



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST ALUMNI MEET 2019

The concept of alumni association evolved for needs from both the ends, i.e. academicians and professionals, in the aim of building a bridge between college life and career life, so that the fresher graduates are made proactive to face the current challenges of competitive professional world. Both the ends shall work hand in hand to help each other for achieving the goal. The idea took shape and formation of Alumni Association turned into reality.

It was a pleasure to see alumni gather together in such a big number coming from different parts of the World. The day was filled with chirping voices from you all recalling the memories of your good old memorable days. It was an agglomeration of alumni from diverse background and was blessing for the students, faculty, and staff looking at your current position and working status.



ALUMNI REGISTRATION DESK

1st Alumni meet 2019 held on 5th January 2019, started with formal registration of the Alumni at 4:30 p.m. The registration team was headed by Alumni association committee members accompanied by Professors from CMPN, IT, EXTC departments. All Alumni were greeted in person with a gift bag containing college memento, calendar having photos of events that have occurred in college and a wrist rekindle paper band.



ALUMNI INTERACTION WITH STUDENTS

There were three registration tables for the three branches viz. Computer Engg., Information Technology and Electronics and telecommunication Engg, there the alumni were greeted and were told to fill a feedback form for the betterment of our college. The Alumni were escorted to their respective departments by department faculties for laboratory visit and students interaction. Alumni from each department had a fair and informative discussion with students and motivated them with their expertise. Students were enthusiastic to see and know many more things about these eminent alumni and questioned them about their secrets of bright future. Many alumni opined that the key reason for their success is the platform the institute provided them and the amount of support provided by the management during their study period. Furthermore, Alumni after sharing their experiences assured all kinds of help, support, and cooperation for the betterment of the students and institute as whole. The perfect dialogue between alumni and students boosted their confidence.

ALUMNI MEET INAUGURATION CEREMONY

1st Alumni Meet 2018 inaugural ceremony was scheduled at 6:30 p.m after an exhaustive interaction of the Alumni with students and faculties from 4: 30 p.m to 6.30 p.m. The inauguration ceremony was carried as per the institute tradition of singing our college anthem that is the prayer of saint Francis “make me a channel of your peace” proceed with lighting the lamp by the dignitaries and Alumni on the dais with the spirit of enhancing knowledge. The candle was lit in presence of respected Director Bro. Jose Thuruthiyil and Bro. VijayKumar Pereria Dy, Principal Dr. Sincy George, Other dignitaries on the dias were Alumni committee convenor Dr. Nazneen Ansari , President of Alumni Association Mr. Nishigandh Sudrik, Vice-President Alumni Association Mr. Jeas Jose, Secretary Alumni Association Mr. Mayur Agrawal, Treasurer Alumni Association Mr.

Jason Saldanha. All the dignitaries on the dias were felicitated with floral welcome. The hosts of the event, Mr. Vivian Lobo and Ms. Jovita Serrao, they extended his warm welcome to the Alumni and Guest on the dias and extended their sincere thanks to all Alumni who had come for the meet against the call given from the Alumni association committee.

Bro. Jose Thuruthiyil, in his welcome address updated the Alumni about the college performance and proactive measures taken in the recent past in interest of the students and welfare of the faculty. He elaborated the Alumni with various activities, about technical, sports, social, and extent of the students support progressive activities extended to them in the recent past. Furthermore, he opined about the need for interaction and involvement of the Alumni in departmental strategic plans and overall development of the college. Considering the need of the hour and requirements of the students he enlightened and encouraged the Alumni to extend their support and assistance to students and institute. Another speech was given by our very own Principal Dr. Sincy George regarding the progress of SFIT college so far, she highlighted the near successes achieved such as the satisfying number of admissions, 7 lac project assigned to a project group from BE IT department, commencement of Mechanical and Electrical department starting this year, the results of students being exceptionally good and the news of complete construction of the new building.

CULTURAL PROGRAM

In the interest of the Alumni, college organized cultural evening to encourage and motivate the Alumni about their good old days and learns more about the skill of the current students. As many as 8 performances including welcome dance, solo and group singing, guitar performance were performed by the current and alumni students and enlightened all present with lots of emotion and laughter. A traditional welcome dance

was performed by our current students namely Meenu Gigi, Luvima Thommana, Rutika Tuscano. Treasurer Alumni Association Mr. Jason Saldanha in his addressial speech explained the motive behind the meet, starting from the formation to the first meeting held in early 2018, and he furthered elaborated on the origin of rekindle.

Alumni committee member Mr. Reuben Mascarhenas who is an alumni, addressed the objectives of the alumni committee meet. He briefed the audience about the birth of four committees namely,

Market Connect Committee: To help connect current SFIT students and Alumni with each other.

SFITAA Academic Committee: To help current SFIT students in Technical and Research activities; help needed for writing technical papers or filing patents. **Skills Development Committee:** In arranging workshops; training programs by Alumni; Eminent Personalities.

Entrepreneurship Committee: to help current SFIT students and Alumni in their start-ups; to help SFIT in conceptualizing Incubation Centre.

A 10 minute multimedia presentation, “Trip down memory lane...” was shown displaying the chronicle journey of the alumni of sfit from 1982 till this present day. It was put together by an Alumni association member, Godwin Emmanuel, Vintage photos were submitted by few Alumni and were collected from old newsletters in college. A hindi song was melodiously sung by an alumni, Mitali Ghotgalkar, followed by an english group song performed by Venica Falcao and guitarist Archie Jobard. The song “Summer of 69” was sung by Venica Falcao and Michelle Alva. Words of encouragement and tips to

make it in the outside world was passed on by Alumni Vernon mathias, Abirmoya Santra and from the very first batch, Milind Agnihotri. Another reminiscent performance was given by the alumni twins, Rohan and Roshan, they sung an outstanding song which was prepared by them during lectures as they sat on last benchers. The evening was packed with fun, emotions, laughter and entertainment what Alumni literally expected to happen based on the past history of St. Francis students. Vote of Thanks was given by Vice President SFITAA, Mr. Jeas Jose. He thanked the Alumni for taking the time to come for the Alumni Meet who have made it a very special and memorable one.

He also thanked the various organizers of the event (teaching, non-teaching staff and the enthusiastic student volunteers) whose hard work and dedication made the event possible. Lastly, he appreciated and admired the work of the management of sfit for the support and guidance which has made Alumni Meet 2019 a grand success.

DINNER

A delicious dinner was served to Alumni, staff members and students volunteers after the inaugural ceremony. Food served included typical traditional food style in different flavor and enjoyed the same with all with options of vegetarian, non-vegetarian & jain food along with desserts.



CONCLUSION

5th Alumni meet held on 5th January 2019 was a dream come true for the alumni association. This however, was possible due to proper and effective guidance by our Respected Principal Dr. Sincy George her approach, direction, and work accountability in all activities motivated us to make the event a great successful one as expressed by all alumni in their feedback. The charming, spectacular and awesome day ended with memories to cherish and with new hopes. It was the day full of enjoyment, enthusiasm, sharing and immense pleasure. Event concluded with group photographs and selfies. On behalf of the Alumni Association, I extend my sincere gratitude to all the beloved Alumni from bottom of my heart. I thank all heads of departments, committee coordinators, faculty, staff and students for their continuous support to the alumni event successful.