of glory in future.

The 48-hour World Record Series of Poetry Recitation on the topic “World’s eminent Relationships” held on 23rd & 24th October 2021 was jointly organized by the Tamil Amudu Foundation and the Department of Tamil, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Trichy. Among the participants who were more than 500, 3 were Alumnae of the Department of Tamil, who participated in the event and received the World Achievement Award.

Through our College Extension Department RESCAPES (Part-5) we started tuition centres at some of our adopted villages in the academic year 2021-2022 for the adopted village children in 13 villages. The main purpose of these tuition centres is to help the rural students from classes I to XII of the adopted villages, especially during the pandemic crisis when students were not able to attend school due to the lockdown. This programme will be conducted throughout the year. The coaching is given to the students free of cost. The teacher’s salary is paid by the college.

The Disaster Management club of Holy Cross College organized a flood relief programme to extend a helping hand to the flood affected people in and around the areas of Pirattiyur and Theeran Nagar on 7th December 2021. Fifteen club members along with the staff Co-ordinator of the Club Ms. M. Maria Merline took part in this activity under the guidance of the Principal Rev Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget and the Secretary Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier. The students packed the food in containers and distributed it to the flood victims both in Theeran Nagar and Pirattiyur areas.

KE CA TO CLE (An In-House Awareness Campaign)

KE CA TO CLE was organized by the Student Council, HC Media House and the Departments of Social Work and Visual Communication. It was launched on 1st March 2022 by Rev. Sr. Dr. A. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy, in the presence of the Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. Anne Xavier. The catch phrase KE CA TO CLE (a non- google stored word) was created by Ms. Shirley Deepak for the campaign purpose. Two selfie booths were installed in campus for the campaign by the Departments of History and Commerce. 50 posters were put up

in the campus toilets to create a resounding awareness among the student community. As part of KE CA TO CLE activities, Money plants were kept in every restroom in the campus. The sanitary workers were honoured with a goodie bag by the Principal and Secretary of the College, as a token of appreciation.

Binary University Online Meet held on 7th March 2022

The Annual Academic Review Meet on Collaborative ventures between Binary University, Malaysia and Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy was on a virtual (Zoom) platform from 11 am IST. The meeting was attended by the Principal, Rev.Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Vice Principal, Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi and the IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Horne Averal Iona were present representing Holy Cross College, Trichy and His Excellency Tan Sri Dato Professor Joseph Adaikalam, Founder Chairman, Respected Professor Dr Sulochana Nair , Vice Chancellor, Her Excellency Puan Sri Datin Dr Rohini Devi Deputy Vice Chancellor and Mr Gilbert Alvin , Director of International Collaborations from Binary University were present. His Excellency Tan Sri Dato Professor Joseph Adaikalam gave the welcome address. Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget addressed the gathering.

A review of the following collaborative ventures was discussed.

1. HCC officially signed the MoU with Tan Sri's visit to our Institution in September 2018 on student and faculty trainings and exchange.
2. HCC Management 7 Member Team visited Binary University in Malaysia in November 2018 and discussed areas of collaboration.
3. The first batch of HCC Student Cohort for SAP with 9 students and 3 staff members could participate on Campus Training.

The future collaborative ventures were discussed about sending a Cohort of 40 students to attend the online one- day study abroad Program on Leadership.

The following were also discussed in the meeting.

1. New Education Policy on ODL
2. My Binary International Grant (India)
3. Benefits for our partner under new MOA
4. Launch of My BIG by HE High Commissioner of India to Malaysia
5. Activities For 2022

Round table Discussion on Overcoming Challenges and Seizing Opportunities: Women Icons in the Post Pandemic Era hosted by Binary University, Malaysia on 30th March 2022

Binary University, Malaysia conducted a Virtual Roundtable Discussion on ‘Overcoming Challenges and Seizing Opportunities: Women Icons in the Post Pandemic Era’ on 30th March 2022. There were 3 members of the staff and 27 interested students from the departments of Business Administration, Chemistry, Mathematics, Commerce, Commerce – Business Process Outsourcing, English, Tamil, Visual Communication and History in the event held from 12.30 p.m. to 2.40p.m. The main objective of the discussion was to ‘Be an Icon. Create dignity for your Life’. The round table discussion highlighted the ability of women to overcome challenges and seize their opportunities and the problems women faced in the post pandemic period.

The dignitaries Prof. Dr. Sulochana Nair, Vice Chancellor, Binary University, Malaysia, Dr. Jahanara Ferdous Khan, Dermatology, Obesity Management & Anti-Aging Medicine, Bangladesh, Ms. Senorine Wasike, Head of Marketing, Kenya Wine Agencies Limited, KWAL Distell, Kenya, Dr. Latifah Binti Mohd Ghazali, Managing Director L& M Multivision Sdn Bhd, Malaysia, Dr. Eng. Hafsa Jamshaid, Dean/Director Graduate Studies, National Textile University, Pakistan, Ms. Taslima Miji, Founder, Leartherina PVT Ltd, Bangladesh were present for the discussion.

The moderator requested the participants to share their feedback. The virtual round table discussion came to an end at 2.40 p.m. with the women's day wishes to all the participants.

Virtual one-day Study Abroad Program on Leadership by Binary University, Malaysia (VSAP)

Holy Cross College [Autonomous], Tiruchirappalli sponsored 50 of its students nominated for the election of Student Council Members to attend a virtual one-day Study Abroad Program on Leadership offered by Binary University, Malaysia via Zoom on 31st March, 2022 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (IST). The program was divided into two sessions. It started with a welcome address rendered by the Binary University of Management and Entrepreneurship, Malaysia. The first session was from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by Prof. Dr. Peter Shepherd who spoke on the Leadership Skills for Career Development. At the outset Dr. Shepherd vibrantly spoke on the Spheres of Influence, Key Dimensions, Disciplines, Types and Theories involved in Leadership.

The second session was from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., conducted by Prof. Huang Soon Fook on Entrepreneurship Skills for Innovative Decision-making by Adjunct. Prof. Fook spoke on promoting entrepreneurial mind-set, entrepreneurial process and Corporate Entrepreneurship. The VSAP came to an end with a discussion and a feedback session.

Interaction with the Expert

Dr. Prajwal Chethri, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Physics- Salesian College, Siliguri, West Bengal, visited Holy Cross College on 4th April 2022.

As part of the Staff Exchange Programme, Dr. Prajwal Chethri, interacted with the Research Core Team of Holy Cross College, headed by our Principal Rev. Sr. Dr. A. Christina Bridget with the presence of the Dean of Research and the Research Core Team in the conference hall.

The meeting started by invoking God's presence through a meaningful prayer by Dr. Anita, Assistant Professor of Social Work. Dr. P. Swarnakumari, Dean of Research, welcomed the gathering. The team members highlighted our Institution's performance under different research sub parameters of NAAC and clarified the queries of Dr. Prajwal.

The Dean of Research also presented the various benchmarks and achievements of our college in Research. The chief guest was very much impressed and appreciated our efforts. He expressed his willingness and eagerness to collaborate with the institution in such activities after getting the consent of his higher authority.

Dr. Prajwal shared about his Research work and his UGC research project which was about Material science including nanocomposites and surface absorbance phenomena for detection and quantification using Raman Spectroscopy.

During the discussion, he informed that under his project scheme he needed a PG candidate in physics to support his research and Sr. Principal suggested that after knowing the duration of work it can be decided. Sir also suggested and recommended about Quezar Technologies, an Indian Based Company for the purchase of High-End Instruments. Dr.P. Swarnakumari, Dean of Research, extended her words of appreciation. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Rosalin Vimala, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Collaborative Ventures

Holy Cross College (Autonomous) in association with All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) published A Workable Self-Learning Resource –(Workbook) for a two-day workshop towards new-beginning and well-being titled Resilience During Pandemic on 16th and 17th July 2021 between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. This workbook comes handy to revive

and renew one's spirits and provides reusable worksheets to be used for one's working and personal space and to aid the team/family to do the same.

The concept and content creation were done by Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi, Vice- Principal and Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) and it was designed and compiled by Ms. N. Merlin Detsy Nithiya, Trainer and Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College (Autonomous). This was published in the AIACHE website as an open resource.

Launch of the Artificial Intelligence Driven Communicative English Programme (TARA)

In commemoration of the 20th Year Celebration of the Language Lab an Artificial Intelligence Driven Communicative English Programme (Tara) in collaboration with Learning Matters Pvt., Ltd., Bengaluru was launched by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal and Director of the Language Lab and she delivered the launch note on 23rd February, 2022 at 3:30 pm. through Google Meet. 209 students based on the Entry Level Test were selected for this spoken English Programme. Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi, Co-ordinator along with Ms. N. Merlin Detsy Nithiya, Teacher Member, Ms. Sherryl Jennifer Charles and Ms. A. Ann Esther Shiny, Trainers, Language Lab, coordinated the launch and execution in collaboration with the Learning Matters Team, Ms. Gowri Mahesh, Chief Operational Officer, Ms. Sriranjani Vadiraj, Head of Programme Management, and Ms. Kusuma, Project Manager. Ms. Kusuma made an elaborate demonstration of the course, for the students with Alexa Echo dot.

The programme focused on training students in Spoken English with the AI teacher Tara and customized workbook.

National Workshop on Transformational Leadership for Students (2021-2022)

One day National Workshop on 'Transformational Leadership' was organised by Xavier Board of Higher Education

in India, Karnataka Region on 8th April from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm in St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru. Two Staff Members Dr. M. Mary Mejrullo Merlin, Vice Principal and Assistant Prof of Mathematics and Dr. V. Priya, Assistant Prof of Chemistry accompanied five II UG students from the Departments Economics, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Computer Applications.

Transformational leadership is to make right decisions, choice and to go in the right way. The session 1 was handled by Mr. Jose Jacob. K. The students learnt about the story of many transformational leaders such as Jesus, Steve Jobs. He interrelated the qualities of leadership with the Bible and taught in an enthralling way. They learnt about management and interior qualities such as tendency to sacrifice, contribute, honesty, commitment, competence, confidence, courage, communication, conviction and credibility. Session 2 – an Interactive session was about how to approach new people, communicate, know their talents and how to focus on our goal to achieve it. Session 3 was handled by Mr. Sujeet Jha how to be enthusiastic, for today's volunteers are tomorrow's leaders and to be concerned about everything and contribute something to the world will make us good leaders. This workshop was very fruitful.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

This year 16 MoUs were signed with several organizations by some departments (Zoology, B.Voc. (BFSI) & Chemistry), Language Lab, HCCR and by the College for HCC STRIDE (for Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship) and also with Salesian College, Sonada & Siliguri.

- Holy Cross Community Radio signed an MoU with SMART NGO and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to work on Vaccine hesitancy campaign on 13th September 2021. The 14-week long project worth Rs. 40,000 started from 13th September 2021 to 25th December 2021 without a break. The CR broadcast 6 promos every day. The station also played

jingles shared accessed from the state health department, UNICEF and MoHFW. The CR also produced creatives on vaccines, their efficacy and Covid Appropriate Behaviour.

- HCCR signed an MoU with CEMCA and The Ministry of Ayush, Govt of India under Information, Education and Communication campaign (IEC) to popularize the yoga practices among local communities at large through Common Yoga Protocol. Holy Cross CR was engaged to broadcast 10 minutes of Audio Programme, twice a day from 1st April to 21st June 2021 on the importance of Yoga in daily Life, for an amount of Rs. 60,000. The media team along with the local community, researched and produced 8 programmes.
- An MoU was signed between Holy Cross College and MES Ponnani College, South P.O. Malappuram District, Kerala on 6th September 2021 for staff and students exchange programme.
- An MoU was signed between the Language Lab, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy and Learning Matters Private Limited, Bengaluru on 20th September 2021, for a period of one year to deliver the Artificial Intelligence Driven Communicative English Programme TARA. The MoU was signed by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Director of Language Lab and Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli and Mr. Gowri Mahesh, Co-founder and Chief Operations Officer.
- The Virtual MoU Signing Ceremony between PG & Research Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu and Career College, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh was held on 4th August 2021, through Google meet platform. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is designed to fulfil various objectives like exchange of information on research, teaching, learning materials and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes, jointly organize modular programs and submission of project proposal on the topics of mutual interest and invite each other's researchers to participate in various academic activities, and also agreed to exchange

students at undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral levels between the two institutions.

The exchange of MoU document took place between Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Trichy and Dr. Charanjith Kaur, Principal, Career College, Bhopal in the presence of IQAC Coordinators, Dr. Horne Iona Averal and Dr. Anjali Chowdry, Head of the Department, faculty members and students of both the colleges.

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 17th December 2021 between the Department of B.Voc.(BFSI), Holy Cross College, Trichy and Fin mark Trainers India Pvt Ltd Chennai for providing add-on courses on financial market and to conduct certificate exams of National Stock Exchange and National Institute of Securities Market for making them job ready.
- An MoU was signed between Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli and Salesian College, Sonada and Siliguri in January 2022, for a period of 5 years, to facilitate academic and cultural interchange, faculty and joint research programmes and student exchange programme. This MoU was signed on post by Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal of Holy Cross College and Fr. Prof. George Thadathil, Principal of Salesian College. After visiting both Sonada and Siliguri campuses, they signed an MoU in person with Salesian College on 14th March 2022.
- The PG & Research Department of Chemistry signed three MoUs for a period of three years from 2022 to 2025, with High Energy Batteries, Mathur, (India) Ltd., (14.02.2022to 13.02.2025)Kothari Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Kattur , Lalgudi (05.03.2022to 04.03.2025) and Trichy Research Institute of Biotechnology Pvt. Ltd., Trichy, (12.04.2022to 11.04.2025) as a measure to bridge the gap between academics and industry with the mutual intentions to jointly work on projects required for industries and research needs. The purpose of the MoU is to improve the industry- institution relationship in various

fields of activities such as collaborative research, exchange of information in research and education programs through innovative research projects and product development, jointly organizing workshops, training programmes, Conferences, Seminars, Symposiums, offering summer training programmes and internships and collaboration in research writing and publication of research articles in reputed scientific journals.

- 6 MoUs have been signed by Holy Cross College for the effective functioning of the activities of STRIDE in Research, innovation & entrepreneurship.
- IMPENSUS Electronics Pvt. Ltd. Madurai – 7th September 2021
- New Propeller Technologies Research & Development Pvt. Ltd., Tiruchirappalli for Technology Support for Holy Cross Accessible Acoustic Traffic Signals (HAATS) – 7th January 2022
- Transgender Resource Centre (TRC), Madurai - A two-year Memorandum of Understanding was agreed between the HCC and TRC on 10th March 2022 at Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy. The MoU was signed by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget. A, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirapalli with the team members and Mx. Priya babu, Transgender Resource Center, Madurai.
- Crescent Innovation and Incubation Council- (CIIC) Chennai – 28th March 2022
- Quadriga Legal Services- Chennai - 9th April 2022
- Propeller Technologies –Research & Development Pvt. Ltd. Tiruchirappalli – 25th April 2022

A five-member management and faculty delegation from Holy Cross Women's College Tiruchirapalli (HCC) headed by the Principal visited both campuses of Salesian College Siliguri (SCSC) and Sonada (SCS) from 11th to 15th March 2022.

Members included:

- Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal,
- Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Vice Principal,
- Dr. Horne Iona Averal, IQAC Coordinator,
- Dr. Ruby Merlin, Dean of Student Affairs,
- Sr. Bridget Chelladurai, Assistant Professor of Psychology.

The HCC team presented ‘The Best Practices’ and had several interactive sessions with management, faculty members, and Student Council members of both campuses. The salient points of collaboration proposed by both institutions included more need-based to and fro travel of faculty members and students from either college; Collaborative research, seminar, and conferences; internship in Salesian Radio at SCS; writing synergy papers and plan projects or certificate courses as per requirement. It was also proposed that an eBook of “Best Practices of HCC/SCS/SCSC” could be prepared and HCC to support placement cells, revive language laboratory and mentor start-ups at SCS and SCSC. As part of the collaboration Sr. Bridget Chelladurai, Assistant Professor of Psychology, HCC was a guest faculty from 11th to 25th March 2022.

Sr. Bridget Chelladurai, Asst. Prof. Psychology, visited Salesian College, Siliguri, for a guest lecture in the Department of Psychology from 11th to 25th March 2022.

14 students (5 Boys and 9 girls) along with 2 faculty members (Ms. Shirley Deepak, Media Relations Officer and Sr. Jasmine, Assistant Professor of Visual Communication.) visited Salesian College, Siliguri in May 2022 for Radio Salesian Internship.

Dr. Mary Jayanthi & Dr. Mary Mejrullo Merlin, Guest Faculty visited Salesian College, Siliguri from 13th to 28th May 2022.

The Top Management Visit from Salesian College, Siliguri to Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirapalli was held for 5 days from 26th April – 30th April 2022. The members were,

1. Fr. Prof Tomy Augustine sdb, Rector, SALESIAN COLLEGE Sonada, Director, Salesian Research Centre and Publications, Faculty, Department of English and Philosophy (Leader of the Team)
2. Fr. Dr Babu Joseph sdb, Vice Principal, Librarian, Campus Minister, IGNOU Coordinator and Faculty in Department of History
3. Dr. Bikash Sarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & Secretary Research Centre and Assistant Editor, Salesian Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences
4. Dr. Terence Mukhia, Associate Professor, Department of English and Philosophy, IQAC Coordinator and Dean of Arts in SALESIAN COLLEGE, Sonada.
5. Dr. Shilpita Gine, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Member Women Cell.

Inaugural Centennial Celebrations of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirapalli

Holy Cross College, Tiruchirapalli held a grand inaugural of its centennial celebrations on 10th August 2022 in the college grounds.

The Inaugural Centennial Eucharistic Celebration was held on Wednesday, 10th August 2022 at 9.30 am. It was solemnized by His Eminence Most Rev. Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal and Most Rev. S. Arokiaraj, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Tiruchirappalli, Most Rev. R. Peter Remigius, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Kottar, Most Rev. A Jude Gerald Paulraj, D.D, Bishop Emeritus of Palayamkottai and Reverend fathers; 100 celebrants’ – a symbolic representation of 100 years.

Holy Cross College also organized a special programme at 12 pm., which began with an audio video presentation of the 100 years history of the college, made by HCC media house. The Centennial celebrations were declared open by His Eminence Most Rev. Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli and he released the centennial logo. The logo stands as a symbol of the mission undertaken by the sisters of the cross in spreading truth and charity through education by empowering women. The chief guest addressed the gathering appreciating the remarkable service to society. The special invitees His Eminence Most Rev. Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli and the Reverend Bishops of Tamilnadu offered felicitations and applauded the college for its significant contributions and achievements. It was followed by the cultural programme, which was a visual treat for the audience. The programme ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal of the 100-year-old institution.

The evening witnessed a grand inaugural ceremony of the centennial celebrations at 6.00 p.m. in the presence of the Honourable ministers of Tamil Nadu - Honourable Thiru. K. N. Nehru, Minister for Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply, Government of Tamil Nadu and Honourable Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi, Minister for School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu. The inauguration started with a prayer service followed by Thamizh Thai Vaazhthu and National Anthem. The Principal of the institution Rev. Sr. Dr. Christina Bridget welcomed the gathering and honoured the dignitaries with mementoes. This spectacular event had an array of colourful cultural performances by 100 students in each programme to mark 100 years of meritorious service rendered by the institution from its humble beginning. All the members of the institution were dressed in shades of purple to showcase their solidarity towards the institution.

Holy Cross College has initiated six projects to commemorate 100 years of service which were inaugurated by Honourable Thiru. K. N. Nehru, Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi and Thiru Dr. Inigo S. Irudayaraj Member of Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu, Tiruchirapalli – East. They include:

1. GROW (Get Ready for Opportunity to Work): An Entrepreneurial skill Development Center- An advanced skill-based development center for enhancing employment opportunities for women and girl students.
2. Rapha - Heal@10: A key plan in the road map of the centenary year- to launch a low-cost medical unit. The purpose of this low-cost medical unit is to facilitate access to public health care especially to the needy at Rs. 10. Student volunteers will be in charge of the unit.
3. Vizhuthugal 100: A free Education initiative for 100 first generation learners from the underprivileged section to break the vicious cycle of poverty and empower the society through education for women.
4. HCC Centennial Block: This landmark building will be an educational nest with state of art facilities to countless students who walk into the portals of the college with great dreams and purpose.
5. STEP – UP - Start Transform Evolve Patent- Unleash your Potential:

An enabling platform for Startups initiated by the college to encourage skill development among the youth and the rural folk with spotlight on women entrepreneurs. This will promote an ecosystem conducive to budding business women.

6. Maatram: An initiative to transform an adopted village to a smart village. It focuses on effective use of resources, easy access to assured basic amenities and responsible individual and community behaviour for a tech-supported, sustainable rural community.

The special address for the inaugural was delivered by Thiru Dr. Inigo S. Irudayaraj Member of Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu, Tiruchirapalli – East. He appreciated the service rendered by the institution for the underprivileged of the society.

The inaugural address was delivered by Honourable Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi, Minister for School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu. He highlighted the various accolades won by the college and promised to help the college in its future endeavours too. The keynote address for the centennial celebration was delivered by Honourable Thiru. K. N. Nehru, Minister for Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply, Government of Tamil Nadu. He highlighted the yeomen service rendered by the college.

The guests of honour included Rev. Sr. Lourdu Adaikalasamy, Provincial, Sisters of the Cross, Province of Tiruchirapalli; Smt. Jacintha Lazarus, I.A.S, State Commissioner, Welfare of Differently Abled, Commissioner, Welfare of Nonresident Tamil and Rehabilitation and an alumna of the college. She felicitated the college for its empowerment of lives through education. The function was also graced by the Mayor of Tiruchirapalli, Mr. M. Anbazhagan and he congratulated the college for its victorious leap. Former Mayors of Tiruchirapalli Mrs. Sarubala Thondaiman and Ms. S. Sujatha both alumnae of the college reminisced their college days at Holy Cross and offered felicitations on its centenary celebrations. Holy Cross College was honoured by the presence of Advocate Baskar, Dr. Gopinath, Former Registrar Bharathidasan University and Mr. Ahamed Riaz, Member Co-ordinator for Binary University, Malaysia, sisters of various congregations, alumnae members, parents and well-wishers. The inaugural function concluded with the Vote of Thanks given by Dr. Sr. P. Isabella Rajakumari, Vice Principal and Head, Department of History. The programme pulled its curtain to close with the College Anthem.

Marital Counselling Report

On 23rd February 2022, the Alumnae Association of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli conducted a session on Marital Counselling for all the final year under graduate students

of the arts departments in Our Lady's hall. The speaker for the session was Ms. Shanmuga Priya, Psychotic Counsellor, Athma Hospital, Tiruchirappalli. She explained about pre-marriage counselling in terms of compatibility, expectations, personalities, communication“and conflict resolution.

On 25th February 2022 the alumnae association conducted a session on Marital Counselling for all the final year under graduate students of the science departments in Our Lady's hall. Dr. Vanathi Sabtharishi, Assistant“Professor of K.A.P.Vishwanatham Government Medical College, Tiruchirappalli was the“resource person. She gave a special lecture on pre-marital counselling. She emphasized on clear communication between the family members of both the bride and groom. She insisted the students to be mentally and physically fit before entering into marriage life and after marriage they must learn to forgive each other. It was highly informative and many of our students actively interacted with the resource person. A total of 1700 students benefited from the session.

Outreach Activities

An outreach activity was organised by the alumnae association. Rev.Sr. Dr. Catherine, Counsellor, Holy Cross College(Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli gave a lecture on "How to face Examinations" on 22nd April 2022 in Thirupanjeeli Government Higher Secondary School for the X standard students. She insisted the students to study with proper understanding. 60“students benefitted by this lecture.

Ms. Geetha, Alumnae Trainer was the resource person for a Skill based training which was conducted on 23rd April 2022. The students were inspired and they made many useful products out of waste under her guidance. 60 students benefitted by this skill based learning program.

Bidding Adieu

The following staff retired after several years of committed service to the college and the student community.

Dr. A. Sahayitta, Head, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce was a vibrant, talented and caring person. As the Head of the department, she performed her duties with systematic planning, thoughtfulness and utmost care. She always encouraged the students and moulded them to grow and achieve greater goals in their chosen field. She effectively organized many events and tactfully dealt with all obstacles that arose her way. Her compassion and positive attitude are contagious to those around her. A motherly touch in her voice and scholarly approach is one of the diamonds in her crown. She is an amicable, efficient and committed person. She has touched the hearts of numerous poor students through her empathy and by rendering financial support. On occasions she has played the role of a counsellor to students helping them take correct decisions regarding their career choices. Dr. Sahayitta was known for her sincerity and organisational skills.

Dr. T. Mayba Gnana Suky, Associate Professor, Department of Botany has been one among the most charismatic and robust icons of this glorious institution. She has completed 22 years of outstanding, dedicated and meritorious service. She is a person of perfection and possesses a unique strength of mind and purpose. She has firmly established her reputation as a dedicated teacher who has always been a wellspring of motivation to her students. Dr. T. Mayba is a simple and sincere person who radiates warmth and love wherever she goes. Her courageous faith in Lord has strengthened her spirit and helped her to withstand all the hurdles declaring her a triumphant winner in the race of life.

*May God Bless Them with A Peaceful and
A Happy Retired Life.*

OBITUARY

Dr. Mathuravalli, V.

(15/03/1963 - 22/11/2022)

Dr. Mathuravalli, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of Commerce joined our Holy Cross family as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce Shift II in 1997. Her journey as an Assistant Professor for the past 25 years in our college was remarkable. She always used to say that Holy Cross family was her second family. She was such an amazing person who touched so many lives, helped so many students and made them walk on the right path. She always made the classroom brighter with her knowledge and wisdom. Her leadership, mentorship, and guidance made many students realize the importance of education. She was a pillar of patience and strongly believed that there is goodness in and around her. May her soul rest peacefully in the arms of the Almighty.



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