



Criterion V

Student Support and Progression



5.4.1 Alumnae Association - Activity Report

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The year 2018-19 is momentous for the Alumnae Association for its diverse activities and acclaims. The Association is named **RITORNO**, an Italian word meaning “come back”. It has got biblical allusions too: “Your people will return to you from everywhere” (Micah 7:12). This year has also witnessed a long cherished dream of attaining the status of a registered body. The activities for the year 2018-19 began with the Alumnae Reunion and General body meeting held on 13th October 2018 in the College auditorium. The coordinator of the association, Dr Sr Marriette A Therattil, welcomed the gathering consisting of our retired staff, former students and current faculty members. Retired professor Susan David of the Department of History was the Chief Guest of the day. The highlight of the Reunion 2018 was the release of the book ‘*Mother Cleopatra: The Glory that is Grace*’ by Dr Varghese Dolly, former Head of the Dept of English. Dr Sr Chrisologa released the book while Rev Sr Nilus, Former Provincial Manager, received the first copy. Dr Dolly read out excerpts from the book and shared her reminiscences of days spent on this campus. Mrs Jolly Roy, 1979 alumna, Department of Home Science was felicitated for being elected as the Vice President of the All Kerala Alumnae Association. The special invitees, the Golden Jubilarians (1969 batch) and the Silver Jubilarians (1993 batch) were honoured. The 2018 fresh graduates of the UG and PG streams were initiated into the Association. The fifth volume of alumnae newsletter, ***Dear Alumna***, was released. New executive members were elected in the General Body Meeting. The Alumnae Bazar which was put up for two days with stalls of popular brands of clothing and accessories along with household items was well received.



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The Star of Vimala Contest in honour of Rev Sr Stella Maria, the founder principal of our college, was held in January 2019. The preliminary off stage round witnessed the selection of 9 finalists from among 20 participants. The much looked forward to final round was judged by Ms. Yevonne Rodricks, Former Head of the Department of Home Science, Vimala College, Dr Binu K, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Sociology, St. Mary's College, and Dr. O. J. Joyce, Vice Principal & Head of the Department of English, Vimala College. The results of the contest are as follows: **Star of Vimala:** Saro Jose Ollukkaran (S6 B A Sociology); **First Runner Up:** Malavika (S6 B A English) and **Second Runner Up:** Radhika R (S6 B Sc Chemistry)

Alumnae Accolades - The annual Award day function held in fond memory of Dr Sr Cleopatra was organized on 1st August 2019. Ritorno holds this function to give recognition to our alumnae who have achieved prestigious heights at National and International levels. Ms Avila Sebastian (former AGM, Catholic Syrian Bank & alumna of Commerce department) was the Chief Guest of the day. The following were the awardees: **Gloria** - Ms Dolly K Joseph (1986 batch), **Excelsia** - Dr Geetha Ramkumar (1980), **Gracia** - Dr Sr Chrisologa (Principal 1989-1996) and **Karma**- Ms Sreethu Sreenivasan (S6 B A Sociology)

Vimalardhram, the community extension service of the Association, aims to lend a hand to the nearby locality. Co-ordinator, Dr Sr Marriette A Therattil along with the executive members visited the Autism Centre, Chembukkavu on December 22nd 2018. The Centre holds two sessions for the autistic kids: Morning session trains around 25 kids and another 20 in the afternoon. Parents take turns to assist there voluntarily. The kids have physical training sessions too. Ritorno handed over gym equipments worth Rs 20,000/- to the centre. It was a fulfilling day having spent a few hours with the children and shared sweets with them.



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The members visited Mahila Mandhir on December 15th 2018 and interacted with them. There were around 100 inmates there. They had a self help unit where they produce floor mats out of recycled waste materials. We distributed tea & snacks and bought floor mats from there.

As part of **Vimalardhram**, Ritorno launched **Pakalveedu** for the aged women in the community in April 2018 at Padukkad. Alumnae executive members Ms Latha Louis and Ms Radhika Madhavan visit the inmates once in a week. Members along with the students celebrated Onam with them.

Ritorno has made substantial contribution to the educational infrastructure and resources like Digital Display Board and Digital Library worth Rs 1,10,000/-. Ritorno in collaboration with UGC Centre for Women's Studies organised an Orientation Programme on "Lifestyle diseases" for the mothers of first Semester UG & PG students

Ritorno initiated a new venture- **profession based chapters** - an opportunity for alumnae from different walks of life to get connected, create new acquaintances and render service to their alma mater and society in general. Phase 1 of the same witnessed the assemblage of teachers and homemakers on 15th December 2018.



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