

Annual Report of Alumnae Association 2023-24

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 14th October 2023. The Chief Guest of the Programme was Ms. Lizy, Retd. Chief Manager, CSB and a renowned novelist and short story writer & Alumna of the Department of Botany (1978-1981). The tenth 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 (1974 Batch) & Silver Jubilarians (1998 Batch). The investiture ceremony for the 2023 pass out batches was carried out. The retired faculty members were honoured during the function. The Alumnae Bazar, which was inaugurated by Ms. Varna Santhosh, National Agripreneurship Awardee 2022 and an alumna of Botany Department, was a star attraction in this event. A medley of songs rendered by our alumnae enthralled the audience. Thereafter the Annual General body Meeting was conducted. Election was carried out and new office-bearers were elected.

Vimalardram, an extension activity of the Alumnae Association of Vimala College, is dedicated to assisting the needy and deserving individuals and organizations. In 2023, the association successfully mobilized Rs. 49,000 for this noble cause. They generously donated two suction machines and one nebulizer to Nirmala Sadan, a residence for individuals with multiple handicaps and terminal illnesses, located in Edakkalathur, Thrissur. Additionally, the association provided financial support of Rs. 10,000 to a Botany student, for her father's heart valve replacement surgery, and Rs. 17,925 to Pakalveedu, which is managed by the Alumnae Association of Vimala College. The alumnae executive members, department representatives and students visited Nirmala Sadan on 20th December

2023 at 2.00 pm and formally handed over the machines to the 24 inmates at the hospice. The Christmas celebration of the Alumnae Association was with the inmates of Nirmala Sadan. The students had also organized various cultural programmes and the inmates also gladly joined them.

Pakalveedu, a community outreach initiative, a recreation for the aged is well-maintained by the association and students frequently visit the inmates and provide recreational facilities.

The Star of Vimala Contest in honour of Rev. Sr. Stella Maria, the founding principal of Vimala College, was held on 17 January 2024, to crown the Best Outgoing Student of all the final year batches. The contest was witnessed by an overwhelming crowd of enthusiastic students from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the College Auditorium. The Preliminary round of this year's competition saw a total of 27 registrations from various outgoing batches of Undergraduate & Postgraduate students. After the off-stage round 9 finalists were shortlisted for the onstage round. The Onstage round was judged by Dr. Malini K., Vice Principal and Dean of Academics, Vimala College (Autonomous) Thrissur, Ms. Mary Jibsy Poulouse, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda and Dr. Preetha M. M, retired HoD and Associate professor of English, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur.

Ms. Swetha J of S6 Bsc Family and Community Science won the coveted Star of Vimala title. Ms. Sreelakshmi Kurup of S6 BSc Computer Science and Ms. Paviya Poulouse Parakett of S6 BA English Language and Literature, bagged the first and second runner-up titles respectively of the Star of Vimala Contest 2024.

The Alumnae Association organized an orientation programme for the mothers of 1st year undergraduate and 1st year post graduate students of Vimala

College on 25th January 2024. Through this orientation, the alumnae association aimed to empower mothers with practical strategies, resources, and networks to navigate their roles effectively, fostering stronger parent-student partnerships and enhancing overall student well-being and success. Rev. Fr. Ditto Koola, Director of Christ Villa Poor Home and Vianney Bhavan, Ramavarmapuram was the resource person of the programme. Rev. Fr. Ditto Koola, delivered an insightful talk emphasizing the pivotal role parents play as role models for their children and underscored the importance of parents setting positive examples in behavior, ethics, and values, shaping the trajectory of their children's development.

Ritorno Resonance – an Alumnae Talk Series were initiated from April 15, 2023. The talk series includes insightful and informative talks by former faculty and students who had excelled in their respective domains.

Thus the activities of the year concluded.