

Annual Report of Alumnae Association 2022-23

The Alumnae Association, Ritorno, serves as a powerful network connecting the alumnae and the Alma Mater. The **Annual Reunion and General Body Meeting** of the Association was held on 8th October, 2022. The Chief Guest of the Programme was Advocate Villi Jijo, Councillor, Cheroor Division & Alumna of the Department of Social Work (2004-2006). Special honour was given to Prof Annie Varghese, the former HoD of Physical Education, Mr T P Ouseph, the Dronacharya Award Winner and the former Athletic Coach of Vimala College and the five Olympians of our college Ms Jincy Philip, Ms Bobby Aloysius, Ms Rosakutty, Ms Manjima Kuriakose and Ms Anju Bobby George. Thereafter they all shared their experiences. The ninth edition of the Alumnae newsletter 'Dear Alumna' was released during this reunion by the Principal Dr Sr Beena Jose.

In the event, we honoured Golden Jubilarians (1973 Batch) & Silver Jubilarians (1997 Batch). The investiture ceremony for the 2021 pass out batches was carried out. The retired faculty members were honoured during the function. Ms Rajasree P, alumna of Mathematics department enthralled the audience with a classical dance performance. Thereafter, the Annual General body Meeting was conducted. Election was carried out and new office-bearers were elected.

Vimalaardram is an extension activity of the Alumnae Association of Vimala College. The programme aims to lend a hand to the needy and deserving people in the neighbourhood of the college. During 2022, the Association mobilized Rs. 45,000/- and donated an Oxygen concentrator and a Nebulizer to Grace Home, a hospice for terminally ill, run by the SKD (The Society of Kristu Dasis) Sisters, which is situated in Kottekkad, Thrissur. The alumnae executive members, department representatives and students visited Grace Home on 19th December 2022 at 2.00 pm and formally handed over the Oxygen Concentrator and Nebulizer to the

hospice. The Christmas celebration of the Alumnae Association was with the inmates of Grace Home. The students had also organized various cultural programmes and the inmates also gladly joined them.

Pakalveedu, a community outreach initiative, a recreation hub for the aged, is well maintained and NCC cadets from five Institutions cleaned the premises and interacted with the inmates.

The **Star of Vimala** Contest in honour of Rev Sr Stella Maria, the founder principal of our college, was held on 2nd February 2023. The Preliminary round of this year's competition saw a total of 53 registrations from various outgoing batches of Undergraduate & Postgraduate students. After the off-stage round 9 Finalists were shortlisted for the onstage round. The panel of judges consisted of Ms Keerthy Sophia Ponnachan, Assistant Professor in English at Carmel College, Mala, and Dr. Binu T P, Assistant Professor & Research Supervisor in the Dept. of Botany, St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda and Dr. Thomas Ruby Mariamma, HoD, Dept. of Home Science, Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur. Ms Brijit Sara Joseph of S6 BA Economics was the title winner while Ms Hanie Fathima, S6 BSc Mathematics and Ms Jyothika K, S6 BSc Chemistry won the First and Second Runner Up prizes respectively.

The UAE Chapter of Vimala College Alumnae Association, VIMEX conducted a get-together and book release event on the 2 of August, 2023. The event was called "**VIMALAMEEYORMAKAL**" celebrating the fond memories of bygone days, and nurturing the nostalgic yesteryears of love and warmth that they shared with their Alma Mater. The event was presided over by Padmashree Peruvanam kuttan Maraar, the Ace Thayambaka expert of Thrissur Pooram and Shri Ouseppachan, music director and Frango Luis , senior Media personnel introduced the book titled" **VIMALAMEEYORMAKAL**". The event also sought to honour

Dr. Girija, the Proprietor of Girija theater, Thrissur. The retired teachers and Principals were honoured with a plaque, commemorative of their lifelong service to the institution and the great love that they shared with their students. The gathering witnessed outstanding participation from the Alumnae as well as the retired faculties making the event a grand success.

Alumnae Accolades, the annual Award day function held in fond memory of Dr Sr Cleopatra was organized on 8th September 2023. Ritorno holds this function to give recognition to our alumnae who have achieved prestigious heights at National and International levels. The guest of honour for the day was Shri Arif Mohammed Khan, Honourable Governor of Kerala. The following were the awardees: Gloria - Ms Bini K Abraham, former international athlete and current Additional Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Trivandrum., Excelsia - Dr. Mrudula G, Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-NAL & Professor, ACSIR, Gracia - Retd. Prof. Seethakutty, Former Head, Department of Sociology and Karma Awards - Ms Greena V Abraham of 5th semester BA English Language and Literature and Ms Harinandhana S J of 5th semester BSc Statistics.

Ritorno Resonance – an Alumnae monthly Talk Series were initiated from April 15, 2023. The talk series includes talks by former faculty and students who had excelled in their respective domains. The inaugural message was delivered by Dr. Parvathy K N, Vice President, Alumnae Association & Former HoD, Dept. of Sanskrit. This was followed by talks by Dr. Sr. Marriette A Therattil, Coordinator, Alumnae Association & Former Principal, Vimala College, Advocate Anjana Varghese, Kerala High Court & Alumna, Dept. of Commerce, Ms Smitha N, Teacher & Writer, Alumnae, Dept. of Malayalam, Retd. Prof. Ratnam, Former HoD, Dept. of Botany.

Thus the activities of the year concluded.