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6.3 Faculty Empowerment Strategies

6.3.3. Average Number of Professional Development/Administrative Training Programs Organised by the Institution for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff during the Last Five Years

6.3.3 – Year Wise Annual Reports of the College

Principal's 138th Annual College Day Report
Saturday 30 March 2019

Salutation

The most revered Bishop-President of the Governing Council Rev Dr. M. Joseph, Distinguished Chief Guest & Registrar, NIMHANS Professor K. Sekar, distinguished alumnus Mr. Varalotti Rengasamy (75 COM) who is going to propose the toast to the college, State Minority Commission Chairman Engineer J. John Mahendran, members of the Governing Council, present and past faculty and staff members, members of the Press, parents and students, ladies and gentlemen, a pleasant evening to all of you.

Welcome

1. Rev Dr. A. Joseph is the Bishop of Madurai Ramnad Diocese and President of the College Governing Council. Basically, he himself is an academic, and therefore he is always interested in the development of the college. Whenever, I seek his advice and counseling on important administrative and academic matters, he readily and gladly spends his valuable time. In spite of his busy schedule, he could spare his valuable time to be with us now. A warm welcome to you, Ayya. May I now request the Minority Commission Chairman to honour our revered Bishop with Shawl and memento?.
2. Professor K. Sekar is a distinguished alumnus of our College and the Registrar of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru. His areas of research interest are Community Mental Health, Disaster Psycho-Social Support. May I now request our Vice Principal to honour Prof Sekar with Shawl?
3. Mr. Varalotti Rengasamy is also a distinguished alumnus of the American College. He did his Bachelors in Commerce during 1975-78. Shridhar is his original name. He is a practicing Chartered accountant in Madurai. He is famous for his writings in English and Tamil. He has published more than 25 books and 200 short stories. His translation of Kalki's Ponniyn Selvan into English is his Magnum Opus. Some of his famous Tamil works are Jannal, Visaaranai, Manase Manase, Vetrian vithaigal, and Kaalam Kandra Veerarkalin Kaathal. A Love story, Madly in Love, The Way of Love: Celebration of Nammazhvar are some of


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his English works. May I now request our Vice Principal to honour Mr. Varolotti Rengasamy with Shawl?

4. Er. T. John Mahendran, Chairman of Minority Commission is with us now. He has been helping the College as the member of Governing Council of The American College for many years. This is the first programme of the minority commission chairman after he took over the charge as chairman. I request our Bishop-president to honour him with a shawl and memento.

Introduction

1. By the grace of God, the guidance of the Governing Council, and the cooperation of all other stakeholders, the administration could successfully take the college forward one more year in its endless journey toward offering quality education to the needy, the marginalized, the poor, the un-served and the underserved. We thankfully remember all the blessings that the College received during the current academic year. The American College has finished 138 years of service and very shortly, it is going to start the 139th year of its yeoman service. Now, I would like to express my gratitude to all great men and women in the past who rendered tireless and dedicated service to make the American College what it is today.
2. The academic year 2018-19 has been highly satisfactory for all students, faculty members and non-teaching staff who worked hard for upholding the public image of college. It has won many laurels to its credit this year as well. Since the time is short, I am presenting only an executive summary of the report. I assure you that the full report with the achievements of individuals will be included in the 2018-19 College Magazine. Friends, here are the highlights of the 138th Annual Report of the American College.

Re-opening and Orientation

The College reopened after the summer vacation on Monday 18 June 2018. Orientation for all aided undergraduate students on Wednesday 20 June 2018, for undergraduate SF students on Thursday 21 June 2018, for postgraduate students of both aided and self-financed streams on Friday 22 June 2018, and for satellite campus students on Monday 25 June 2018. Orientation for MBA and MCA freshmen was held on Wednesday 29 August 2018. Orientation for community college students was held on 8 August 2017.


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Admissions

The college reached a new milestone in terms of student admission this year. **3508** students were admitted in various courses in the Main and Satellite campuses. It shows parents' and public's trust in the college.

New Courses

With a view to meeting the societal demands, the college introduced the following programmes this academic year after the due approval and affiliation from Madurai Kamaraj University.

1. B.Com Professional Accounting
2. B.A English (additional section) being offered in the first shift
3. M.Sc Mathematics (additional section under SF)
4. Ph.D in Mathematics
5. Ph.D in Botany

Certificate and Diploma Courses

The administration encouraged all the departments to offer certificate and diploma courses at the weekends for the convenience of the public. Departments of English, Hindi and French offered certificate courses and department of Visual Communication offered diploma courses at the weekends. 19 students have joined certificate courses and 26 in diploma courses. In the course of time, other departments will join with a view to offering career-oriented courses, which will encourage youths to embark on entrepreneurial ventures.

UGC Approved B.Voc Programmes

The University Grants Commission has sanctioned Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc) Degree with multiple exits under National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). At the end of the first year, the students if they want to exit can be awarded Diploma, and at the end of second year, Advanced Diploma and at the end of the third year, the students can be awarded Degree. The UGC has sanctioned four courses. They are Aquaculture, Medical Lab Technology, Food Processing, and Media & Entertainment.


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Happy to inform you that the American College is the only institution selected to offer B.Voc in Madurai region.

Faculty Appointments

The following were appointed as Assistant Professors in regular vacancies:

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| 1. Mr. M. Meenakshi Sundaram | Tamil |
| 2. Dr. R. Jasmine | Economics |
| 3. Dr. R. Murugan | Economics |
| 4. Mr. M. Yesurajan | Economics |
| 5. Dr. R. Mary Sophia Chitra | Commerce |
| 6. Dr. D. Kanakavalli | Commerce |

In addition, the administration appointed 44 Assistant Professors in the management vacancies in various departments. They are all qualified as per UGC norms.

Study Abroad

1. Three MBA students have been admitted to Binary University, Malaysia.
2. One student already joined Concordia while five students have enrolled for admission
3. One student has been admitted in St Clair College, Canada and many are awaiting admission.
4. Ms. Vedashree of II MA English attended the Erasmus Programme for four months from 1 April to 31 July 2018 at the University of Hildesheim.

Refresher & Orientation Programmes

1. The college always encourages its faculty to update themselves by attending UGC sponsored refresher courses and orientation programmes. The IQAC of the college organised a Faculty Orientation Programme to all the faculty members who have been appointed since 2016 on 1 September 2018.
2. Besides, the following 8 Assistant professors have attended Orientation Programmes at Madurai Kamaraj University:

Dr. S. Balakrishnan from Tamil, Mr. Thomas K. Vargese, Ms. J. Priya Carol Ms. T. Anita Caroline from English, Mr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian from French, Dr. B. Johnson from Mathematics, Dr.T. Selvakumar and Dr. S. Vanitha from Economics.


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3. The following Assistant Professors from different departments attended refresher courses at the University:

Mr. A. Dinakar and Mr. R. Daniel Rubaraj from English, Mr. A. David Christopher, Dr. Lourdu Immaculate, and Mrs. Anandhaselvam from Mathematics, Mrs. C. Anzline from Physics, Mr. M. Rajesh from Zoology, Dr. J. Jebaraj and Ms. K. Usha from Economics, Mr. Justin Manohar from Commerce, and Librarian Dr. N. Vasanthakumar.

Award of PhD to the Faculty Members

The following faculty members have been awarded PhD:

1. Dr. T. Anita Caroline (English)
2. Dr. D. Lourdu Immaculate (Math)
3. Dr. David Jebaraj (Physics)
4. Dr. Beulah Ruby Kamalam (Physics)
5. Dr. D. Kanakavalli (Commerce)
6. Dr. A. Rajan (Tamil)
7. Dr. D. Preethi Johnita Esther (English)
8. Dr. D. Durai Manoharadoss (Physics)
9. Dr. A. Nixon Jesuraj (Commerce)
10. Dr. Johnson Christdas (Microbiology)
11. Dr. Frank Ruben Jebaraj (MCA)
12. Dr. P. Mangayarkarasi (Commerce)
13. Dr. Subramania Bala Jesurun (Commerce)
14. Dr. K. Bhagavathi (BBA)
15. Dr. B. Ram Diwakar (BBA)
16. Dr. T.L. Vijaya (Hindi)
17. Dr. Sathya Dev (BBA)

Faculty members who have cleared NET/SET

The following faculty members cleared SET/NET during the period since May 2018:

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| 1. Mrs. K.C.M. Esther Rani | Botany | SET-2018 |
| 2. Mrs. P. Mangayarkarasi | Commerce | SET-2018 |
| 3. Mr. C. B. Sudhersun | Computer Science | SET-2018 |
| 4. Mrs. D. Preethy Johnita Esther | English | SET-2018 |
| 5. Mrs. G. Bercy | English | SET-2018 |
| 6. Ms. S. Christy Deva Suba | Mathematics | SET-2018 |
| 7. Mr. C. Melvinraja | Tamil | NET-July 2018 |
| 8. Mrs. N. Bairavi | Commerce (SC) | SET-2018 |


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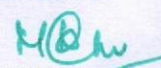
Appointments

As per the decision of the governing council held in April 2018, the following faculty members assumed the position mentioned against their names:

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| 1. Dr. A. Martin David | Controller of Examinations |
| 2. Dr. S. Stalin Kumar | Deputy Controller of Examinations |
| 3. Dr. B. Johnson | Deputy Director, Satellite Campus |
| 4. Mr. S. Stephen | Head of PG Department of Mathematics |
| 5. Dr. M. Davamani Christofer | Head of UG Department of Mathematics |
| 6. Mr. J. Jesupaul Thangaraj | Head of SF UG & PG Department of Mathematics |
| 7. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus | Head of PG & Research Department of Zoology |
| 8. Dr. E. Joy Sharmila | Head of UG Department of Zoology |
| 9. Dr. M. Balakrishnan | Physical Education Director |
| 10. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus | Director of PG Department of Microbiology |
| 11. Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan | Coordinator, Department of Commerce (Professional Accounting) |
| 12. Dr. P. Arulappan | Warden, Zumbro Hall |

Visitors to the College

1. Mr. Prince Kumar, CEO, Edex from New Zealand visited and interacted with students and faculty on 9 July 2018.
2. Dr. Susan, Dean of St. Clair's College, Windsor, Canada addressed the Academic Officers of the College and the representatives from various colleges on 12 July 2018.
3. Dr. R. Manoj Kumar, Deputy Secretary, UGC-SERO visited the college and delivered a talk on "UGC: Quality Mandate" to 136 faculty members on 13 July 2018.
4. Dr Ricky Chang, Vice President of United Board visited with college, DPM Library, and SCILET. He also had an interaction with officers of the college.
5. Dr. Kamini Mahadevan, former senior editor, Penguin visited the college and delivered a talk to MA and MPhil English students on 19 September 2018.
6. Dr. Angel Rathnabai, an alumna of Postgraduate Department of Maths, from Central Institute of Educational Technology, NCERT, New Delhi visited the college and conducted two sessions of workshop on "Adoption and Promotion of MOOCs on SWAYAM Platform" to faculty members on 10 September 2018.


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7. Mr. Kent May, chief of Consular Services, US Consulate General, Chennai visited the college and took part in an interactive session with students on the topic "Student Visa Process & Applying to American Universities" on 17 September 2018.
8. Ms. Leina Braga, Coordinator, India Liaison Office Operations for Concordia College, New York visited the college and had interaction with officers of the college and students who are interested in study abroad. She explained the various programmes of study offered and other facilities available at Concordia College.
9. Dr. Fr. (Prof.) George Thadathil SDB, President, AIACHE, New Delhi visited the College on 13 August 2018.
10. Dr. Kevin Henderson, Program Officer, United Board, USA visited the library on 22 October 2018.
11. Rev. Dr. Julia Brown, Rev. Dr. James and Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu from Global Ministries, United Church of Christ, USA visited the college on 2 January 2019.
12. Prof. Michael H. Chung (Oberlin Shansi Fellow 1990-92), Chair, Department of Medicine, Director, Treatment, Research and Expert Education (TREE), The Aga Khan University, Nairobi, Kenya,
13. Rev. Dr. Lee Ill Ho, Founder & Coordinator of KORIND Mission visited our College on 23 March 2019.
14. Film Personalities Director Ram, Director Karu Palaniappan, Actor Sasikumar, Director Gaurav, Director Ameer, HipHop Thamila Adhi, Director Muthaiah visited the college in connection with different department functions.

Officers' Visit to STTU & NIE, Singapore

1. Principal, vice principal, Bursar, Controller of Examinations, all six deans, the elected faculty representative in the GC, and the IQAC Coordinator visited Singapore from 21 to 24 February 2019. The college signed an MOU with Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union that enables the members of the STTU and faculty members of Tamil department could mutually visit their respective institutions for teaching, learning and research at their own costs.


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2. The team also visited National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University. We had a one to one meeting with the Dean and explored the possibility of faculty exchange programme. As of now, the NIE is ready to help the college in designing the curriculum of an integrated bachelor's degree programme in the fourth year, as and when the college introduces such a programme.

Campus Infrastructure

The Administration is spending from its resources on the increasing in the infrastructure to provide better learning facilities and conducive ambience for students. The following are the new additions:

1. **Second Floor of the Saunders Hall**

The second floor of the Saunders Hall was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Dr M. Joseph, Bishop-President of the College Governing Council on 31 August 2018. It has housed three class rooms and the Central Instrumentation Centre.

2. **Central Instrumentation Facility**

As per the NAAC requirement and as a long-felt need of the college for the optimum utilisation of the basic instruments that are used by science students of all disciplines, a Central Instrumentation Facility was constructed on the second floor of the Saunders Hall and it was declared open on Monday 17 September 2018 by Mr Kent May, Chief of Consular Services, American Consulate, Chennai in the presence of and with the blessings of the Rt Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Bishop of CSI DMR & President of the Governing Council of the American College

3. **Restrooms**

In view of the increasing student strength on the main campus, the administration has built restrooms for men and women at four places.

4. **Paver Block Pavement**

Paver Block pavement has been laid connecting the James Hall, Saunders Hall, Centenary Hall.


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5. UGC-SERO funded Edward L Nolting Gymnasium was declared open by Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Bishop-President of the Governing Council of the American College today.
6. UGC-SERO funded William Tracy Indoor Stadium was declared open by Engineer J. John Mahendran, Chairman of Tamil Nadu State Minority Commission in the presence of Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Bishop-President of the College Council today.

Conference, Symposium, Workshop, and Awareness Programs organized by various departments of The American College

1. Department of English organized a weeklong staging of "Duchess of Malfi" from 9 to 14 October 2018 directed by Mr N. Elango, Postgraduate Head of English department and Founder of the Fourth Wall. It has been an annual feature and more than 1000 college students benefited the show this time.
2. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of PG Zoology was inaugurated on 14 July 2018. Distinguished alumni Messrs P. Ponniah, IAS, District Collector of Kanchipuram and Dr Chandrakantha Jyabalan, former Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University graced the occasions.
3. Green School programme was organised by CSI-Synod on 11 July 2018 with Dr Matthew Koshy Punnackadu as resource person.
4. An international conference on Frontier Areas in Chemistry was organised by the postgraduate department of Chemistry from 17 July 2018 to 19 July. It was fully funded by the alumni. Its alumni nationally and globally well-placed acted as resource persons at their own cost.
5. A course on System Applications and Products in Data Processing was started on 13 August 2018. Fifty students enrolled for the course.
6. Postgraduate Department of Economics organised a three-day workshop on Applications of SPSS in Social Science Research from 26 to 28 September 2018.
7. Department of Chemistry organised a one-day state level in-house seminar on Current Trends in Chemistry on 24 September 2018.


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8. Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology organized a National Workshop on Gender and Legal Issues in India on 26 October 2018. It also organized an international seminar on Contemporary Ethical Issues on 18 February 2019.
9. International Conference on Innovations in Business and Management was organized on 1 and 2 February 2019. 281 research papers were presented by scholars and participants from India and abroad.
10. National Workshop on Applications of AMOS in Social Science Research was conducted on 12 and 13 October 2018.
11. National Conference on Modern Mathematics & its Applications was conducted on 22 and 23 February 2018 and 50 research scholars participated.
12. MIM Department organized a National Conference on "Impacts of Pollution on Health and Restoration of Quality Environment Through Biotechnology Applications" in association with department of Zoology on 2 & 3 February 2018.
13. Department of Commerce conducted a national conference on Prospects of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in Indian Scenario on 16 February 2018 and 242 research papers were presented.
14. Department of Commerce conducted an Alumni get-to-gather on 17 March 2019. More than 300 alumni participated and they have donated 2 Lakh and two LCD Projectors.

Awards received by our Faculties

1. Dr. J. John Sekar, Head, Research Department of English received the BEST research paper award.
2. Dr. S. Stephen Inbanathan received the BEST Achiever Award at ICRAMS.
3. Dr. Saframma, Head of Hindi Department received Shresta Hindi Sevak Award from Sri Narayana College.
4. Dr. S. Jeya Rani, Associate Professor of Economics received Distinguished Fellow Award in Economics for her outstanding contribution to research.


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5. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Assistant Professor of Zoology received the BEST Scientist Award from IMRF.
6. Mr. M. Rajesh, Assistant Professor of Zoology received the Best Researcher Award from IMRF.
7. Dr. N. Vasanthakumar, Librarian, received the Exemplary Educationist Award from Indo Global Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture, and the “Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Best Scientist Award 2017-18” from Bose Science Society.
8. Dr. R. Jeyapandi received the Har Gobind Khorana Best Young Scientist Award from Bose Science Society.

Faculty Participation in International Conference Abroad

1. Dr. J. John Sekar, Head, Research Department of English & Dean of Academic Policies and Administration acted as a plenary speaker and Mr J. Jehoson Jiresh presented a research paper in Malaysia from 17 to 20 August 2018, and both presented papers at Zayed University, Dubai.
2. Dr. S. Rajkumar Immanuel, Associate Professor and Dean of Curriculum Development and Research presented a paper in Bangkok on 5 & 6 September 2018.

Sports

1. The College administration has been taking all possible steps ever since I took over the administration as Principal and secretary to encourage sports boys and girls to excel in their chosen fields by way of special concession in admissions, waiver of college fees, free boarding and stay in the Halls, and the financial help. Its results are becoming tangible in terms of university blues. The number of university blues this year is 41 men and 11 women.
2. The 138th Annual Sports Meet was conducted on Friday 31 August 2018 and Mr. S. Davidson Devasirvatham, IPS, Inspector General of Police & Commissioner of Police, Madurai City was the Guest of Honour.
3. The 25th State level Inter-Collegiate Volley Ball Tournament was conducted from 8 to 10 August 2018. Dr. Nallakaman, Dean, College Development


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Council, Madurai Kamaraj University was the guest of honour. Saraswathi Thiagarajar College, Pollachi won the trophy and Jamal Mohammed College was the runners-up.

4. The 6th State Level Inter-Collegiate Hockey tournament for Bishop Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial Trophy was held on 14-16 February 2019. Dr. R. Baskaran, Regional Joint Director, Madurai Region was the chief guest. S.S.Duraisamy Nadar Mariammal College, Kovilpatti won the trophy and Bishop Heber college, Trichy was the runners-up.

Convocation

Convocation 2018 was held on 7 April 2018. His Excellency Sri SATO Professor Joseph Adaikalam, Founder & Executive Chairman of Binary University, Malaysia delivered the convocation address. 886 graduates received their diplomas.

MOUs with International Institutions and Organizations

1. An MOU has been signed with MAHSA University, Malaysia to promote mutual understanding, academic progress, research collaborations and student and staff exchange programme with the department of MIM.
2. College signed a MoU with Eastern Institute of Technology, Auckland.
3. College signed an MOU with Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union that enables the members of the STTU and faculty members of Tamil department could mutually visit their respective institutions for teaching, learning and research.
4. College signed a MoU with Chemnitz, University of Technology, Germany.

Faculty Participation in Workshop and Symposiums on behalf of the College

1. Mr. John Jeya Kamaraj recently visited Japan to participate in a conference for chaplains of Christian institutions in Asia organized by the United Board
2. Dean, Policies and Additional Dean of Students attended a two-day national conference on Revised NAAC Manual in St Aloysius College, Jabalpur on 15 and 16 December 2018 organised by the United Board.
3. Vice Principal, Dean, Policies, Dean of Research and Curriculum and Dean of International Studies attended a two-day workshop on NAAC Revised Norms and


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Procedures at Bharathiar University on 26 and 27 October 2018, the Principals Association of Bharathiar University.

4. Vice Principal, Dean of Policies, Controller of Examinations, and IQAC Coordinator attended a two-day national symposium on Autonomous Colleges Marching Toward University Status on 4 and 5 March 2019 at St Joseph's College, Trichy organized by the United Board.
5. Vice-Principal, Dr. Ebenezer, Dr. Vathanaruba, Mr. Rajesh and Ms. Nithyakamalam attended a United Board sponsored international Eco-conference on Greening the Globe for Sustainable Living Ecology at CSI Synod, organized by Consortium of Educational Institutions and coordinated by CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns on 15 February 2019.
6. Dr. Arullappan, Dr. Vathanaruba, Mr. John Jeya Kamaraj, Dr. Johnson and Ms. Nithyakamalam attended a conference on Chaplaincy Training Programme at Lady Doak College, organized by the United Board from 24 - 29 September 2018.
7. Dr. Arullappan, Mr. David Christopher and Dr. Ebenezer of Botany attended a conference on Help at Hand: Strengthening Faculty in Counselling Techniques to Facilitate Gen Z at Christopher College of Education, Chennai from 12 December to 20 December 2018.
8. Principal & Bursar attended a special General Body meeting to finalize the framework for fee fixation for self-financing courses organized by consortium of Christian Minority Institution held at Lady Doak College on 10 March 2019.
9. Principal & Bursar attended a workshop on the initiation of Public Financial Management system conducted by UGC-SERO at Loyola college on 3 March 2019.

Government Scholarships

399 BC & MBC senior students received Rs.8,31,006 as scholarships from the government of Tamil Nadu. 199 SC & ST students renewed their scholarships to the tune of Rs.11,79,294 from the state government. 108 new SC & ST students are awaiting scholarships from the government.


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Reports from Departments

Academic and extracurricular departments are the backbone of the college because it is where most of student-learning experiences are provided. As the number of departments and their activities keep on increasing every year, I will present only the bird's eye view of each department. All minute details will be included in the college magazine and in the college website. Every department did well and received accolades this Academic year.

Applied Science

A one-day workshop on Aurdino was conducted on 26 October 2018. Another one-day workshop was conducted "Recent Trends in Astronomy & Nuclear Medical Physics on 15 February 2019. A low-cost radio telescope was developed with the help of Indian Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Bangalore. Signals from the Milky Way galaxies in the 21cm wavelength were observed.

BBA

Ms. D. Sweetlin Princess, Mr. A. Sathiya Prabhu, Mr. A Sathiya Dev, B. Ramdivakar, P. Reshma S. Tephillahvasantham and A. Jessie Golda published their research articles in UG approved and other journals. 46 news books were purchased for the department library, 15 Journals and 25 Magazines were subscribed this academic year. 17 students have got placement and 33 students from the previous batch have gone on to do higher studies. One cleared IELTS. 101 students from 12 colleges participated in Tycoons 2K19' an Inter-collegiate business meet held on 28 February 2019. 120 students from the departments of MBA, BBA, CMC, CME, and ENS participated in the Throw ball and volley ball tournaments on 6 and 7 March 2019.

BCA

4 students got placement and 25 students joined in higher studies. 37 students from 7 colleges participated in inter-collegiate Meet.

Biochemistry

Mr. Caleb Johnson Paranjothi and Mrs. J. Renuka published their articles in World Journal of Pharmaceutical Research with impact factor of 8.074. One day workshop


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on Food Technology was conducted on 16 October 2018 with 150 participants. In association with Madurai Corporation the department organized the administering of Albendazole and Nilavembu Kashayam to the students and staff on 13 and 19 February 2019. 20 books were added to the department library. An alumnus R. Praveen Kumar (13 BCH 29) cleared NET. 21 students joined the higher courses of study. 127 students from 14 departments participated in the Inter-departmental competitions held on 11 February 2019. 157 students from 7 colleges participated in the intercollegiate competitions held on 25 February 2019.

Information Technology

A one-day workshop was organized on Data Connectivity on 6 February 2019. Students also participated in various workshops such as Google Developers Group (GDG) Devfest2k19, Data Science, Google IO 2019, Python, Ethical hacking workshop, AWS workshop. 47 new books were added to the library. 4 students have received placement in TCS and Wipro. 15 students have progressed to higher education. Gen 5 2K19, an intra-collegiate academic meet, was organized on 2 March 2019 with 103 students from various departments in the college.

Botany

Mr. Winfred Thomas, Dr. S. Rajkumar Immanuel, Dr. D. Stephen, Mrs. M. Shameem Banu, Dr. R. Sanjay, Dr. J. Ebenezar Immanuel, Mrs. P. Gunasundari, Ms. J. Nithya Kamalam and Mrs. K.C.M. Esther Rani presented papers in conferences, attended workshops, and published articles in international journals. Some of them attended BOS in other colleges. They also delivered keynote addresses.

Chemistry

Three scholars successfully completed their Ph.D degrees under the guidance of Dr. T.K. Ganesan. Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica, Dr. C.D. Sheela, Dr. K. Karthik Kumar, Dr. A. Jancirani, and Mr. T. Christopher Jeyakumar published their articles in the UGC approved Journals. 20 students received placement. 145 students from the various departments took part in intra-collegiate competitions organized by the department. 113 students from the city colleges participated in ChemGlaze, an

intercollegiate cultural competition. 6 students won awards in the cultural conducted in other colleges.

Commerce

1. Dr. A. Martin David, J. Justin Manohar, Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan, Dr. R. Mary Sophia Chitra, Dr. D. Kanakavalli, Dr. A. Hilary Joseph, Mrs. C. Antony Mary Vinothini, Dr. Subramania Bala Jeshurun, E. Keren Judi, Dr. A. Nixon Jesuraj, Dr. P. Mangayarkarasi, Mr. A. Samuel Raj, Dr. T. Gnana Gowsalya, Mrs. G. Divya, Dr. R. Manikandan, Mr. R. Sundareswaran, Ms. M. Sally, Mrs. C. Jameslyn Vithya, Dr. K. Bagavathi, Mrs. C. Joselyn Nithya, Dr. D. Jeba Selvi Anitha, Mrs. N. Bairavi, Dr. S. Raman, Mr. P. Antony Raj, Mrs. R. Beulah, and Mr. N. Vivek published research papers in UGC approved and other journals.
2. Students were involved in Kerala Flood Relief Work. 32 new books were added to the library. One postgraduate student got placement. 79 students joined higher degrees. 4 students cleared CA-IPCC; 8 cleared CA-CPT; 20 cleared CMA Foundation; 5 cleared CS Foundation. Commas 2K19 held on 8 and 9 February 2019 attracted 350 participants from 17 colleges.
3. The Department of Commerce, Satellite Campus organized three guest lectures on career in Aviation Academy, Career skills and Awareness about Avenues of Employment. An industrial visit to three different industries at Kappalur had been undertaken for the final year students of commerce and commerce with computer application in August 2018. The students went to Trivandrum and Cochi in February 2019 for field trip.

Computer Science

1. Mr. C.B. Sudhersun cleared SET Examination in May 2018. A workshop Edge Cutting Technology was organized on 12 July 2018. Another workshop on Carrier Guidance and Job Opportunities was organized on 20 September 2018. 110 students benefited them.
2. Mrs. M. Girija and Mr. C. Mohan published their articles in international journals.


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3. 20 students got placement and 45 moved to higher degree programmes. In BYTES 2019, an intercollegiate cultural festival, 100 students from 14 colleges participated.

Economics

1. It was an eventful for the students of Economics since ten workshops on the various themes were organized.
2. Dr. C. Muthu Raja published several articles, participated in the conferences as chairperson and was elected as executive member in four professional associations. Dr. G. Kannabiran has been appointed as Madurai Kamaraj University Nominee for the Board of Studies in Economics. Dr. Albert Christober Dhass, Mr. Jacob Ponraj, Dr. T. Selvakumar, M. Yesurajan, Dr. Justin Jebaraj, Dr. K. Usha, Dr. S. Vanitha, Dr. M. Sheela, Dr. R. Jasmine and Dr. Murugan published articles and presented papers in conferences.

English

Self-financing department of English organised a workshop on Research Writing and on English for Career Development for postgraduate and MPhil English students. I am very happy to share with you that 18 PG and MPhil scholars and 2 faculty members have cleared NET and SET in 2018. Seventh volume of American College Journal of English Language and Literature (ACJELL) was published. The Fourth Wall Theatre of English Department staged John Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi*, Directed by Mr. N. Elango in September 2018. Mr. N. Elango, Dr J. John Sekar, Dr. M. Lawrence, Dr. J. Paul Jayakar, Mr. Daniel Ruberraj, and Mr. J. Jehoson Jiresh delivered keynote addresses in seminars, conferences, and workshops conducted by institutions across the country. Along with them Dr. S. Arockia Nirmal Dorothy, Ms. Sharadha Devi, and Ms. Daffny Orangemary presented research papers and published articles in journals.

Food Science

Four workshops were organized on different themes with 270 participants. 3 Students have received award for best papers. Dr. A. Surendran, Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran, Ms. G.P. Soumini, Ms. Monisha Selvan, and Ms. Venisda Jonab Rani published 15 research articles. MOUs were signed with Indian Institute of Food Processing

Technology (IIFPT), Central Food Technological Research Institute, and Aavin Milk. 79 new books were added to the library. Four students got placed while 3 students have gone for higher studies. 110 students from 10 institutions participated in FIT FEST 2K19 and 138 students from various departments participated in inter-departmental competitions.

Hindi

Dr. Saframma acted as a resource person in conferences and as a member of BOS in Hindi. B. Kannammal Devi published three articles in UGC approved journals. Dr. Saframma and Ms. Jeyanthi presented papers in conferences.

French

Three students have gone for higher education and two got placed.

Daniel Poor Memorial Library

1065 new books were purchased and accessioned this year. Subscription to 58 journals and magazines were renewed. 21 MPhil and PhD theses were added to research section. 46452 footfalls among the library users were recorded during the calendar year 2018. 8 students are engaged in the library as part of this scheme. The library has a WhatsApp group named DPM Library which is functioning from 6 December 2015. Currently there are 209 teachers who are members of the group. The librarian and teachers share library, college and student related information in the group. 494 Students got Indian Passport through the DPM Library's Extension Activity. A sum of Rs.65941/- was collected as charges for photocopying 52,421 pages and Passport Applications.

Mathematics

Dr. D. Lourdu Immaculate, Ms. D. Anandha Selvam, and Mr. L. David Rajkumar attended the "Science Academies' Lecture Workshop on Algebra" during 16-18 August 2018 held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. Dr. A. Amutha published 8 journal articles and Dr. J. Wilfred Samuel Raj one journal article. They also acted as resource persons. Mr. L. David Rajkumar published a book titled *in memory of Rev. Edward Webb, Missionary (A.B.C.F.M), American Madura Mission*.

Mrs. C. Jeba Kiruba attended a workshop in VIT Chennai. Many students won awards in academic and cultural competitions conducted in other institutions.

MBA

Two workshops were conducted on Data Analysis on 21 and 22 February 2019 and on NISM Mutual Fund Module on 28 February 2019. A total of 220 students attended them. Mr. Vijay Mallik Raj, Mr. Jackson Gunaraj and Mr. M. Vignesh published eight articles in UGC approved and other journals.

MCA

A Webinar on Latest Web Development Tools was conducted with Mr. Sathish Rajagopalan from Sydney Australia as resource person on 21 December 2018. A workshop on Application Development and Evaluation was conducted by Mr. Sathish Rajagopalan from Sydney, Mr. Gnanasambandam Freelancing Developer, and Mr. Ramesh. Dispatch Manager, CA Technologies, Hyderabad. 46 students participated. Mrs. T. Suganya published an article. 84 new books were bought. 3 students got placement.

Microbiology & Immunology

Two national conferences on Recent Trends in Modern Immunology and Emerging Trends in Microbiology were conducted on 23 January 2019 with 283 participants and on 12 March 2019 with 127 participants. 4 invited talks were arranged. Faculty members published 42 research articles in the UGC approved journals. 18 students have received their placement. Two have cleared JRF. Santhosh Kumar (15MIC52) has been selected by National Overseas Scheme funded by Government of India to pursue M.Sc Biomedical sciences at The University of Leeds, London. Two students have won science scholarships. 136 students participated in seminars and workshops. Microfiesta, an Intercollegiate Meet conducted on 19 February 2019 attracted 247 participants from 14 institutions.

MSW

Workshops on Research Methodology, Report Writing and Case Studies, Recent trends in Modern Day Slavery, SPSS, Training Programme on Suicide Prevention

were conducted this year. 454 students and employees from NGOs benefited. Students visited MS Chellamuthu Research Foundation for their Internship, Student research work, Collaborative Research Work. 18 out of 27 outgoing students have received placement. One student has cleared NET. Dr. T. Augustus Julian Lazmey, Mrs. Sunitha Evelyn Christy, Mrs R. Rohini, and Dr. M. Maria Antony Raj published 8 research articles in UGC approved journals.

NCC Army

The following cadets represented Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate:

1. Cdt. M.Prabhakaran 17ECE34) and Cdt. V.Sharuk (17TAM58) participated in All India Thal Sainik Camp 2018 in New Delhi.
2. Sgt. V. Aathi Deepak 16RPS01 and L/Cpl G. Bharathkumar 16 PHY 57 participated in Basic Leadership Camp 2018 in New Delhi.
3. Cpl. M. Akash Raj 16RPS70 participated in All India Trekking Camp 2018 Kulamaw.
4. Cadets P. Daniel Alex Paul 17ECO13, M. Siva 17BOT49, M. Sugumaran 17ECO53 and M. Venkatesh 17CHE58 participated in Army Attachment Camp -2018 in Secundrabad.
5. CSM. K. Magarajothi 16ZOO21 and Cpl. M. Palpandi 16ECO36 participated in National Integration Camp 2018 in Indore.
6. Sgt. V. Aathi Deepak 16RPS01 participated in All India Advance Leadership Camp 2019 in Bangalore.
7. 21 cadets attended B Certificate Attended exam and 11 cadets Attended C Certificate exam.

NCC Navy

This year three of our cadets have participated in the Republic Day camp held at Delhi representing Tamil Nadu Directorate and have won laurels.

1. R. Lokeswar 17PHY37 won one Gold, one Bronze in Ship modeling
2. D. Augustin Jeba Kumar 17COM11 participated in Rajpath
3. M. Vatsan 17PHY68 participated in CM rally, Chennai

Dr. S. Israel, Associate NCC Officer, NCC Navy of our college has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander with effective from September 2018.


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NSS

The American College has 9 units and **1737** student volunteers. It has offered more than **485** programmes to our volunteers. NSS volunteers have shown keen interest in participating in various programmes. Dr. M.A.Shahul Hameed, Assistant Professor, Department of RPS, has been appointed as Programme Officer for Unit 5. Five blood donation camps were organized and a maximum of **555** units of blood was collected in a single camp. Programme Officers attend a number of workshops, national integration camps, and training.

Physics

Dr. D. Rachel Malini has cleared TNSET-2018. Dr. S. Stephen Rajkumar Inbanathan, Asst.Prof, received two projects sanctioned by UGC-CSR-Indore. Assistant Professors Mrs. C. Anzline, Mrs. M. Beaula Ruby Kamalam and Mr. L. Bruno Chandrasekar published 7 research articles in international journals and presented 7 papers in conferences. Ph.D scholar N. Marimuthu presented his research paper in Russia with full funding and another Ph.D scholar Umesh has been awarded JRF.

Psychology

Department of Psychology is one of the youngest in the college. Still, its faculty members Dr. Suresh Kumar Murugesan and Ms. Jerline Priyadharshini have published 4 articles in UGC approved journals. In addition to them, Ms. R. Kayalvizhi published three articles in other journals. It organized a workshop on Creating Awareness on Mental Health on 13 December 2018. It organized special talks and awareness programmes on suicide prevention and higher educational opportunities in New Zealand to its students. 42 new books were added to the library. Many students participated in competitions conducted across the state.

RPS

Rev. Dr. Arul Arasu Israel, Dr. P. Arulappan, Dr. P. M. Anurama, Dr. M. A. Shahul, Dr. Lourdu Raj, Mr. W. Prince Earnest and Dr. Krishna Jyoti attended conferences, presented research papers and published articles in international journals.


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SCILET

1. Study Centre for Indian Literature in English and Translation published its poetry journal *Kavya Bharati-30* in December 2018.
2. The annual creative writing workshop was organized with the noted novelist Cyrus Mistry. The best participants of the workshop, S. Jemima Rubavathy, P. Swathilakshmi, S.T. Vignesh and M. Harika were awarded the Mahema Devadoss Prize in March 2019. The 25th volume of *Kavithalaya* was brought out.
3. On 18 September 2018, the Paul Linder Love Endowment lecture on “The Mind of India” was organized. It was delivered by Mr. Gopalkrishna Gandhi (Former Governor of West Bengal and a prolific writer) in the Main Hall. About 600 students and faculty members from different colleges participated in the programme.
4. On 15 December 2018, SCILET in association with Srishti, Madurai, arranged a special lecture by Dr. Bracha Ettinger (Chair and Professor of Psychoanalysis and Art, The European Graduate School, Switzerland) and it was attended by about 300 students and faculty members.
5. On 14 and 15 February 2019, a Translation Workshop was organized and it was led by Mini Krishnan, Editor and Translator, Oxford University Press. Thirty-four students from the Postgraduate English Department participated in the workshop.

Service-Learning Program

Under SLP, the college offers four Part V courses. They are School Extension Programme, Village Ecology, Child Support Work in Orphanages, and Vaigai Ecology.

1. Students of School Extension Programme visited 15 schools. On learning their needs, students donated a small sum for the purchase of chairs for primary school children. 119 chairs were also distributed to two city schools located in slums.
2. An Orientation Programme on Innovative Technologies for Smart Villages was organized for the students of Village Ecology on 15 February 2019. Ambassador

V. Ashok, IFS (Rtd), Senior Advisor, University of California, Berkeley, USA highlighted with the recent technologies for smart villages.

3. Students of Child Support Work in Orphanages visited seven old age homes and donated 1540 books.
4. Students of Vaigai Ecology organized a Vaigai Cleaning Programme was organised and 220 students were actively participated in the cleaning campaign on 20 December 2018.

Student Services Committee (SSC)

SSC's motto is "Serve College to serve yourself."

1. SSC sent students to participate in seven state level cultural competitions and they won overall championships in three and runners-up in two.
2. Organized Voters Awareness Program for the college students on the National Voters Day
3. It raised Fund collection of Rs.1.3 lacs towards medical treatment for our college student.
4. SSC's contribution in Admission Duty & Orientation programs of our College during the academic year is exemplary.

Tamil

Tamil is a research department. Dr. R. Prabhakar Vedamanickam, Dr. A. BoomiSelvam, Dr. N. Govindarajan, Dr. J. Prince, Dr. S. Balakrishnan, and Dr. Aribabu are the recognized research supervisors at Madurai Kamaraj University and 13 PhD scholars are currently pursuing their doctoral programmes. 4 scholars successfully defended their theses in public viva. Dr. A. Boomi Selvam has received Rs.7,16,100 for a project on Preparing a Dictionary of Slang and Colloquial terms of Madurai. 350 books were bought for the library. 9 students have moved to higher education and three have cleared NET, SET, and JRF.

Visual Communication

In collaboration with "HIPHOP TAMIZHA AATHI" the department launched a Music Documentary 'MANAVAN' on 15 August 2018. It organized 12 workshops on various subjects like Photography, Videography, Animation, Script Writing,


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Personality Development, and Sound Recording. Dr. T. Shylaja, Head received Rs.1,50,000 for a Minor Project. Dr. T. Shylaja and Ms. Shanmuga Mohana published 12 research articles.

Students visited Puthia Thalaimurai TV, Vijay Production House, Sun TV, and News 18 for hands-on experience. Though books in this field are expensive, the department bought 40 books this year. 16 students have been placed. 15 students participated in culturals and film festival.

Zoology

Department being a research department has 9 PhD holders and 7 of them are recognized guides. It organized three workshops and 109 students benefited. It organized 4 national conferences and 510 delegates participated in them. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Dr. T. Angeline, and Dr. H. Raghuram published three articles in UGC approved journals. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Dr. E. Joy Sharmila, Mr. M. Rajesh, Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratnam, and Mrs. B. Jenita Sathyapriya published 22 research articles in peer reviewed journals. Five of its students have registered for PhD. 30 students have brought laurels to the department in academic and cultural events. PG Diamond Jubilee Celebrations was inaugurated and 150 old students participated.

Hostel Day

Hostel Day was celebrated on Friday 29 March 2019. Ms. I. Lydia Indra Priyadharsini, Manager-Adv & Sales, Vikadan Media Services was the guest of honour.

Women's Day Celebrations

As in the past, women faculty members and women students celebrated the Women's Day on 8 March 2019. Ms. Narmadha Devi, Deputy Collector was the guest of honour.

Department Functions

A majority of academic departments conducted intercollegiate cultural competitions under their brand names. They attracted huge participation from colleges across the

state. Friends, the American College is the first college to conceptualize and organized department level cultural events from the early 1980s.

Some of them are

Kurunji of Tamil
 Pegasus of English
 Commas of Commerce
 Tycoons of Business Administration
 Chem Glaze of Chemistry
 Phobos of Physics
 Axiomatica of Maths
 Biochemica of Biochemistry
 OIKOS of Economics
 Gen5 of IT
 Conscientia of Psychology
 Zoofest of Zoology
 BYTES of Computer Science
 Fit Fest of Food Science
 Panoramia of VisCom

Marriage

The following faculty members fell to the Cupid's arrows:

1. Mr. R. Moses Abiseka Doss of VisCom
2. Mr. M. Yesuraja of Economics
3. Mr. Raman of Commerce
4. Mr. R. Sundareswaran of Commerce

On behalf of every one of you, I wish them a long happy married life!

Retirements

After a distinguished service for three decades plus, the following faculty members are retiring from service:

1. Mr. N. Elango of English
2. Dr. Anburaj Daniel Barnabas of Botany
3. Dr. K. Navaneethakannan of Zoology\


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The following non-teaching staff are also retiring after a committed, meritorious service to the college:

1. Mr. A. Samuel Raj, Office Superintendent
2. Mr. Chelliah, Zoology Lab Assistant

I wish them a long happy, contented, peaceful, and active life!

Deaths

Though we start every academic year with a prayer that there should not be any premature death, it is inevitable that we do face untimely deaths. This year is no exception. Perhaps, God's ways are always so mysterious that we are unable to understand His ways. With a heavy heart, I am sad to share with you on this occasion the demise of the following members:

1. Prof. S. Ramamoorthy, Former Head of English department
2. Mr. Mazeethkhan, former Lab assistant in Zoology department
3. Mr. Mohamed Shakeel (17BBA136)

May their souls rest in peace and may the Lord console the bereaved families!


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Plan for the Next Academic Year

- The following undergraduate programmes are to be started on the satellite campus during the academic year 2019-2020.
 - BSc Maths
 - BSc Computer Science
 - BSc Physics

These three programmes will form a cluster for the purpose of Major Supportive and Non-Major electives.

- M.Phil Botany in the Main campus.
- Construction of Ground floor of new academic building at the Satellite campus is going on and it will be completed at the end of June 2019.

Conclusion

So, friends!

1. It is not the end but yet another beginning in our quest for knowledge, service to the marginalized, and love for the common people. As early missionaries believed, the American College grows with Madurai and Madurai grows with the American College.
2. "The task which has been set before us is not above our strength, its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our cause and unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us." These are the optimistic words of Winston Churchill.
3. We cannot afford to rest for ever on the laurels won. We have a clear vision and dreams for the continuous journey. We hope to continue the journey with the guidance of God and cooperation of parents, well-wishers, present and former professors, alumni, staff, and students.
4. Ladies and Gentlemen, I will meet you in March 2020 with yet another annual report of achievements and accomplishments.

God Bless!


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Principal's College Day Report 2017-2018

Saturday 24 March 2018

Salutation

The most revered Bishop-President of the College Governing Council Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Distinguished Chief Guest Justice Dr. S. Vimala, distinguished alumnus Mr. Hani Babu Vincent (85 BOT 07 & 88 PGB 08) who is going to propose the toast, distinguished alumnus Mr. Anis (92 TAM 02) who is going to offer felicitations, Vice Principal Dr. G.C. Abraham, Bursar Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica, present and past faculty and staff members, members of the Press, parents and students, ladies and gentlemen, a pleasant evening to all of you.

Welcome

Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph is the Bishop of Madurai Ramnad Diocese and President of the College Governing Council. Since he is an academic himself, he evinces a keen interest in the development of the college. He readily offers wise counselling to the officers of the College on all important administrative and academic matters. In spite of his busy schedule, he could spare valuable time to be with us now. A warm welcome to you, Ayya.

Honourable Justice Dr. S. Vimala is a Madras High Court Judge has achieved the status of being the first in many areas of her profession. She was the first judge of the Mahila Court, Chennai. She was honoured with an award of the Best State Government Office 2005 for keeping the Trichy District Court Complex clean and green. Again, she was the first ever woman Director of the State Judicial Academy in the whole of the country. She introduced computer-aided teaching in the Academy way back in 2006. Her book ***"Whether Winning a Case Means Success in Life?"*** was published by Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women. She became the Registrar General of High Court, Madras in 2010 and elevated as the Honourable Justice of the Bench of the Madras High Court. She ensured the grand success of the inaugural of 150th year of celebrations of the High Court, Madras. She has delivered special talks at National Judicial Academy at Bhopal, Delhi, Bangalore, Police Training Academy at Chennai, and at Madurai Kamaraj University, Annamalai University, Madras University, and Dr Ambedkar Law University. It is our fortune that Justice Dr. S. Vimala is with us, in the midst.


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Dr. Hani Babu Vincent is a distinguished alumnus of the American College. He did his Bachelors and Masters in Botany from 1985 to 1990. He did MTech in Biotechnology at Anna University. He did his Ph.D in Dublin. He is the proprietor of **Hana Medical Supplies LLC in Dubai and Scientific Chemical Technologies Inc in the USA**. He has 27 years of business experience. He has received International Economic and Business Awards. He has traveled more than 55 countries around the world to identify the new products and bring them to the UAE market. His wife is heading an Indian school in Dubai. His eldest son is a PhD in Nano Engineering in Albany State University and his younger son is a bachelor in Nano Engineering. On behalf of the college, I welcome you, Mr. Hani Babu.

Mr. Anis is a distinguished alumnus. He did his BA Tamil in our college. He went on to Pondicherry Central University for his MA and MPhil in Drama and Theatre Arts. He is now pursuing his PhD in Film and Theatre Studies at TNOU. Mr. Anis is a multi-talented personality: he is an actor, dramatist, script writer, production designer, director, teacher, and playwright. He has directed the feature film **"Thirumanam Enum Nikkah"** in 2014. Mr. Anis is a proud student of actor Naser. The college warmly welcomes you Mr. Anis!

Introduction

By the grace of God, guidance of the Governing Council, and cooperation of all other stakeholders, the administration could successfully take the college forward one more year in its endless journey toward dissemination of quality education to the needy and the poor, unserved and the underserved. We need to count all the blessings that the College received during the current academic year. At this moment, I would like to express my gratitude to all great men and women in the past who rendered tireless and dedicated service to make the American College what it is today.

The academic year 2017-18 is highly rewarding for all those who worked hard for upholding the public image of college. It has won many laurels to its credit. Since the time is short, I am presenting only a synoptic summary of the report that runs pages. I assure you that the full report with the achievements of individuals will be included in the College Magazine. I am planning to share with you now the most important highlights. In fact, I am privileged to present the 137th Annual Report of the American College.


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Re-opening and Orientation

The College reopened after the summer vacation on Friday 16 June 2017. Orientation was held for postgraduate students of both aided and self-financed streams on 23 June 2017, for undergraduate aided students on 28 June 2017, for undergraduate self-financed students on 29 June 2017, and for Satellite campus students on 30 June 2017. Orientation for MBA and MCA freshmen was held on 11 August 2017. Orientation for community college students was held on 8 August 2017.

Admissions

Parental preference for and public trust in the College reached a new height in admissions this academic year. **The number of students admitted under general stream is 3035 and 136 in Community College.**

New Courses

With a view to meeting the societal demands, the college introduced **BSc in Food Science, BSc Physical Education & BSc Psychology** in Main Campus, and **BA English** at the Satellite campus this year. Madurai Kamaraj University has granted affiliation to all these courses.

Faculty Appointments

The following were appointed as Assistant Professors in regular vacancies:

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| 1. Dr. A. Amutha | Mathematics |
| 2. Ms. A. Vinith Mala | Mathematics |
| 3. Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratnam | Zoology |
| 4. Mr. K.J. Dhananjeyan | Zoology |
| 5. Dr. P. Dailiah Roopha | Zoology |
| 6. Ms. J. Stella Mary | Zoology |
| 7. Ms. J. Nithya Kamalam | Botany |
| 8. Dr. M. Sheela | Economics |
| 9. Dr. R. Jasmine | Economics in FDP vacancy |

54 Lecturers were appointed in the management vacancies in various departments:

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| 1. Mrs. S. Megala | Tamil |
| 2. Mr. A. Rajan | Tamil |
| 3. Mr. C. Melvinraja | Tamil |


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| 4. Ms. A. Leema Juliet | Tamil |
| 5. Mr. A. Guhanandan | Hindi |
| 6. Ms. N.M.S. Jeyanthi | Hindi |
| 7. Ms. T.L. Vijaya | Hindi |
| 8. Ms. T. Blesslyn Esther Roopavathy | English |
| 9. Ms. S. Daffny Orangemary | English |
| 10. Mr. Damien Patric | English |
| 11. Ms. Kayal Anthony | English |
| 12. Ms. R. Daphne Jennifer | Mathematics |
| 13. Ms. G.K. Cynthia Megdhaline | Mathematics |
| 14. Dr. A. Deborah Gnana Selvam | Microbiology |
| 15. Ms. P. Margaret Sangeetha | Microbiology |
| 16. Ms. D. Ramya | Microbiology |
| 17. Ms. J. Shirly Angelin | Microbiology |
| 18. Ms. R. Medona Mary | Biochemistry |
| 19. Ms. Sreya Johnson | Food Science |
| 20. Ms. Poornima Jeyasekaran | Food Science |
| 21. Dr. A. Surendran | Food Science |
| 22. Ms. C. Venisda Jonab Rani | Food Science |
| 23. Ms. C. Angelin Monica | Food Science |
| 24. Ms. M. Darathy Kanmani | BBA |
| 25. Ms. M. Sally | Commerce |
| 26. Ms. C. Joselyn Nithya | Commerce |
| 27. Mrs. S. Renugudevi | Commerce |
| 28. Mr. S. Saravanan | Commerce |
| 29. Ms. G. Tracy Carol | Economics |
| 30. Mr. M. Yesurajan | Economics |
| 31. Dr. R. Murugan | Economics |
| 32. Ms. P.M. Ezhil Meena | Psychology |
| 33. Ms. R. Kayalvizhi | Psychology |
| 34. Mr. D. Durai Manohardoss Prabakaran | Physics |
| 35. Ms. W. Daphane Sharon | Physics |
| 36. Ms. S. Sharmila Ruth Ebenezar | Physics |
| 37. Ms. R. Agitha Sharon | BCA |


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| 38. Ms. R. Catherine Junia | Computer Science |
| 39. Ms. A. Ruby | BIT |
| 40. Ms. R. Ruth Belina | BIT |
| 41. Ms. A. Jeba Jenitta | Chemistry |
| 42. Ms. M. Ahila Devi | Chemistry |
| 43. Dr. Maria Antony Raj | MSW |
| 44. Dr. H. Lourduraj | RPS |
| 45. Ms. S. Sharon Ranjini | Viscom |

Satellite Campus

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| 46. Mr. S. Kiruba Johnson | English |
| 47. Ms. R. Jennifer | Tamil |
| 48. Ms. D. Sweetlin Princess | BBA |
| 49. Ms. R. Jasmine Sugirthabai | MBA |
| 50. Ms. R. Faridha | Commerce |
| 51. Ms. C. Jameslyn Vithya | Commerce |
| 52. Ms. K. Bagavathi | Commerce |
| 53. Ms. N. Bairavi | Commerce |
| 54. Mr. R. Immanuel | Mathematics |

Faculty Development Programmes

The college always encourages the faculty members to update themselves in their chosen fields of specialization and therefore the following faculty members attended refresher courses and orientation programmes at Madurai Kamaraj University:

1. Mrs. M. Sengolmary of Tamil
2. Dr. M. Rajendra Pandian & Mr. C. Joel Gnanadoss Timothy of English
3. Ms. T. Anandaselvam and Ms. D. Lourdu Immaculate of Mathematics
4. Dr. D. Stephen of Botany
5. Dr. P. Velladurai of Zoology
6. Dr. G. Kannabiran and Dr. S. Jeyarani of Economics
7. Dr. N. Vasantha Kumar, Librarian

Award of Ph.D to the Faculty Members

The following faculty members have been awarded Ph.D by Madurai Kamaraj University:

1. Dr. M. Davamani Christofer, Second Ph.D in Mathematics
2. Dr. T. Augustus Julian Lazmey in Social Work (Gandhi Gram University)


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3. Dr. S. Stalin Kumar in Mathematics
4. Dr. H. Lourduraj in RPS
5. Dr. Stalin Rajangam in Tamil
6. Dr. P. Sujana in Physics
7. Dr. A. Hilary Joseph in Commerce
8. Dr. M. Vathanaruba in Chemistry
9. Dr. B. Kirthika Rani in Chemistry
10. Dr. R. Jeyapandi in Biochemistry
11. Dr. K. Kannan in MBA

United Board Fellows Program

Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan, Assistant Professor in Commerce was selected under UB Fellows Program for leadership development program. After induction program at Harvard University, US, he was at **Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan** as part of Asia Placement to learn challenges and issues in higher education.

Awards and Appointments

1. **Principal & Secretary Dr. M. Davamani Christofer** along with **Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan** received the President's Award on 21 December 2017 from His Excellency President of the Republic of India on behalf of the entire college community. It was given in recognition of the service rendered to society through National Service Scheme by way of donating the maximum number of units of blood by the student community to the poor patients in government hospitals, through village adoption schemes, and through Service Learning Programs. It is noteworthy to mention here that the American College is the only college in Tamil Nadu to be honoured with the President's Award and it is the first time in the 136-year-old history of the college. It was widely recognized in the national media here.
2. The district Collector honoured the Principal with an Appreciation Award on the occasion of 69th Republic Day Celebrations for the achievement that the College has made to the district.
3. All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) conferred on Principal **Dr. M. Davamani Christofer the Best Principal Award for 2017** during the Triennial Conference held in Bangalore on 30 January 2018. He is the first principal from the American College to be honoured in its history.


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4. Dr. M. Davamani Christoher, Principal & Secretary, has also been unanimously elected the **Vice President of AIACHE** in its Bangalore Meeting in January 2018.
5. **Dr. S. Paul Mary Deborrah**, Associate Professor & Coordinator of Department of Physics (SF) has been appointed as the **Controller of Examinations of Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal**.
6. Dr. U. Balasubramanian of Tamil Department was appointed as Head & Professor in the department of **Lexicography in Tamil University, Tanjore**.
7. NSS Programme Officer **Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan** received the National Young Leaders Program Award from Madurai Kamaraj University on 30 August 2017.

Visitors to the College

1. **Dr. Chad M. Bauman**, member, Board of Trustees of the American College Endowment fund, USA visited our College on 13 July 2017.
2. **Rev. Dr. Lee Ill Ho** from South Korea representing Kor-Ind Mission visited the college on 25 August 2017.
3. Chairman **Dr. Prince Kumar** from Edex Org from New Zealand and **Dr. Ruth Susannah** from St. Clair's College of Applied Arts and Technology, Canada visited the college and explored the possibilities for an MoU with our college.
4. His Excellency **TAN SRI DATO Professor Joseph Adaikalam**, Founder & Executive Chairman of Binary University, Malaysia visited the College on 7 November 2017.

MOUs with International Institutions and Organizations

1. An MoU was signed with **SAP** on 2 February 2017 and M.Com and BBA students would benefit.
2. An MoU was signed with **Binary University, Malaysia** on 2 January 2018.
3. An MoU was signed with **St. Clair's College of Applied Arts and Technology, Canada** on 1 March 2018.

Campus Infrastructure

The Administration is spending from its resources on the increasing the infrastructure to provide better learning facilities and conducive ambience for students. The following are the new additions:

1. Amphitheatre Extension

The College Amphitheatre that was dedicated by the Bishop-President on Saturday 1 October 2016 has been extended now to accommodate more spectators.


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2. **Ground & First Floors of the Saunders Hall**

In an effort to create new classrooms to meet the ever growing student strength in the existing courses and the demand for new courses of study, the ground floor of the Saunders Hall was dedicated by the **Bishop-President Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph** on 27 May 2017. Department of Visual Communications and the Department of Food Sciences have been housed in it. The first floor was dedicated on 13 February 2018. Undergraduate Department of Commerce that offers B.Com (additional section), B.Com with specialization in Computer Applications, and Information Technology, and Postgraduate Department of Commerce that offers M.Com and MPhil are housed on the first floor.

3. **Telfer Mook Hall**

The ground floor of the men's hostel named Telfer Mook Hall on the Satellite Campus was dedicated on Thursday 13 July 2017 by our Bishop-President in the presence of **Dr. Chad M. Bauman**, Member, Board of Trustees of the American College Endowment Fund, **USA** who extended the financial support. The construction of the first floor is in progress now.

4. **Chemistry Classroom**

To meet the infrastructural needs of the self-financed department of Chemistry that offers B.Sc Chemistry, a new classroom has been built on the first floor of Jivana Jyothi Extension Building.

5. **Tissue Culture Laboratory**

In view of the structural adjustment between the departments of Botany and Zoology in utilizing the existing space in the Binghampton Hall, a new Tissue Culture Lab has been built for research in Botany Department.

6. **Food Science Laboratory**

Since the Department of Food Science is a postgraduate department now, it required separate laboratory facilities. Hence, the administration has built an exclusive lab for the use of Food Science Department.

7. **Installation of Solar Lamp at the Satellite Campus**

To conserve energy and to tap natural energy resources, solar lamps have been installed in the Satellite Campus. Now street lamps are connected to the solar panels installed. It is to be noted that most of the street lights on the Main Campus are already connected to solar panels.


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8. Charles A Ryerson Gate of the Satellite Campus

An aesthetically-designed entrance has been built at the satellite campus and it was dedicated by the **Bishop-President Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph.**

9. "Psalms" an Audio-Video Recording Studio

The American College has the distinction of establishing an audio-video recording theatre first time among the arts and science colleges in the whole of the state of Tamil Nadu. It is named "**Psalms**". It has been a long-felt need of not only the department of Visual Communications but also of the College as an academic community. It was dedicated by a distinguished alumnus and Padmashri awardee **Mr. Vivek.**

Grants

The College received a total of **Rs.1,16,44,906** (One Crore Sixteen Lakh, forty-four thousand and nine hundred and six rupees from UGC for minor and major research projects, special grant for women's hostel, from DST-Fist, DST-Inspire for science projects, and from DBT for Star College scheme. The college has received from UBCHEA the second instalment of USD 6500 for the digitization of rare books and manuscripts collection of the Centennial DPM Library and USD 6400 for participation in Community Life through SLP.

UGC Account Grant Details for the year 2017 to 2018

| S. No | Type of Project | Nature of Grant | Name of the Projector Investigator | Sanctioned Amount | Amount of Grant Received | Project Period |
|-------|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Indian Council | Indian Council - Workshop | Dr. K.Navaneetha kannan | 43,906.00 | 43,906.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 2 | UGC - Minor | Functional Performance and prospects of small business enterprises | Dr. R.Albert Christoher dhas | 1,50,000.00 | 1,02,500.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 3 | UGC - Minor | Economic appraisal on atmospheric pollution - health of urban residents and medical disbursements | Mr.J. Jebaraj | 1,20,000.00 | 90,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 4 | UGC - Minor | Dynamic nuclear polarization of 2h substituted nitroxyl spin probes used in overhauser | Mr. D. David Jebaraj | 2,00,000.00 | 1,35,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 5 | UGC - Minor | Analysis of structural - mechanical and corrosion properties | Dr. P. Richard Rajkumar | 3,30,000.00 | 2,70,000.00 | 2017-2018 |

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| | | of zinc/zinc oxide thin films- sputter deposited on steel substrates for anti-corrosion applications | | | | |
| 6 | UGC - Minor | Automation of KIPP's double monochromator using universal test and measurement class interface | Dr. A. Robson Benjamin | 2,40,000.00 | 2,27,500.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 7 | DST - SREB - YSS | Synthetic Explorations with baylis hilman addcuts: asymmetric synthetics of Cyclopentenoids - (3rd instalment Grant Released) | Dr. Kathick Kumar | 25,21,000.00 | 3,00,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 8 | Special Grant - Major | Women's hostel - 2 nd Instalment | The American college | 60,00,000.00 | 30,00,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 9 | Minor | Investigations on social media and their impacts on personal - social and academic domines of urban based student community | Dr. T.Shylaja | 1,50,000.00 | 1,20,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 10 | Science Academic lecturer | Work Shop | Dr. K.Naveetha kannan | - | 1,16,250.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 11 | DST- WOS | Ministry of science & Technology Department of science & Technology - SR/ wos - A/PM - 1036/2015 (G) - 2 nd Instalment | Ms. Brindha Department of physics | 18,90,000.00 | 3,50,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 10 | DST - Inspire Science Internship Grant | DST - Inspire Science Internship Grant | Dr. K.Naveetha kannan | | 8,00,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 11 | Indian Council | Indian council pf philosophical research | Dr. Arul Arasu Israel | | 10,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 12 | DST - FIST | DST -FIST Grant | The American College | | 39,00,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| 13 | UGC -SERO | Financial Assistance to Autonomous Colleges | The American College | | 20,00,000.00 | 2017-2018 |
| | | TOTAL | | 1,16,44,906.00 | 1,14,65,156.00 | |


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We have received Rs. 1,00,000/- in memory of Mr. K. Kowshikram (14 ENG 40), an UG English major student, from his parents, Rs. 50,000/- from Prof. Ramrajasekar, Director, CFTRI as endowment for student's scholarship. Also, we received Rs. 36,000/- from Dr. D. Grahrajendran, the former Head, Department of Commerce, The American College to establish academic prize in commerce department.

Convocation 2017 & 2018

The Graduation Ceremony 2017 was held on Saturday 16 September 2017. Honourable Vice Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University **Dr. P.P. Chellathurai** delivered the Graduation Day Address. 726 graduates received their degrees. Convocation 2018 is to be held on 7 April 2018. His Excellency **TAN SRI DATO Professor Joseph Adaikalam**, Founder & Executive Chairman of **Binary University, Malaysia** delivers the convocation address. 886 graduates are expected to receive their diplomas.

Conference, Symposium, Workshop

1. The American College organized a two Day International Conference on ***"Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Research"*** at Singapore from 27 to 29 in association with Singapore Tamil Teachers' Association. 116 research papers were presented. It is the first international conference conducted by the college outside the country.
2. Research Department of English in collaboration with L Ordine Nuovo Publication, New Delhi conducted a one-day International Conference on ***"English Language, Literature and Linguistics"*** on 26 July 2017 with two resource persons from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. I am happy to share with you that 611 research papers were presented and they have already been published in 20 volumes in Bodhi, an international Journal approved by the UGC.
3. Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology organized ***"National Level Human Rights Defenders Training Program"*** in association with BIRDS and IARF on 19 and 20 September 2017.
4. National Conference on ***"Modern Mathematics & its Applications"*** was conducted on 22 and 23 January 2018 and 50 research scholars participated.
5. MIM Department organized a National Conference on ***"Impacts of Pollution on Health and Restoration of Quality Environment Through Biotechnology Applications"*** in association with the department of Zoology on 2 & 3 February 2018.


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6. Department of Commerce conducted a National conference on ***"Prospects of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in Indian Scenario"*** on 16 February 2018 and 242 research papers were presented.
7. Department of Psychology organized a one-day National workshop on ***"Mental Health of Young Adults"*** on 9 October 2017.

Department Functions

A majority of academic departments conducted intercollegiate cultural competitions under their brand names. They attracted huge participation from colleges across the state. Friends, the American College is the first college to conceptualize and organized department level cultural events from the early 1980s. Some of them are

1. **Pegasus** of English
2. **Commas** of Commerce
3. **Tycoons** of Business Administration
4. **Chem Glaze** of Chemistry
5. **Phobos** of Physics
6. **Axiomatica** of Maths
7. **Rephiso** of RPS
8. **Biopulse** of Biochemistry
9. **OIKOS** of Economics
10. **Gen5** of IT
11. **Conscientia** of Psychology
12. **Zoofest** of Zoology
13. **BYTES** of Computer Science
14. **Fit Fest** of Food Science
15. **ARC Fest** of SSC

Reports from Departments

Departments are the strengths of the college, because it is where student spend their time learning, interacting with one another and with the faculty members, and shaping their academic and professional destiny. Hence, friends, let me very briefly report on the academic activities of the departments.


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Department of Tamil

Dr. J. Sarojini, Dr. J. Evangeline Manoharan, Dr. R. Prabhakar Vedamanickam, Dr. B. Henry Julius, Dr. A. Boomiselvam, Dr. N. Govindharajan, Dr. J. Prince, Dr. M. Balakrishnan, Dr. B. Aribabu, Dr. R. Stalin, Mr. S. Stanley, Mr. R. Shankar and Mr. A. Rajan have presented 21 research papers, published 15 articles, delivered 11 talks, conducted 1 workshop, and published 3 books. **Dr. Stalin** was honoured with **SPARROW Literary Award 2017** at Mumbai.

Department of French

Mr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian, Ms. B. Vijaya, Ms. A. Mathalaimani Asaikani and Ms. A. Josephine Dheena participated in conferences, presented papers, and published articles in journals. All students had an opportunity to attend a workshop on **"French Cuisine"** at Fatima College. The department also organized special talks on the environment.

Department of Hindi

The department celebrated **"Hindi Day"** on 15.09.2017. Its faculty members Dr. A. Saframma, Ms. B. Kannammal Devi, and Mrs. T. L. Vijaya have presented 7 research papers in national conferences, published 2 articles, delivered 3 talks, and attended workshops and conferences. Dr. A. Saframma, the Head, attended 4 BOS meetings in various colleges as university nominee and subject expert.

Department of English

The department organized a series of special lectures with national and international speakers on the various themes. As part of CBCS course on **"Human Rights and Literature"**, students had interactions with Toda and Irula tribal populations at Kotagiri from 24 to 26 August 2017. Research department has conducted 9 PhD viva voce during the current academic year. The English Literary Association organized the staging of the play Hamlet for a week with Mr. N. Elango as Director and a nearly 100 students of the departments working as crew. Nearly 4000 school and college students watched the performance. Dr. J. Paul Jayakar was appointed as Material Developer of Communicative English for Higher Secondary by the State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chennai in 2017. Mr. N. Elango, Dr. J. John Sekar, Dr. M. Lawrence, Dr. J. Paul Jayakar, Mr. A. Dinakar, Mr. Daniel Ruberaj, Ms. J. Jeyasheela, Mr. J. Jehoson Jiresh and Ms. T. Blesslyn Esther Roopavathy have acted as resource persons and technical chairpersons in National and International conferences and presented 31 research papers in conferences and published 18 articles. Dr. J. John Sekar was awarded the best paper award by Symbiosis, Pune in February 2018 for the third time.

Mr. K. Ravi was appointed as a Centre Inspector of ISC Examinations 2018 for Madurai Region by ISC Board, New Delhi.

Department of Physics

A Multi-Disciplinary Research seminar was organized in November 2017. Intra-departmental competitions were organized on the occasion of National Science Day. Students attended intercollegiate seminars and workshops in institutions across the state. **Ms. S. Vani Priyadharshini has qualified in the SET examination.** Dr. K. Gnanasekar, Dr. P. Sujannah, Dr. D. Rachel Malini, Mr. L. Bruno Chandra Sekar, Dr. R. Daphine, Ms. S. Ruby, Mr. K. Moorthy and Dr. T. R. K. Priya Darzini participated, presented and published papers. UG & PG students participated and won the overall rolling shield in the Inter-Collegiate Competitions conducted at Bharathidasan University, CECRI, and NIT. Mr. L. Bruno Chandra Sekar received Best Young Scientist -2018 Award from **GRABS** Educational Charitable Trust, Chennai.

Department of Chemistry

The 1978 batch of undergraduate students met at the department on 24 November 2017 and shared their experiences with the present faculty and students. Dr. T.K. Ganesan, Dr. K. John Adaikalasamy, Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica, Dr. C.D. Sheela, Dr. M. Vatharuba, Dr. B. Kirthika Rani, Dr. S. Jemima Balaselvi and Dr. Y. Brightson Arul Jacob have published 12 research articles and presented 8 research papers in national and international conferences. Two scholars have been awarded PhD. Faculty members have attended workshops and acted as resource persons in conferences. The 01 batch of PG students organized **“Recent Trends in Chemistry”** on 18 January 2018 for the benefit of MSc students and MPhil scholars.

Department of Mathematics

The department of Mathematics has been upgraded as Research Department following the University Inspection Commission on 2 March 2018. Mr. A. Chellaram Malaravan, Mrs. D. Lourdu Immaculate, Mrs. D. Anandha Selvam and Mrs. R. Daphne Jenifer participated National and International conferences and workshops. While postgraduate students attended a number of conferences and workshops across the country, undergraduate students have participated in the subject-related competitions conducted in colleges across the state and won several prizes.


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Department of Botany

Dr. S. Rajkumar Immanuel won the Best Paper Award in International conference conducted in Germany. J. Ebenezer Immanuel, Mrs. Gunasundari and Ms. Nithya Kamalam, and Dr. Sanjay presented papers in conferences and published articles in leading journals. An *“Intercollegiate Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp”* was organized in collaboration with Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Tamil Nadu and it was sponsored by Ministry of Science & Technology. 186 students from various city colleges had participated.

Department of Zoology

The department organized *“Innovation in science pursuit for inspired research (INSPIRE) Science Internship Camp”* for 150 School students (XI STD level) from 07 February to 11 February 2018 at the American College, Madurai. The camp was sponsored by DST, New Delhi. It also organised a couple of workshops on Bee keeping training and Sericulture. Dr. K. Navaneethakannan, Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Dr. E. Joy Sharmila, Dr. P. Velladurai, Dr. T. Frederick Rajkumar, Mr. M. Rajesh, Mr. A. David Antony Raj, Dr. T. Angeline, Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratnam, Dr. K. J. Dhananjeyan, Dr. P. Dailiah Roopha, Mrs. J. Stella Mary, Dr. H. Raghuram, and Mrs. B. Jenita Sathya Priya presented 19 research papers and published 15 articles. Almost all of them have attended conferences and workshops and some of them acted as resource persons.

Department of Economics

Workshops, sensitization programmes, special talks, and interactive sessions were organized for the benefit of students and scholars. Dr. C. Muthuraja, Dr. R. Albert Christopher Dhas, Dr. S. Jeyarani, Dr. J. Jebaraj, Dr. T. Selvakumar participated and presented papers in conferences, acted as resource persons for seminars and workshops. Four research articles have been published. Dr. C. Muthuraja has been elected as Executive member in Indian Society of Criminology, Indian Economic Association, and Indian Society of Labour Economics.

Department of Commerce

All the faculty members in the department have contributed book chapters with ISBN and research articles in the journal with ISSN. They also presented papers in both national and international conferences. The Department organised weekly meetings and guest lectures for PG and UG students on various topics by inviting both Internal and external resource persons. Industrial visits were organized for PG students in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Students participated in national seminars and cultural competitions conducted in premier institutions

and bagged awards and prizes. The Departments of Commerce and Commerce with Computer Application at Satellite Campus organized three guest lectures and four awareness programmes for students. An intra-departmental talent hunt to bring out the hidden and undiscovered talents of commerce students was also conducted. Its faculty members Dr. A. Hilary Joseph, Mr. Richard, Mr. Manuel, Ms. Faridha and Ms. Bagavathi presented papers and published articles, participated in conferences both in India and abroad.

Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology

The department organized three periodical seminars sponsored by **"Indian Council for Philosophical Research"**, New Delhi. Rev. Dr. Arul Arasu Israel, Dr. P. Arullappan, Dr. P.M. Anurama, Dr. M. A. Shahul Hameed, Mr. W. Prince Ernest, and Dr. H. Lourduraj organized conferences, presented research papers, delivered talks and keynote addresses, and participated in conferences and workshops. Students attended conferences and workshops in Bangalore and Madurai.

Department of Computer Science, Computer Applications and Information Technology

1. Computer Science Department organized a series of workshops on Project Development Lab to provide hands-on experience to students. **Mr. K. Britto Alex has cleared his SET 2017**. Mrs. M. Girija, Mrs. R. Prabha, Mr. C. Mohan, Mr. C.B. Sudhersun and Mr. K. Britto Alex presented papers, published articles, and attended national workshops and conferences. Students attended several technical events and symposia.
2. The Department of Information and Technology organized a one-day seminar on Ideology of Startups. Students underwent internship at **NASSCOM, Bangalore**. They also attended Our students also participated in various workshops on Global Game Jam, Hackathon, Open web challenge, Web Development, Entrepreneurship, Digital Cloud, Cyber Crime, Big Data and to guide the Tenser flow & Firebase. Some of them attended one day seminars in premier institutions like Bannari Amman Institute of Technology. Ms. A. Ruby participated in a Faculty Development Program on **"Architecting on AWS"** was organized by ICTACT. J. Frank Ruban Jebaraj published a paper in International Journal of Computational Engineering Research (IJCER)
3. Mrs. S. Annathangam, Ms. R. Agitha Sharon, Mrs. M. Hosanna, Ms. J. Caroline and Mrs. G. Pauline Pershyl of BCA department presented research papers in an international conference. The department conducted workshops for students and

students were given opportunities for internships. They also participated and won a number of prizes in intercollegiate cultural and seminars.

4. MCA department received international visitors **Dr. R. Devadoss Pandian from North Central College, Naperville, USA, Dr. Paul Ezhilchelvan from Newcastle University, and Mr. Sathish Rajagopalan from Sydney** and they addressed both students and faculty of the MCA department. Students found internships in leading companies in the country. Ms. A. Ann Ramola Jeyanthi, Mr. J. Frank Reuban Jebaraj and Ms. T.Suganya presented research papers in conferences.

Department of Business Administration

1. Dr. S. Raju, Director of MBA published a book titled **"Business Research Methods"** and two articles in international journals. M. Vignesh, Dr. K. Kannan, Mr. Jackson Gunaraj, and Ms. Jasmine Sugirthabai have published 12 research articles and presented 8 papers in conferences. Students were taken to industrial visits. Honeywell Company, Catholic Syrian Bank, HDB Financial Services, and Kotak Life Insurance conducted placement drives for the various positions.
2. Mr. P.F.E. Divakaran, Ms. C. Catherine, Mr. A. Sathya Prabhu, and Ms. D. Sweetlin Princess of BBA Department at Satellite Campus presented one paper each in national and international conferences. Students participated in intercollegiate quiz programmes, cultural and management events in colleges within Tamil Nadu.

Department of Bio-Chemistry

The department organized a One-day workshop on **"Food Technology"** on 12 September 2016, a One Day Symposium on **"Mental Health & Physical Fitness"** on 12 February 2018, a One Day Hands on **"First Aid Training Program"** in association with St. John Ambulance, India on 21 March 2018, a visit to the Regional Forensic Laboratory, the AVN Ayurveda Formulations, and to the Aavin Dairy, Madurai to provide hands-on experience to students. Dr. R Jeyapandi was awarded Best Faculty on PEARL Foundation for Educational Excellence Awards to Higher Education in India 2017 and he was also awarded Best Faculty – Official Spotlight Certificate at Noida. Mr. C. Caleb Johnson, Dr. R. Jeyapandi, Mrs. J. Renuka, and Mrs. R. Medona presented papers in international conferences and UGC sponsored national seminars, and published articles in journals. Students participated in intercollegiate cultural competitions and have won overall championships in a few colleges.

Department of Immunology and Microbiology

Dr. K. Navaneethakannan, Mr. M. Andrew Pradeep, Mr. J. Immanuel Suresh, and Ms. D. Ramya participated and presented papers in international conferences and have publication of their research articles to their credit. Nearly 100 hundred students attended various national and international conferences in the state. Faculty members acted as resource persons in seminars.

Department of Social Work

The department organized a sensitization programme on ***“Protection of Human Rights under the Indian Constitution”*** in August 2017. A special lecture on ***“Social Inclusion of Transgender Gender in Holistic National Growth”*** was also organised. A one-day workshop on ***“Research Methodology”*** was also conducted in January 2018. An Awareness Program on ***“HIV/AIDS & Tuberculosis”*** was conducted at the Satellite Campus collaborating RUSS Foundation. Dr. T. Augustus Julian Lazmey, Mrs. Sunitha Evelyne Christy, Mrs. R Rohini, Mrs. S. Ashwhini Veronica, and Dr. M. Maria Antony Raj presented 6 papers in national and international conferences, published 3 articles, participated workshops and training programmes.

Department of Visual Communication

A photography exhibition was organized to celebrate **World Photography Day** in August 2017 with **Mr. Selvam Ramasamy** as the chief guest. More than 300 drawings were exhibited in the Art Exhibition organized in February 2018. **Actress Ms. Ashika, Director Mr. Anis and Mad Painting Artist Mr. Vijayakanth** interacted with students during the current academic year. The Film Division from Mumbai in collaboration with the Department screened International awarded films for the benefit of the students in March 2018. Dr. T. Shylaja presented four research papers in conferences and published four articles. Mrs. Shanmuga @Mohana has one publication to her credit.

Department of Psychology

As part of World Mental Health Day 2017 celebrations, a national workshop on ***“Mental Health of Young Adults”*** was conducted in order to create awareness among students and public towards psychological well being. Students visited **NIMHANS**, Bangalore and Mysore. As we have 1st year UG students alone in B.Sc Psychology, they have organised ***“Conscientia 2018”*** – an intercollegiate cultural competition in a grand manner.


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Department of Food Science

Seven postgraduate students were awarded summer internship program at CFTRI, Mysore and five postgraduate students were given opportunities to carry out research project at IICPT, Tanjore. Special talks and workshops were also conducted. Mrs. Ameena Beebi, Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran, Ms. C. Angeline Monica, Ms. C. Venisda Jonab Rani, and Dr. A. Surendran participated 13 conferences, presented 11 papers, and published one article. Students participated in a number of cultural activities and student seminars. Also, they have organized an inter-collegiate program named **"FIT-FEST"**.

Department of Physical Education

The 137th Annual Sports Meet was conducted on Tuesday 29 August 2017 and Thiru Mahesh Aggarwal, IPS, Inspector General of Police/Commissioner of Police, Madurai City was the Guest of Honour. The department has made remarkable achievements in the field of sports and games this year. I received 11 page report from the department, but I cannot present it here for want of time. **"24th State level Thiru N. Muthiah Ambalam Memorial Volley Ball tournament"** and **"5th Bishop. Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial Hockey tournament"** were conducted. R. Sanjai Kumar, P. Nivas, and B. Laxman represented in the 32nd Tamilnadu State Junior Ball Badminton Tournament 2017. V. Pavithra and N. Shanmuga Priya got the fourth place in Junior Nationals Kabaddi Championship Federation cup 2017-18. P. Yuvaraj represented in Junior Nationals Hockey Championship 2017-18. There were 42 university blues in various games. Our students have emerged winners in most of the games at the zonal level of Madurai Kamaraj University.

Mr. C. Sam George Sajan of III B.A English of the American College emerged as the II best shooter in the country. He set a new record in Junior Indian squad held at New Delhi in Jan 2018 in 3 position rifle event. He represented India in the ongoing **ISSF world Cup held at Sydney, Australia** between 19 and 29 March 2018, qualified for finals and qualified sixth in the world.

Mr. S. V. Sarvesh Swaroop Shankar, student of Diploma in Food processing of the American College, was recognized by the sports authority of India & National Rifle Association for the Junior Indian Shooting team.

He won **Gold in Kumar Surender Singh meet in 2017, Gold in Master's meet in 2017 & won Gold in Team events for consecutive 5 years in 2013,2014,2015,2016 & 2017.**

He won **bronze medal in ISSF Junior World Cup 2016 held at Qabala, Azerbaijan.** That was the **first international medal for Tamil Nadu in Shooting.**

Department of Applied Science

A one-day workshop on Aurdino was conducted in September 2017. It is an open-source electronic prototyping platform which enables students to create interactive electronic objects. It also arranged Sky watch program for public to view Super blue and blood moon on 31 Jan 2018.

Daniel Poor Memorial Library

Friends, library is the most central learning place in our campus. Daniel Poor Library is kept open from 8 am to 7 pm for students of both streams. I am happy to share with that the number of books added to the stack this year is **2,131** and journals and magazines is **49**. Inlibnet on-line E-Resource is provided to our faculty members. These resources include more than **31,35,000** e-books and **6,000+** e-journals. For the access of these resources, user name and password were provided to all the faculty members. **51** MPhil and PhD theses have been added this year. Students and faculty members have used the library **48,361** times and a total of **8,499** books transactions were made in the form of Issue, Return and Renewal of books. **6** students were engaged in the library under 'earn-while-learn' scheme. **39** orientation programmes were conducted by the Library for the UG, PG students and Research Scholars. Internet browsing centre is open to the users at free of cost and **2,426** students used during this academic year. Dr. Chad M. Bauman, Professor of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA visited the Daniel Poor Memorial Library on 13 July 2017. Our library received UBCHEA project grant from the United Boards for 3 years from July 2016 to June 2019. The name of the project is ***"Digitization of Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection of the Centennial Daniel Poor Memorial Library"***. **1244** Books have been scanned up to 28th February 2018. Librarian Dr. N. Vasanthakumar received a Special Achievement Award from Education Expo TV, Noida on 28 January 2018.

SCILET

Manu Joseph was the leader of this year's annual creative writing workshop in Kodaikanal. Around 400 students from the city college attended the ***"Meet the Author"*** programme. 24th volume of ***Kavithalaya*** was published. The Paul Linder Love Endowment lecture ***"Where Is the Mind without Fear?"*** was delivered by **Dr. Sashi Kumar** and 600 students and faculty members attended it. SCILET received as many as 10 international visitors this year. It facilitated Summer Study Abroad for Mr. Josiah Immanuel (April to July 2017) in Hildesheim University, Germany.


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Community College

155 students joined the diploma courses in Aqua Culture, Medical Lab Technology, and Food Processing under the UGC sponsored Community College. Special talks and internships were arranged for all students.

IQAC

The IQAC organized a special talk on ***“Quality Higher Education in Changing Times”*** by **Dr. K. Koodalingam**, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region and around 100 faculty members from city colleges attended it on Teachers Day. In collaboration with NLC, it also conducted inter-collegiate competitions on ***“My Vision--Corruption Free India”*** in October 2017. Special talks were arranged under Nobel Day 2017 for PG and MPhil scholars. Resource persons highlighted the achievements of the Nobel Laureates of 2017.

National Service Scheme

Our NSS volunteers donated 1431 units of blood to the Blood Bank of Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai this year. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, NSS Convener, was selected as the contingent leader for NSS Volunteer team from Madurai Kamaraj University for participating in the 22nd National Youth festival at Noida in January 2018. Mr. A. Sathiya Prabhu and Mr. J. Loyala Foresith Spencer, Programme Officers attended a Seven Day ETI - Orientation Programme held at Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore. Programme Officers Mr. A. Nixon Jesuraj and Mrs. P. Mangaiyarkarasi, attended a Three-day TOT on Entrepreneurship Awareness for NSS Programme officers organized by Department of Youth Welfare Studies, School of Youth empowerment, Madurai Kamaraj University. M. Vignesh (15 BBA 83) participated in the NSS Republic Day Parade Camp, New Delhi this year. M. Maharaja (16 TAM 21) and K. Ajith Kumar (17 DFP 13) participated as Camp Organizer in the State Republic Day Parade Camp held at Chennai in January. S. Senthil Kumar (15 ECE 39) and S. Maruthu Pandiyan (15 BBA 99) participated 22nd National Youth Festival 2018 at Noida.

NCC (Army)

Coy Commander **Lt. Dr. J. Prince** successfully completed Pre-commission course held at Officer Training Academy in Kamptee in 2017. **Cadet M. Rajesh Kumar** of II BA Tamil participated in the Republic day parade and in Prime Minister Rally Cultural Program 2018 in New Delhi. **Cadet J. Ebin Johnson** of II BSc Physics represented the Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate in All Indian Thal Sainik Camp -2017 at New Delhi. Under Officer **K. Arun** of III Physics, Company Sergeant Major **S. Arun David Raj** of III Physics participated in the Army Attachment Camp -2017 at Secunderabad. **Lance**

Corporal T. Harwin of III English participated in the National Integration Camp held at Mangalore. **Cadet V. Saktheeshwaran** of II BA and **Cadet S. Singaraj** of II RPS attended the Republic Parade in Chennai. Besides these individual achievements and accomplishments, the NCC Army Unit of our college organized a number of rallies and awareness programs on various social themes and issues.

NCC (Navy)

Cadets L. Aadhi Manoj of II B.Sc Zoology, M. Sundara Pandi of II BA Tamil and R. Jijender Kumar of II Maths attended RD Parade in Chennai this year. A.C.P. Prasanth of III B.Sc Botany and P. Prem Kumar of III BA Tamil underwent Scuba Diving Training in Chennai.

Service Learning Programme

Service Learning Programme registered 690 students in the five courses that were offered to students this year. Student volunteers were given practical orientation on managing solid waste in the college. Awareness was created among students on the importance and ecological issues of the river Vaigai, socio-economic, health and nutrition aspects of the community who lives on the river basin. Four villages have been adopted and successfully organized awareness camps on socio economic, health, nutritional and village ecology. **“Dengue Awareness Camp”** was conducted in August 2017. **“Nilavembukashyam”** was administered to about 5000 students. **“National Deworming Day”** was observed on 26 February 2018. More than 5000 students were administered *Albendazole* Tablets. Students effectively shared the academic resources of the college with village schools. Value based knowledge was inculcated in students during their visit to various orphanages.

Placement Cell

MCA and MBA students participated in the recruitment drive by Deloitte Consulting and Surya Informatics. The Placement cell has successfully initiated free placement training and placement programme for students in collaboration with Redington Foundation. Thirty-five students have registered and are undergoing training before placement. The campus placement drive for students of both UG and PG are still under progress.

Rotaract Club

The College Rotaract Club organized Blood Donation Camp in June 2017 and donated 130 units of blood. More than 150 students participated in the one day workshop on **“Fly high to the Sky”**.

Student Services Committee

SSC is a student forum where each student of the American college will get a platform to exhibit and bring out their hidden talents. **SUN Network (AdityaTV)** compiled the talents of our college youth, showcasing their talents on 20th January 2018 to telecast in their program **“College.com”**. The program was telecasted on Aditya TV channel on 27th January 2018. It guided students to participate in intercollegiate cultural competitions in 22 institutions. The cultural team of our college participated in all the events of the MK University youth festival and secured 18 prizes and won the best college award out of 18 colleges in Zone A.

Women’s Forum

Women Forum organised a special awareness programme on **“Physiological and Psychological well being”** to the women students and staff our college this month. On the occasion of Women’s International Day, two themes were focused; 1) A Complete Women; 2) Time for Transformation of Women’s Life. Women faculty retreat was held in Vagamon.

Soropti Club

The newly constituted Soropti Youth Club was inaugurated in September 2017 and eighty students have joined it. To initiate the club activity, members visited Inba Illam, an old age home. Arts and crafts workshop was conducted in January 2018. It provided an opportunity for members to learn the basics of painting, handicrafts, sketching, fabric and painting.

Retirements

The following members of the faculty and non-teaching staff members are retiring this year after a long-dedicated service to the college:

1. Dr. M.G. Rethan, Associate Professor in Sociology
2. Mr. C.A. Pradeep, Associate Professor in Chemistry
3. Dr. R. Vijayan, Associate Professor in Botany
4. Mr. Jeyakodi Balan Premkumar, Associate Professor in Maths
5. Mr. M. Jeyakumar, Associate Professor in Maths
6. Mr. Jesupaul Thangaraj, Associate Professor in Maths
7. Mr. W. Chester Manuel, Physical Education Director
8. Ms. B. Vijaya, Lecturer in French
9. Mr. A. Sekar, Assistant in Zoology
10. Mr. Susaimanickam of Washburn Hall
11. Mr. Alagar of Dudley Hall
12. Mr. Narayanan of Dudley Hall
13. Mr. Arul of Dudley Hall


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Deaths

I am extremely sad to share with you a few deaths that happened in the college family. Mr. T. Kulanthaisamy, retired watchman of Zumbro Hall passed away at the age of 65. Mr. R. Murugesan, a retired special grade lab assistant in the department of Chemistry passed away at the age of 67. Mr K. Atheeswaran, Lecturer in the department of Commerce at Satellite campus and Mr. V. John, a final year BA English student lost their lives in road accidents.

Plans for the Future

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to end my report with plans for the immediate future. As a result of MOUs signed recently with institutions in Malaysia and Canada, the College is planning to start a **Binary University MBA at the weekends**. Students are expected to do the entire course of study at the American College but they would move to Binary University, Malaysia for the completion of the 12 Module and viva voce. Similarly, students who would like to join **St Clair's College of Applied Arts and Technology, Windsor, Ontario, Canada** will spend first semester at the American College doing the St Clair's curriculum and they would move to Canada for the completion of semesters 2, 3 and 4. The college would organize classes for the clearance of **IELTS**.

Conclusion

"The task which has been set before us is not above our strength, its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our cause and unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us". These are the optimistic words of Winston Churchill. As we all know, the institution cannot afford to rest for ever on the laurels won. On the other hand, it ought to have vision and dreams for the continuous journey. Yes, we have. We hope to continue the journey with the guidance of God and cooperation of parents, well-wishers, present and former professors, alumni, staff, and students.

*Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.*

The past cannot be changed.

The future is yet in your power.

My dear students, AIM FOR THE STARS

And may be, you will reach the sky.

I will meet you in March 2019 with yet another annual report of achievements and accomplishments.

God Bless!


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Principal's College Day Report 2016-2017

Monday, 03 April 2017

Our revered Bishop-President of the American College Governing Council, Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, our distinguished and beloved alumni, ADGP Jaffar Sait, Padmasri Vivek and Actor-Director Karu. Palaniappan, all other alumni present here, former and present members of the faculty, parents, my beloved students and the press members – a very warm welcome, to all of you. Thank you all for joining us, in this **136th American College day** celebrations.

As the President of the American College Governing Council, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph, Bishop of the Madurai Ramnad Diocese, has been a big source of encouragement and support in our resolve to take the college forward and achieve high standards. His presence and participation in the college day function is our real privilege. May I request VP Dr. Abraham to honour our Bishop with a *ponnadai*?

Our distinguished alumnus-chief guest, Jaffar Sait IPS is, Additional Director General of Police, at present posted in Mandapam, Ramnad District. He joined the Indian Police Service in 1989 and has served as SP, DIG, JCP and IG in different parts of Tamil Nadu.

Mr. Jaffar Sait's bond with the American College began with his initial identity as 78ZOO37. He went on to do his M. Sc and M. Phil in, Entomology and Fresh Water Biology. The bond strengthened, as he immersed in the various activities of the college and built lasting friendships. As a student, he was known for his intellectual sharpness, enthusiastic participation in extra-curricular activities and also for his innovative mischiefs. Just as in the college, he has also made a significant mark in his career as the custodian of law. He continues to be the same vibrant personality brimming with energy and enthusiasm.

The American College is very proud to welcome, the much-admired IPS officer, back to our campus. He is truly an inspirational figure to our students who dream of becoming police officers.


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I am equally proud to welcome Padmasri Vivek to propose the Toast to the American College today. Vivek registered his entry into the American College, the same year as Jaffar Sait, but as 78COM59. Both of them have shared the same segment of the College's history.

Vivek was a coveted star in our campus, long before he joined the film industry. With the American College's tag, he won laurels for the college and fans for himself during inter-collegiate competitions and entertainment programmes. Because of his rich humour and ready wit, there used to be competition to sit by his side in classes.

Vivek had made a mark in Humour Clubs and Stand Up Comedy shows, before he was introduced into the film industry, by the legendary film director, K. Balachander. Balachander was highly impressed with his remarkable talent for script writing, dialogue delivery with a unique humour quotient. He was amazed at how Vivek could produce scripts with sparkling humour for 16 characters overnight.

Though Vivek could carry many of his films to success with, what the film world called, "bankable humour," he is also known for his memorable performances in serious roles in films like, *Kutty*. He has won a number of Filmfare awards, an honorary doctorate and the Padmasri award.

But future will also remember Vivek for his contribution and commitment to the Green Projects. Having been a member of the American College green campus, he associated himself with the People's President Abdul Kalam and created many greening opportunities to minimize global warming. Vivek can make you laugh; Vivek can make you think; Vivek can effectively serve society and also make you serve society. We are truly proud of him.

The American College's production of thinking individuals committed to social activism has not stopped with the 1978 series. The next decade's unique production happens to be 89ENG15, the charismatic award winning actor-director, Karu Palaniappan. During his student days, he won over his teachers and peers with his radiant smile; he continues to do that with his *mandhira punnagai*. Karu. Palaniappan's films are known for his sensitive handling of human relationships. His films jolt us out of our comfort zones and challenge us to think. Film making is serious business for Palaniappan and he uses media exceptionally

well as a tool of social transformation. He is also a powerful, persuasive debater and is a sought after social commentator in media.

Palaniappan is also an effective teacher and a trainer. We are very grateful that he involved the English department students in work when part of his film *Sivappadhikaram* was shot in our college campus. It was a rare opportunity for our students to watch different aspects of film making from close quarters, learn and get trained by the task master Karu. Palaniappan.

The American College green campus and red buildings are witnesses to the loveable pranks and irrepressible energy of these three personalities. Their mark statements and their interesting class attendance records are part of the American College archives. They are the college's private property, not for public scrutiny. American College is very proud that our alumni have become high achievers in their chosen fields. They have emerged as responsible persons deeply concerned about the society and environment they live in. They have also given back to the college that has nurtured their talents and personalities.

As the Principal of this esteemed institution, I stand before you in all humility and gratitude for the abundant blessings, that God has showered on the college and the academic community during the past academic year. I gratefully acknowledge the valuable guidance given by the members of the Governing Council, cooperation and team support of the faculty, staff and students, in making 2016-17, a rare productive academic year.

Here is a condensed report of, the college's accomplishments and plans already laid, for the development of the college, this year. A detailed report will be presented in the college magazine.

Imparting quality education to the needy, under-privileged, has been the primary goal of the founders of the American College. By making the Satellite Campus functional and by introducing sought after courses there, the college has attempted to reach out to the under-served rural youth.


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Retreat

2016-17 academic year began with the faculty meeting and a retreat on 10 to 12 June in Munnar on the theme, "Revisioning the Mission" led by Dr. Aruldoss. 200 teachers attended the retreat with their family members. A similar retreat was held in Ooty on 22 and 23 October 2016 for all the non-teaching staff.

Reopening and Orientation

The college reopened after summer vacation on 16 June 2016. Orientation for postgraduate students of both aided and self-financed students and M. Phil. students was organized on 22 June 2016; for undergraduate aided students on 23 June 2016; and undergraduate self-financed students on 24 June 2016.

Admissions

There has been a phenomenal rise in student admission this year, to 2606 in general strength and 145 in the Community College. The total strength of the college is now 6697.

New Courses

M. Sc. In Food Science, M. Phil. Mathematics, and M. Phil Business Administration have been introduced this year. Advanced Diploma in Food Processing and Preservation, Medical Lab technology and Aquaculture were sanctioned by the UGC under the Community College programme during the last academic year.

Faculty Appointments

Appointments of teachers were made both in the aided stream and in the self-financed stream – 4 in regular vacancy, namely Mrs. Gunasundari, Mr. Antony David raj, Dr. Angeline and Dr. Shahul Hameed. Also, 29 staff were appointed in the self financed stream.

Campus Infrastructure

With the steady increase in student strength and the introduction of new courses, new facilities have become mandatory. The administration has taken special efforts to provide, proper learning facilities and conducive ambience to the student,s both in the main campus and in the satellite campus.


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- **New Classrooms**

The construction of the three-storied building opposite the college canteen in the Main Campus has coming up. As per the schedule, the work will be completed by the end of April. The 6 classrooms will be ready for use from June 2017.

- **Amphitheatre**

The College has built an amphitheatre behind the Stoffer Hall and near the Wallace Hall. It was dedicated by the Bishop-President on Saturday 1 October 2016.

- **Herrick Hall in Main Campus**

We have created a separate space for women faculty in the Main Campus near the college canteen and a lounge for women students in the new building "Herrick Hall."

- **Biometric System**

To prevent the entry of outsiders into the college campus, biometric system has been introduced in the campus. Machines have been installed on either side of the Washburn Gate.

- **Paver Block**

The pathway from the Main Hall to the Binghamton Hall, has been covered with paver blocks.

- **Men's Hall in Satellite Campus**

The structure of the proposed Men's Hall in the Satellite Campus comprises two floors with a combined area of 7,700 square feet in each floor. The construction work is progressing as per the suggestions given by architect Julian Smith. We plan to have the dedication of the Men's Hall in June 2017.

Washburn Hall Centenary Celebration

Washburn Hall Centenary celebration was held on 1 April 2017. Alumnus-artist

J. Jeyaraj was the chief guest. A Washburn Memorial Dais was dedicated on that day for the use of the Hall students.


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Principal's Meeting with the Board of Trustees in the US

Principal Dr. M. Davamani Christofer and Bursar Dr. Helen Ratna Monica attended the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees at Nashville, Tennessee in November 2016. They also visited Concordia College, New York for a meeting with the President of that college to take the academic collaboration between the two institutions forward.

Overseas Visits of the Faculty

Dr. A. Martin David, Assistant Professor in Commerce attended the Asian University Leaders Program (AULP) in Hong Kong from 26.10.2016 to 01.11.2016.

Dr. S. Rajkumar Immanuel, Associate Professor in Botany participated in an International conference in Singapore in July 2016.

Dr. M. Davamani Christofer, Principal & Secretary presented a paper in the International Conference on "2017 Spring Topology and Dynamical Systems Conference" at New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ, USA.

Dr. S. Stephen Rajkumar Inbanathan made a presentation in the Racah Institute of Physics, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

Mr. Jehoson Jireesh, Department of English presented a paper and chaired a session in an ELT conference in Hong Kong.

Mrs. Leena Jenefa of MBA department attended a International conference at INFORMS, Bangkok, Thailand.

Grants from the Board of Trustees & United Board.

The College received a sum of USD 1,71,000 from the Board of Trustees for the construction of Men's Hostel, USD 15,100 for SCILET's programmes and USD 9093 for the Work-Study scholarship. We received a sum USD 15,000 from United Board for the digitization of rare books in DPM Library.

DST NIMAT Grants

Dr. S. Raju, Director, ASBA was sanctioned Rs.1.2 lakhs to carry out six minor projects.


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Conference, Workshops and Concert

- **International conference on “Women and Power – Challenges and Opportunities”**

The second International conference on “Women and Power – Challenges and Opportunities” was organised by the Centre for Gender Studies on 6 and 7 January 2017. Dr. Rachel Star from Indiana University, Dr. Penelop from Loma Linda University, California and Dr. Subhashini from hp, German were the chief guests.

- **AIACHE Conference**

The Grand Finale of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the All Indian Association for Christian Higher Education was celebrated from Friday 7 October 2016 to Tuesday 11 October 2016 at our college. Rt. Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh, President of National Council of Churches in India delivered the inaugural address; Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, President of the Governing Council of the American College delivered the inaugural message. Justice P. Sathasivam, Honourable Governor of Kerala delivered the Valedictory address. Prof P.J. Kurien, Honourable Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha and Dr. G. Viswanathan of VIT addressed the gathering on 11 October 2016.

- **Science Day Celebrations**

On the eve of National Science Day Celebrations, the college conducted Intradepartmental Science competitions for our students, on 27 Feb 2017. IGCAR Scientists, Dr. Jalaja Madan Mohan, Head, TEPAS, Dr. Sivasubramanian, Head Radiation Application and Dr. Chandrasekaran, Radiological Division, were the guests of honour and these scientists of IGCAR organized an exhibition to commemorate the National Science Day.

- Alliance Francaise, Madurai Chapter and the American College organized a concert Nyna Vales on Thursday 29 September 2016.

Convocation

The annual convocation 2016 was conducted on Friday 14 October 2016. Dr. G. Srinivas, Joint Secretary, SERO-UGC delivered the convocation address.


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Study Centre for Indian Literature in English and Translation (SCILET)

The SCILET organized:

The annual 'Meet the Author' Programme, with Shinnie Antony as the speaker

The Inaugural, Paul Linder Love Endowment Lecture was delivered by Shiv Visvanathan, Director, O.P. Jindal Global University, on Wednesday 14 September 2016, on "Is Literature Possible after Auschwitz?"

The acclaimed musician and writer, Mr. T.M. Krishna, Ramon Magsaysay Award Winner 2016, spoke on his journey countering, caste and gender.

In August 2016, SCILET conducted the 24th annual **Creative Writing Workshop** in collaboration with the Kodaikanal International School, led by Shinnie Antony. 16 students from different departments participated. SCILET brought out the, 23rd volume of *Kavithalaya*, devoted to the contributions by the participants of the workshop.

The annual issue of SCILET's Indian Poetry journal, *Kavya Bharati-28* was published in December 2016.

Doctoral degrees acquired by Faculty Members

The following members of the faculty were awarded Doctor of Philosophy degree this academic year.

Dr. E. Joy Sharmila, Zoology Department

Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Department of Tamil

Dr. P.M. Anurama, Department of RPS

Dr. R. Mary Sophia Chitra, Department of Commerce (SF)

Dr. R. Jeyapandi, Dept. of Biochemistry

Dr. A. Hilary Joseph, Department of Commerce, Satellite Campus

Dr. Leena Jeneffa, ASBA (MBA) Satellite Campus

Dr. S. Maharani, Chemistry Department

Dr. David Kirubakaran, Chemistry department.

Reports from the Departments

Academic departments, special centres, and service departments that offer co-curricular and extra-curricular activities form the backbone of the college. The administration extends support and encouragement for their growth.


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Tamil

Dr. J. Sarojini, Dr. Boomi Selvam, Dr. Gigi Christabel, Dr. Prince, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Balakrishnan, Mr. Stanley and Mr. Sankar have presented in national and international conferences and published their research papers in reputed journals. Dr. Boomiselvam, Dr. Govindarajan, Dr. Balakrishnan and Mr. Meenakshi have attended workshops. Dr. Somasundaram and Dr. Balasubramaniam have been invited as subject experts in Board of Studies in autonomous colleges. Dr. Prabhakaran, Dr. Balasubramaniam and Mr. Stalin Rajangam have delivered invited talks.

English

The English Literary Association had its inaugural function on 9 August 2016, with the Southern Regional News Coordinator of the Hindu, Mr S. Annamalai as Chief Guest. Flintonions participated inter-collegiate cultural competitions in ten colleges in the state and secured several prizes. The ELA published a completely student-run annual magazine called "Enzine". It started a Book Club this year. Pegasus 2017 was celebrated in a grand manner with 500 participants from 24 colleges in the state.

PG English Association organized a guest lecture by Dr. Nancy Batty, on "Feminism and Climate Change" and also a workshop on "Practical Theatre" and presented a Dramatic Representation of African Culture.

Research Department of English witnessed, conducted Ph.D viva voce examinations for five teachers, Pre-Ph.D submission colloquium for six scholars, Ph.D Admissions test for twelve scholars, and eighty four colloquiums for M.Phil scholars. M.Phil scholars presented 147 research papers, published 64 research papers in conference proceedings, and 30 papers in international journals. The department published the fourth edition of ACJELL and is taking all steps to publish, the fifth issue shortly.

Mr. N. Elango conducted five workshops on theatre and acting in colleges across the state.

Dr. J. John Sekar, the Head, has published 9 research papers in international journals, presented 19 research papers in national and international conferences, chaired 11 technical sessions at conferences, received two best paper awards, delivered 10 plenary talks, guided 4 PhD scholars of whom one successfully completed the viva and the other three are awaiting it, and guided 6 M Phil scholars. **Dr. M. Lawrence** delivered 9 invited talks in various


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institutions across the country and conducted a workshop on communication skills. He also co-authored the translated Tamil novel into English titled "*The History of Prathaba Mudaliar*." **Dr J. Paul Jayakar** presented a research paper in an international conference organized by ELTAI-Tirupati Chapter and had it published. **Mr. K. Ravi** has a research article published in a journal and he has been appointed as Centre Inspector of ISC Examination 2017 for Madurai Region. **Mr. C. Joel Gnanadoss Timothy** presented two research papers in international conferences and has one paper publication in a book. **Ms. Anita Caroline** has published one paper in an international journal and acted as a resource person at a workshop conducted. **Mr R. Daniel Ruberaj** attended two webinars, organized by the International Association of Teachers of English as Foreign Language (IATEFL), Participated in an online summit on the Future of the TESOL Profession. He also served as Observer for UGC NET exams and Observer for IIT-JEE.

Hindi

The Hindi Literary Association "Surabi" celebrated Hindi Day celebrations by organizing guest lectures. Dr. A. Safframa has presented six research papers in international conferences and published a book. She has also delivered three invited talks. Mrs. Kannammal Devi has published a book and presented two papers. Mrs. T.L. Vijaya also has published two papers.

French

The French Literary Association celebrated the **International Francophone Day** on 20 March 2017. The department organized an international workshop on 4 February 2017 with Mr. François Xavier Nève de Mévergnies, Professor of Linguistics from the University of Liege, Belgium and Mrs. Yolande Marie as Resource persons. Mrs. B. Vijaya was invited as a resource person for a workshop in Nagercoil.

Mathematics

The department organized its intercollegiate meet Axiomatica 2017. Both undergraduate and postgraduate students participated in academic and co-curricular competitions, conducted in various colleges. Mr. S. Stalin Kumar has published a paper in *Romanian Journal of Mathematics and Computer Science*. Mrs. A. Vinith Mala has qualified the State Eligibility Test 2016. L. David Raj Kumar, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics passed Joint CSIR-UGC Test for J.R.F and Eligibility for Lectureship (NET).



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Physics

PHOBOS 2017 an Inter-collegiate meet was organised and 225 students from 19 colleges in and around Madurai participated. UG Physics Association conducted a Seminar cum Interaction-with-Scientist session with Dr. Edwin Ebenezer, Kodaikanal Solar Observatory, Kodaikanal as resource person. Undergraduate Physics students visited SATISH DHAWAN SPACE CENTRE, Sriharikota and interacted with scientists at CECRI, Karaikudi. Participants from the undergraduate department won several prizes.

Dr. A. Robson Benjamin has published one research article in an international journal.

Dr. S. Stephen Rajkumar Inbanathan has published one research article in international journal and presented three papers at conferences and delivered three invited talks.

Dr. S. Israel in collaboration with scholars has published 19 research papers in international journals and five papers in conferences. **Mrs. Rachel Malini** has published one research paper and presented three papers in conferences. **Dr. R. Daphine** has presented a research paper at a national conference. Dr. R. Daphine has cleared SET 2016.

Chemistry

The PG Association was inaugurated by Dr. T. Pananiselvam, KAUST, Saudi Arabia 6 and the UG Association was inaugurated by Mr. A. Eswaran, Food Analyst and delivered a talk on Food Analysis and Food Safety. The annual intercollegiate Chemistry meet CHEM-GLAZE was conducted on 3 March 2017 with participants from 12 colleges. Three students have cleared NET and SET this year. Recent Trends in Chemistry 2017 was organised where Eminent professors from prestigious institutions including IISc Bangalore addressed the students and scholars.

Dr. C.D. Sheela presented two research papers at national and international conferences. Dr. R. Ebenezer attended the UBCHEA sponsored faculty development programme in Chennai in October 2016. Dr. T.K. Ganesan has published two research papers in international journals. Dr. K. John Adaikalasamy has one paper published. Dr. Y. Brightson Arul Jacob has published three research papers in international journals. Dr. R. Ebenezer has published three research papers in international journals. Dr. C. Joseph Kirubaharan and Dr. S. Maharani have published one paper each. Dr. T.K. Ganesan has successfully guided one of his research scholars for the award of PhD. Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica published a book with ISBN number and published two papers in international conferences with ISSN number.

Zoology

Undergraduate students of Zoology have won two Overall shields in the inter-collegiate competitions. Postgraduate and Research Department of Zoology organized the DBT-ICMR sponsored International conference on “New Horizons, Emerging Challenges and Recent Paradigms in Food Mediated Immunity and their role in Human Health and Longevity” and organized the Science Academies’ Lecture Workshop.

Dr. K. Navaneethakannan has been appointed as External for Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and a member in curriculum development for UG & PG Zoology syllabi at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. He has presented a research paper in a conference at Vizak, delivered an invited talk, and participated in a national conference. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheys has been honoured with “Loyola Environmental Award” from SECNARM, Loyola College, Chennai. He has participated in five national and international conferences. He also has four publications in international journals. Dr. E. Joy Sharmila has presented two research papers in international conferences and produced a documentary film on Winged Wonders of the American College. Dr. P. Velladurai has presented a research paper each in national and international conferences. He has been appointed as a subject expert in Board of studies in B.Voc Medical Laboratory Technology program at Bio Medical Engineering, Kalasalingam University.

Dr. T. Frederick Rajkumar participated in four national conferences. Mr. M. Rajesh has been honored with Best Teacher Award by the Theni cultural Society. He has presented five research papers in national and international conferences and attended a national workshop. He also has two publications in conference proceedings. He has delivered, four invited talks and appointed as, subject expert in BOS in four autonomous colleges. Mr. A. David Antony Raj participated in three national conferences and presented a research paper in an international conference. Dr. T. Angeline has cleared SET 2016. She has published three research articles and presented two papers in conferences.

Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratnam has two publications and presentations in international conferences and one in conference proceedings. Mr. K. J. Dhananjeyan has two publications in international journals, presented a paper in a conference, and participated in two national conferences. Dr. H. Raghuram has one publication in OUP and delivered four invited talks, one publication in conference proceedings, and participated in three national conferences.

Ms. J. Judith Caroline has presented four research papers in international conferences, one publication in an international journal, and participated in two conferences.

Economics

Inauguration of Postgraduate and Research Department of Economics Association and birthday celebration of the eminent economist Alfred Marshal was held on 26 July 2016. The department organized a Workshop on "Research Methodology" with Resource person Dr. Dhulasi Brindha Varadharajan, UGC Professor Emeritus, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. It also facilitated a Photographic presentation on "Understanding Madurai - A vision through photographs" with Mr. Selvam Ramaswamy, Social Media Activist and Environmentalist as Guest of honour on 10 August 2016. Dr. S. Jeyarani participated in two international conferences, presented and published 3 research papers and served as resource person in 7 seminars. She was awarded the "Young Economists Award" in IMRF international conference.

It organized a special discussion on "Identification of Researchable Problem" with Dr. Sugandha Ramamurthy, Associate Professor, Postgraduate and Research Department of Economics, Lady Doak College, as resource person. Also, It organized a Workshop on "How to write a research proposal?" which was conducted by Dr. Mahalingam Kannan, alumnus and former Principal of Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai. Dr. K.T. Rammohan, Former Director and Dean, School of Economics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and Economic Historian facilitated a Discussion on 'History of Economics and Economic History'. It also organized an Interactive Session on 'Demonetization in India: Facts and Issues' with Dr. J. Albin, Associate Professor in Economics, St. Xavier's College, Palayankottai as resource person.

Religion, Philosophy and Sociology

The Department Association known as REPHISO was inaugurated for the academic year on 16 August 2016 by Rev. Dr. M. Gnanavaram as Guest of Honour. Dr. M. Lawrence conducted a one day workshop on Career Guidance for senior RPS students. It organized a one day academic trip to M. S. Chellamuthu Trust and Alagarkoil Temple.


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Dr. P. Arulappan, Dr. M.A. Shahul Hameed, and Mr. W. Prince Earnest presented research papers in an international seminar on Religious Pluralism and Religious Conflicts at Madurai Kamaraj University and their papers were published in the conference proceedings.

Daniel Poor Memorial Library

The centenarian library added 1665 books, 51 Journals and magazines this year. Inlibnet on-line E-Resources are provided to all faculty members. 24 students are engaged in the library as part of the scheme under the **Earn while Learn scheme**.

A workshop on 'Artifacts and Tamil Inscription Learning' was organized by the Daniel Poor Memorial Library in collaboration with '**Tamil Heritage Foundation**' Germany on 16 December 2016.

The Library has received the United Boards three year institutional grant for a project titled "Digitization of Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection of the Centennial Daniel Poor Memorial Library." Career Guidance Cell (CDC) was opened and 213 students registered as members in this cell. As part of extension activities, the library facilitated 368 Students to get Indian National Passport, and 289 students have received their PAN Card.

Physical Education

The College administration has been taking all special efforts to encourage sports. Boys and girls excel in their chosen fields, by way of special concession in admissions, waiver of college fees, free boarding and stay in the Halls, and financial help. Its results are becoming tangible, in terms of university blues. The College teams have emerged winners in Inter Zone Volleyball, Swimming, Hockey, and Shuttle this year

This year the College got 34 university blues among men and five among women for handball, chess, volleyball, badminton, basketball, athletics, hockey, kho-kho, khabadi for men and for women, football, swimming, and best physique. Our boys and girls emerged winners and runners-up in almost all sports and games both at Zone and Inter-zone levels. They bagged cash prizes for various games and sports conducted at institutions in Trichy, Tirunelveli, and Madurai. It got three gold medals and one silver for shooting at 42nd Tamilnadu State Shooting Championship. The college bagged Mu Va Cup for the third time in athletics.


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Annual Sports Day

The 136th Annual Sports Day was conducted on Tuesday 30 August 2016 and Mr. K. Veera Raghava Rao, IAS, the District Collector was the Guest of Honour.

Muthaiah Ambalam Memorial Trophy

The 23rd State level Inter-Collegiate Flood Light Volley Ball Tournament was conducted on Friday 12 August 2016.

IV Bishop Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial State Level Hockey tournament was conducted in the 1st week of February. Sixteen teams from different parts of Tamil Nadu participated in this inter-collegiate state level tournament

Department of English (SF)

Department of English (SF) conducted a one day Intercollegiate Symposium on English Language Teaching, Literary Theories, and World Literatures on Wednesday 29 June 2016.

J. Jiresh Jehoson has presented papers in International conferences and acted as a resources person. A. Sherlin Raja has participated in two International conferences and presented 4 papers International/ National conferences and published two articles in International journals.

Department of Commerce (CA)

Ms. D. Kanakavalli, and Ms. V.Suganya have presented two papers each at International level seminars and published two books with ISSN. Ms. E. Keren Judi has presented a paper at International level seminar and two at national level seminars. Ms. G.Divya and Ms. T. Gnana Gowsalya have presented a paper each at national level seminar organised by our college, IQAC. Mr. Subramanya Bala Jesuran has presented three papers at international level seminar and published one research article with ISSN number. Ms. V Suganya has completed her viva voce examination on doctoral thesis. More than 30 Students have participated in inter collegiate cultural programmes organised by various colleges in and around Madurai and won prizes.


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The Department of Commerce (SF)

Dr. R. Mary Sophia Chitra, C. Antony Mary Vinothini, P. Mangayarkarasi, and A. Emimol Grace published a paper each in Journal with ISSN and R. Nixon Jesuraj, R. Sundareswaran published a paper each in a book with ISBN. The students of Department of Commerce have won many prizes in intercollegiate competitions. During this year four of our students have cleared the foundation course in COMPANY SECRETARYSHIP and one has cleared CPT course in CA examination.

Department of BBA

The Department of Business Administration has organised an Industrial visit and conducted four skill development and awareness programmes on Soft Skills, Share Market and Mutual funds, Data Analysis Methods and Financial Management. BBA Students have won prizes by participating the intercollegiate competitions.

Department of BBA (Satellite Campus)

The department conducted "*Workshop on Entrepreneurship*" and "*Social Sensitisation Workshop*", the Association of the department conducted by "*Cognitio*", an Intra-Departmental Competitions. It also conducted "*Aids Awareness*" and "*Traffic Awareness*" and Blood Donation Camp. The faculty Mr. P.F.E. Divakaran presented a paper in UGC Sponsored National Seminar and Ms. C. Catherine has presented a paper in a National conference.

BCA Department

The Department Association conducted Hover 2K17 – an Intercollegiate meet on 10th March 2017, received participation from more than 10 colleges for various events

Mrs. A. Ann Ramola Jeyanthi, Mrs. T. Suganya and Ms. J. Caroline published papers in International conferences. Mr. B. Ilayaraja attended a Faculty Development Programme. Mr. M. Martin Porus attended an International Workshop. Mrs. M. Hosanna, Ms. J. Caroline, Mrs. Annathangam and Ms. G. Pauline Pershyl presented papers at the National Conference. Ms. J. Caroline & Ms. G. Pauline attended a workshop.


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Department of Biochemistry

Mr. C. Caleb Johnson, and Mrs. J. Renuka, Mr. R. Jeyapandi published research papers in International Journals. Mrs. J. Renuka, participated and presented three papers in International Conferences, and received “Best Presentation Award” participated in an International Conference. Mr. C. Caleb Johnson, Mrs. Renuka & Mr. Jeyapandi participated in the Science Academies Lecture workshop. Mr. Sama attended International Seminar. The students attended several Inter-collegiate competitions and have won several prizes.

Department of Commerce, Satellite Campus

An Industrial visit had been organized to National Sugar Mills Ltd., Alanganallur, Madurai. Mr. A. Hilary Joseph presented two papers in the International seminars and published two articles in journals with ISSN number.

Department of Mathematics (S.F)

Mr. J. Loyola Foresith Spencer attended the training on “Mental Health First Aid”. The students have participated in several competitions and won prizes.

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

The department conducted a 4-day Pre-placement Training for II MBA and a Guest lecture on Career Guidance. It also conducted a on-Campus drive by **Bharti Airtel, IDBI Federal Life Insurance**. Students also attended off-campus drive by **Federal Bank**. Several students were placed in the on-campus drive by these companies. Workshops on “**SEBI Investor Awareness Programme**” and “**Advanced Business Research**.” Conducted Guest lectures on Mutual Funds, General Insurance, Financial Institutions, Business Plan and Entrepreneurship by resources persons from those fields. Field Visits and Industrial Visits were organised for the students.

Dr. Raju attended 3 International conferences, published 8 papers in proceeding and Journals. Mr. M. Vignesh attended one International conference and published 8 papers in proceeding and Journals. Mr. Kannan attended one national conference, published 1 papers in proceeding. Mr. Arul Jeevaraj attended 4 International and 1 national conference, published 11 papers in proceeding and Journals. Dr. Leena Jenefa attended 5 International conferences, published 8 papers in proceeding and Journals. Mr. Jackson Gunaraj attended 1 International conference, and published 2 papers in proceeding and Journals.


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Department of Physics (SF)

One day Workshop on “Astronomy and Astrophysics” was jointly organised by Department of Physics (SF) and Department of Applied Science involving 9 colleges and 197 participants. Department of Physics (SF) organised the State Level Inter collegiate Quiz Competition – 2017, Zone – 6 Sponsored by IGCAR, INS and IARP, Kalpakkam. 35 colleges with 54 teams participated in the event. Students and Staff visited CSIR- Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikudi and ISRO – Sriharikota.

Department of Immunology and Microbiology

Department has Organized DBT and ICMR sponsored International Conference on “New horizons, Emerging Challenges and Recent Paradigms in Food mediated Immunity and their Role in Human Health and Longevity”. It also organised Intercollegiate event by Department association “MICROFIESTA ‘17” on 07 March 2017. Mrs. J. Stella Mary and Ms. N. Jennifer Michellin Kiruba Qualified in the Tamil Nadu State Test (SET-2016) Mrs. J. Stella Mary, Ms. N. Jennifer Michellin Kiruba, Ms. V. Nalini , Ms. R.Padma Priya, Mr. J. Immanuel Suresh, Ms. Jenita Sathiya Priya have presented papers in International and national conferences.

M.A. Social Work Department 2016-17

The World First Aid programme was observed on 16th September 2016. Awareness of First Aid in different situations like Burns, Nose Bleedings, Fractures, Poisoning, Snake bites, Dog Bites, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR etc.) were explained. An Awareness Session on Sexuality and Reproductive Health was organized on 16th December 2016.

PG Department of Food Science

Student and Staff members have visited to Indian Institute of crop processing technology (IICPT). Students and staff members underwent a four days stall arrangement programme “Food Tech.” and they visited IICPT, Tanjore and attended international conferences conducted at Home science, Tamilnadu Agricultural University, Karunya University, Coimbatore and Meenakshi College, Madurai. Sindhuja, Nivethini, Hema and Johny Beula and Malarkodi have published papers in the International conference conducted by the dept of Home Science, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.


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Aquaculture

The faculty of aquaculture visited Regional Centre of Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, in Kanyakumari district. The students were successful in breeding ornamental fish. Dr. A. P. Lipton, an eminent scientist and Emeritus Professor, Centre for Marine Science Technology, M. S. University, Rajakkamangalam, delivered a special lecture on “Microbial Techniques in Aquaculture.”

Medical Laboratory Technology

MLT Students carried out Body Mass Index and Blood Grouping Tests at O.C.P.M. Higher Secondary School, Madurai. In Collaboration with Apollo Speciality Hospitals, Madurai, Health check-up for faculty was organized. Dr. Rohini Sridhar, Chief Operations Officer of Apollo Speciality Hospital Madurai, delivered a talk on Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML). Dr. Puratchimani, Managing Director of Bose Clinical Lab. Madurai gave hands on training on Laboratory Practices and Reporting. Mr. Prabhu, staff of The American College, Madurai gave a lecture on Human heart diseases. Mr. Kannan, Marketing Executive from Abbott Laboratories gave awareness on Thyroid disorders.

Food Processing and Preservation

Students and faculty visited IICPT “Open Day Programme” in Tanjore and “Food Tech” organized by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, at Tamukkam Hall. Faculty of food science Mrs. Ameena Beebi and C. Angelin Monica presented two papers in National Seminar. Mrs. Ameena Beebi also participated in the International Conference and made a poster presentation.

Academic achievements of NCC NAVY 2016-17

The year 2016-17 has brought back our old glory in the achievements by our NCC NAVY cadets at the national level competition and camps.

Our cadet captain S. Devasenapathy (14 MAT 16) was selected for the Youth Exchange Programme and he sailed to neighbouring countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Bangladesh along with Indian Navy with 12 other cadets selected from other parts of the country.


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Two of our cadets have participated in the Republic Day camp held at New Delhi representing Tamil Nadu Directorate, out of which F. Maria Christopher (15 TAM 31) has won Gold medal in the ship model competition and A. C. P. Prashanth (15 BOT 29) has won a place in Republic Camp, for the Prime Minister Rally that gave, Guard of honour to our honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi at New Delhi.

Petty Officer Cadet K. Gowtham (14 CHE 25) was selected for the Officer Training Academy at Kamptee and he has undergone vigorous training to qualify for the selection of officers in Indian defense forces.

Three cadets have been selected and undergone Scuba training at Chennai.

Petty officer cadet B. Senthil Kumar (14 CHE 61) was selected for the National Integration camp held at Raipur in December, 2016

Two of our cadets (i) K. Gowtham (14 CHE 25) and (ii) P. Palpandi (14 BOT 30) have participated in the Annual Leadership Camp held at Coimbatore in November 2016.

NCC ARMY

Senior Under Officer M.VIGNESH of III year B.Sc. Botany participated in The All India Special National Integration Camp 2017 held at Nagaland representing Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate. He was the Directorate Senior Cadet. He also Lead the TN, P & AN Contingent. He Bagged a Silver Medal in the Cultural Competition.

Cadet Under Officer B. DEEPAK of III Year B.A English also Participated in the All India Special National Integration Camp -2017 held at Nagaland representing Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate. Cadet Under Officer B. Ragupathi of III year B.A Tamil attended All India Mountaineering Expedition held at New Delhi. He was accompanied by the Indian Army and scaled a height of 22000 ft at Mount. Bhagirathi at Uttarkhand.

Cadet T. DHARMA of II year B.A. Tamil and Cadet P. MAYIL RAJ of II year B.A. Economics attended the Snow Skiing- 2017 held at Gulmarg (Jammu & Kashmir) from 13 to 31 March 2017 representing Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate.

NSS

NSS unit of the American College has organised 4 blood donation camps which includes 1104 units o floods. 4 of our NSS volunteers attended Tamilnadu state republic day parade camp 2017 held at Chennai. Dr. Samuel Anbuselvan was appointed as state camp coordinator for Tamilnadu state republic da parade camp 2017 held at Chennai. NSS of our college has

received a rolling trophy from the Govt Rajaji hospital and Madurai Medical College. Also we received 3 more awards for highest blood donation in Madurai district.

Students Service Committee (SSC)

The Cultural team under SSC has won 6 overall championships, 5 Runners up trophies and several individual prizes in Inter-collegiate competitions held at various parts of the country.

Death

I am sad to share with you the untimely death of three of our students who lost their lives in three different accidents during the academic year 2016-17. They are S.Bala Murugan of II BCA, J Vasanth, III BCA and S. Thirumala Vignesh Raja of II BCA. Mr. K.S.Rajkumar, former technical staff, department of applied Sciences, Mr. M. Veluchamy, former office assistant, Mr. Devarajan, former cook, Dudley Hall and T.Kulanthaisamy former cook, Zumbro Hall passed away during 2016-17.

Conclusion

Catering to the needs of the disadvantaged students, without compromising on the intellectual pursuits, has impressed the UGC-appointed Autonomy Review Committee and the National Accreditation Team. After scrutinizing all the office records, publications, department and field visits, interactions with all the stakeholders, the Autonomy Review Committee recommended with appreciation the continuation of autonomy for the college.

The detailed assessment of all the projects and activities of the college has taken the college, to an enviable ranking position in the state. The college has also joined the elite top ten colleges in the country. This is indeed, a remarkable achievement.

The college received yet another recognition in the form of **Educational Excellence Award** from the **PEARL** Foundation as the Best NAAC Accredited A Grade College in India for 2016. Dr. M. Davamani Christoher received the **Best Principal Award** for his outstanding contribution to the cause of education. I deem it as an award bestowed on every member of the American College family. This recognition further spurs us on to take up more challenges to renew our commitment to our students and make education more meaningful for every student.


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Our work in 2016-17 has given us immense satisfaction and proud moments. We are aware that excellence in education is not a destination, but a continuous pursuit. We assure you that, we will continue our pursuit with dedication and determination. We seek your continued support in the years to come. The Lord, who has sustained us this far, would bless all our efforts and help us to take the college, forward to greater glory.

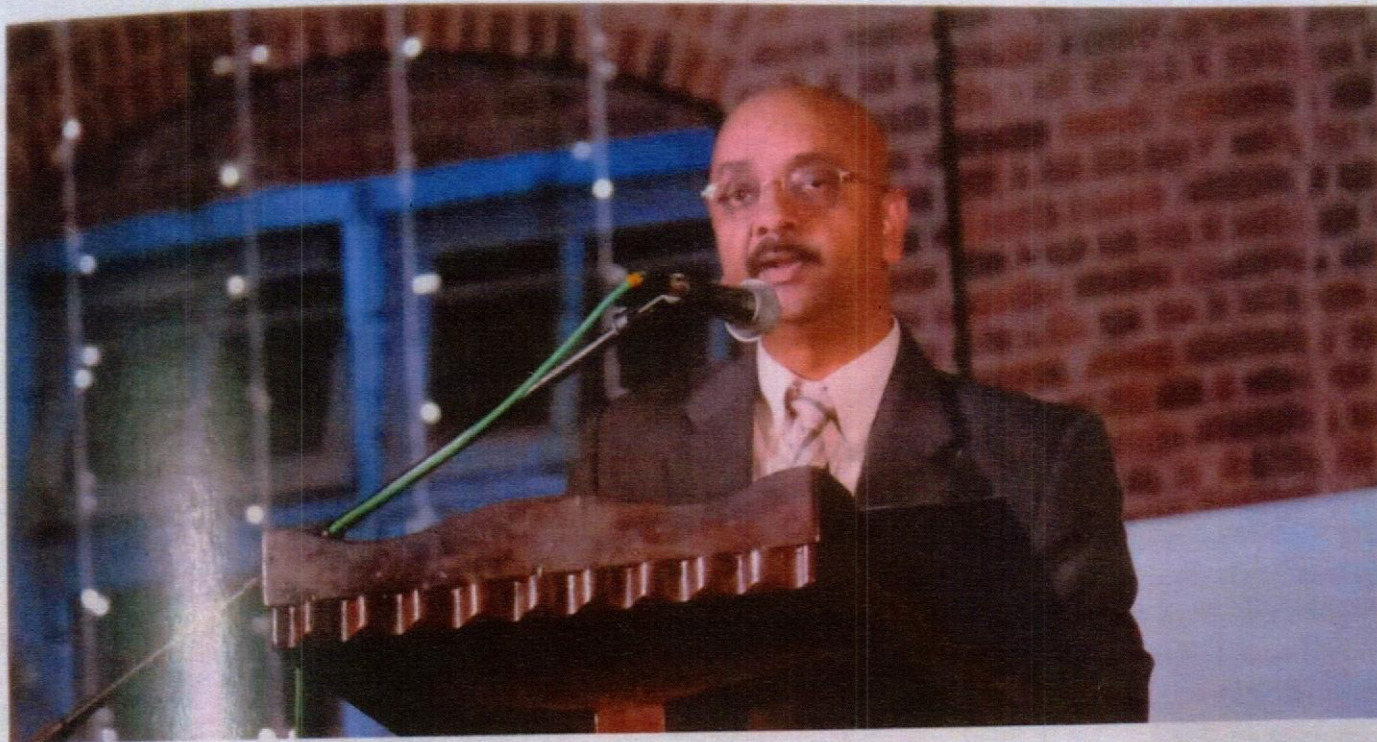
God bless.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

College Day 02 April 2016



Salutation

The most revered Bishop-President of the College Governing Council Rev. Dr. M. Joseph. Distinguished Chief Guest and alumnus of the college Dr. Mariappan Periyasamy, alumni of the college, present and past faculty and staff members, members of the Press, parents and students, ladies and gentlemen, a pleasant evening to all of you.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. M. Joseph is the Bishop of Madurai Ramnad Diocese and President of the College Governing Council. Since he is an academic himself, he evinces a keen interest in the development of the college. He readily offers wise counselling to the officers of the college on all important administrative and academic matters. In spite of his busy schedule, he could spare valuable time to be with us now. A warm welcome to you, Ayya.

Distinguished alumnus **Dr. Mariappan Periyasamy** is the senior most Professor and former Dean, School of Chemistry at the University of Hyderabad which has been declared by the UGC as one of the nine universities with potentials for excellence. He is a Bhatnagar awardee and a recipient of JC Bose National Fellowship. He has solved within a few days all the problems that the University faced for several years. I believe that it was possible for him due to rich campus experiences that he acquired here on our campus when he was a student. He did his B.Sc and M.Sc Chemistry at the American College. In spite of the volatile situation that prevails on the campus of the University of Hyderabad even now, our alumnus could choose to be with his alma mater this evening. The college is grateful to him for acceptance to propose the toast to the college, to deliver the 135th College Day Address and to distribute the prizes to the winners and achievers. On behalf of the Management, I welcome you, Sir.

I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to parents, alumni, present and past faculty members and staff, well-wishers and friends of the college, friends of the Press, and of course, my dear students.


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Introduction

By the grace of God, guidance of the Governing Council, and cooperation of all other stakeholders, the administration could successfully take the college forward one more year in its endless journey towards the dissemination of quality education to the needy and the poor, un-served and the under-served. We need to count all the blessings that the college received during the current academic year. Also, we ought to remember ourselves of all challenges that the college faces from inside and outside.

The academic year 2015-16 is highly rewarding for all those who worked hard for upholding the public image of the college. It has won many laurels to its credit. Since the time is short, I am presenting only a synoptic summary of the report that runs pages. I assure you that the full report with the achievements of individuals will be included in the college magazine. I am planning to share with you now the most important highlights.

NAAC Re-accreditation

The first and foremost achievement is the successful completion of the second cycle NAAC Re-accreditation on 25, 26, and 27 of February 2016. The college had been patiently waiting for the Peer Team Visit since it submitted the SSR in March 2015. As part of preparation to receive the Peer Team, the administration undertook several visits to the academic departments and support services offices. Initially, an Internal Peer Team consisting of Dr. K. Gnanasekar- IQAC Coordinator, Dr. G.C. Abraham-Vice Principal, Mr. Jesupaul Thangaraj- Controller of Examinations, Mr. N. Thirupathi Rajan- Head of MCA Department and Dr. C. Dorothy Sheela of Chemistry Department visited the departments from 16 November 2015 to 20 November 2015. The college received the intimation on 4 January 2016 from the NAAC Secretariat, Bangalore about the Peer Team Visit. Mock Visit Team consisting of Dr. Nirmala Jeyaraj, former Principal of Lady Doak College, Madurai and Dr. Marcus Boominathan, former Principal of Bishop Heber College, Trichy visited all the departments, hostels, offices, and support services departments on 15 and 16 February 2016. Finally, the Second Internal Peer Team consisting of the Principal, Vice Principal, Bursar, NAAC Coordinator, and IQAC Coordinator visited the departments and verified records and claims on 18 and 19 February 2016.

The NAAC Peer Team headed by Prof. P. Ramaiah, former Vice Chancellor of Dr. Ambedkar Open University with Dr. Sunita Kumbhat from Jodhpur as Member-Coordinator and Dr. Deepak Karkun from Chattisgarh as member studied all the dimensions of quality measures undertaken by the college from 2010-2015 for enhancing quality education. I would like to stress here the fact that the college volunteered for the second cycle of re-accreditation after fifteen years. The faculty members willingly and happily finished this mammoth task. The Standing Committee appointed by the Executive Council of the NAAC approved the recommendations of the Peer Team in its meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2016 and uploaded the result on its website on Friday 18 March 2016. Yes, the college is now nationally shining with **Grade A and CGPA of 3.46 on a four point scale**. It is one of the ten colleges nationally and five colleges within Tamil Nadu to enjoy this status in the second cycle. Every member of the college community is proud of this achievement. Kudos to everyone, particularly to student community whose conduct and talents were much appreciated by the Peer Team.

Faculty Retreat

This year's annual faculty retreat was held at Kumarakom between 12 and 15 June 2015 with Principal Dr. M. Davamani Christofer and Principal of CSI Jayaraj Annapackiam Nursing College Dr. C. Jothi Sophia as speakers. About 200 members of the faculty and their family members attended it.

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Non-Teaching Staff Retreat

The annual non-teaching staff retreat was conducted at Goa from 23 to 26 October 2015 by Vice Principal Dr. G.C. Abraham and Chaplain Dr. S. Joseph Wellington. Almost all the members of the non-teaching staff participated in the retreat.

Functionalization of the Satellite Campus

After several years of establishment, the Satellite Campus at Chatrapatti became functional at the beginning of this new academic year with the first faculty meeting held on 16 June 2015. The Bishop-President formally inaugurated the functionalization of the campus by presiding over the Orientation Programme on 6 July 2015 for the freshmen who joined the courses at the campus. In addition to the shifting of MBA programme after upgrading the department into a school called "American School of Business Administration," BBA, B.Com and B.Com (CA) were started.

New Admissions & Orientation Programmes

The college scaled a new height this year in terms of student admissions to various programmes at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and diploma levels. A total of **2396** students were admitted to various programmes. 709 undergraduate students in aided programmes, 1035 UG students in self-financed programmes, 199 PG students in aided programmes, 128 PG students in self financed programmes, 76 M. Phil., Scholars, 90 Diploma Course students in Community College, and 159 students in programmes offered at the Satellite Campus were admitted. Orientation programmes were conducted to the P.G & M.Phil freshmen on 30 June and to the UG freshmen on 1 July. A total of **1200 parents** attended the Parents Meet after the orientation programmes on three days.

New Courses

In response to societal demands and suggestions from parents, B.Sc Chemistry, M.A English, M.Sc Physics, B.Sc Information Technology and M.Sc Environmental Science were introduced this year in the Main Campus. The UGC permitted the American College Community College to offer the third diploma course in Food Processing and Preservation from this academic year.

New Faculty Appointments

With a view to not allowing even a single class unmet due to the non-approval of teaching positions in the government and in view of the new courses of study introduced in the college under self-financing system, the following faculty appointments were made through the usual newspaper advertisements and interviews in the various departments:

Tamil

1. Mr. R. Shankar
2. Mr. M. Christopher

French

3. Mr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian

Hindi

4. Ms. Kannammal Devi

English (SF)

5. Ms. D. Preethi Johnita Esther


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6. Mr. K. Samuel Joseph
7. Mr. J. Moses
8. Mr. J. Jeano
9. Mr. A. Vignesh Kumar
10. Ms. J. Priya Carol
11. Dr. S. Stanley Mohandoss Stephen (Visiting Professor)
12. Dr. G. Dominic Savio (Visiting Professor)

Economics

13. Ms. Angel

Physics (SF)

14. Ms. W. Hannah Blessy

BBA

15. T.S. Priya Darshini
16. Mr. A. Sathiya Prabhu

BCA

17. Ms. A. Annathangam
18. Ms. M. Hosanna

Chemistry (SF)

19. Mr. C. Joseph Kirubaharan
20. Mr. C. Immanuel David

Commerce (CA)

21. Ms. T. Gnana Gowsalya
22. Ms. G. Dhivya
23. Ms. S. Revathi

Commerce (IT)

24. Ms. S. Taj Sulthana

Commerce (SF)

25. Ms. Sherin Fathima
26. Ms. A. Jessie Golda
27. Mr. G. Manuel Guna Raja (Satellite campus)

Computer Science

28. Ms. B. Angel
29. Ms. G.P. Priya Pon Malar
30. Ms. K.K. Aparna


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Mathematics (SF)

31. Ms. S. Gadilya
32. Ms. Loyala Foresith Spencer
33. Ms. S. Christy Deva Suba

Microbiology and Immunology

34. Ms. Ramya

Master of Social Work

35. Rev. Dr. W. Samuel Soundarapandian
36. Ms. S. R. Arumai Samarpana

Appointments in Regular Vacancies

Due to the continuous effort and pressure of the administration, the college was fortunate enough to fill all the post sanctioned as on 31 May 2014. The following Assistant Professors were appointed against regular vacancies:

Mathematics

1. Dr. S. Balakrishnan

English

2. Mr. Thomas K. Varghese
3. Ms. Priya Carol
4. Ms. T. Anita Caroline

Maths

5. Dr. B. Johnson

Chemistry

6. Dr Y. Brightson Arul Jacob

Economics

7. Dr. Selvakumar
8. Dr. Vanitha

French

9. Mr. Chinnadurai Pandian

Appointment of Non-Teaching Staff in Regular Vacancies

The government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned ten non-teaching staff positions of different categories over a decade. The following management staff members were shifted to the government vacancies:

1. Mr. A. Stephan James as Junior Assistant
2. Mr. S. Abraham Deivanayagam as Junior Assistant
3. Mr. C. Selvam as Laboratory Assistant
4. Mr. I.P. Rajkumar Julian as Laboratory Assistant
5. Mr. J.P. Edward John as Laboratory Assistant


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6. Mr. V. Balanarayanan as Record Clerk
7. Mr. R. Prabakaran as Record Clerk
8. Mr. A. Ravikumaran as Office Assistant
9. Mr. S. Sahayaraj as Office Assistant
10. Mr. J.D. Raja Victor Mansingh as Office Assistant

Appointment of Warden

Dr. T. Fredrick Rajkumar, Assistant Professor of Zoology took over as Warden of Zumbro Hall replacing Mr. V.P.Sagimaynonathan.

Appointment of Caretaker NCC Army

Mr. R. Daniel Rubaraj, Assistant Professor of English was appointed as Caretaker, NCC Army replacing Lt. V. P. Sagimaynonathan.

Establishment & Inauguration of Jones Examination Hall

The newly built Examination Hall with the state-of-the-art facility that has been named after missionary Jones was formally inaugurated on Saturday 31 October 2015 by General Secretary of AIAC Dr. Daniel Ezhil Arasu in the presence of the officers of the Diocese of Madurai Ram.

Turning of the First Sod

In an effort to provide more infrastructure facilities to promote the whole person education, administration has initiated the following building projects with the turning-of-the-sod ceremonies performed at different times during the present academic year:

1. Bishop-President blessed and turned the first sod for the Ladies Hostel Annexure being built at a cost of 75 lakhs of which 60 lakhs funded by the UGC and 15 lakhs by the Management.
2. Bishop-President in the presence of the Governing Council members turned the first sod for Indoor Auditorium and Gymnasium being built at the cost of Rs.1.98 crores of which Rs.1.70 crore from the UGC grants.
3. In the presence of our senior G.C member Mr. C. Fernandes Rathinaraja and Rev. David Jebaraj member of Religious Life and Works and PC Chairman of the CSI Cathedral turned the first sod for New Classrooms Building in front of the College Canteen and the Washburn Hall on Saturday 31 October 2015.

Re-naming the Buildings

As per the decision taken in the previous Governing Council meeting held on 21 May 2015, the following buildings have been named after missionaries:

1. Jivana Jyoti Building as Dr. Richard P. Riesz Block
2. New Building as Dr. Paul L Love Block
3. Ladies Hostel as Noyes Garden

Principal's Meeting with the Board of Trustees in the US

Principal Dr. M. Davamani Christofer along with Bursar Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica attended a Board of Trustees meeting in New York at the invitation of the Board on 24 November 2015. They presented a PowerPoint presentation about the recent progress and the future plans and visions of the college. They also met the President of Concordia College, New York and discussed the prospects of the American College.


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tudents joining the academic programmes there in the coming academic year and also attended a meeting with the Director of Oberlin Shansi by invitation and explored the possibilities of new directions for inter-institutional collaborations.

Foreign Visits of the Faculty

I am happy to share with you the good news that our relationship with United Board has been revived and strengthened. As a result,

1. Mr. V.P. Sagimaynonathan has been selected as a Research Fellow under a UBCHEA sponsorship and he is right now pursuing research programme in the Philippines.
2. Dr. J. John Sekar, Dean of Academic Policies & Administration visited Hong Kong at the invitation of UBCHEA from 11 to 15 November 2015 for an international conference on "Massification of Higher Education in Asia."
3. Dr. M. Davamani Christofer, Principal & Secretary of The American College has presented a paper in an International conference on Topology, organised by ICTM, University of Messina, ITALY from 7 September 2015 to 11 September 2015.

100th Year of Celebrations of Daniel Poor Memorial Library

The college celebrated the 100th year of Daniel Poor Library from 1 to 5 February 2016. In commemoration of this historic event, a Book Fair, a National Seminar, a Workshop, and Museum were organized. The Book Fair was inaugurated by the Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region. Bishop-President Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, United Board Representative Dr. V.M. Spurgeon, and Member of the Board of Trustees Mr. David Dix and his wife Dr. Janet Dix participated in the celebrations. While Mr. David Dix unveiled the plaque near the Daniel Poor Memorial Library, our Bishop released the commemorative lamp.

Infrastructure Expansion

In tune with changing needs in higher education, the college administration expanded the college infrastructure as follows:

1. The Computer Lab on the main campus has been refurbished and expanded from 60 to 200 computers
2. English language software has been installed in the 30 systems in the Maths department computer lab and it benefits all the first year undergraduate students to improve their oral communication skills that are taught part of the course "Conversational Skills"
3. A Language Resource Centre was inaugurated on 29 September 2015 at Flint House that houses the undergraduate department of English (both aided and SF). A state-of-the-art facility where students who intend to apply for Concordia College are trained for IELTS exam. Students who opt for life skills courses such as Spoken English, English for Journalism and Mass Communication, Film Appreciation, Business English, and major PG courses like Structure of Modern English, English Language Teaching benefit it a lot.
4. Wifi capacity has been increased from 2 Mbps to 10 Mbps so that students can directly search for e-materials online round the clock.
5. All Residential Halls are provided internet cafes with broad band landline connections.
6. Entire Campus Automation has been achieved through an MoU with TCS signed on 30 November 2015. Offices of the Principal, Vice Principal, Bursar, Controller of Examinations, Data Centre,


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- Academic Departments, and Hostels have been interlinked. Students can have access to their academic performance, attendance, and fees details online. In fact, they pay fees online.
7. Roof Top Solar Power Plant on Grid System that generates 100 KW power has been installed in Library Building, Binghamton Building, and New Building. This will reduce 25.71 tons of CO₂ per year. The power generated during summer will be exported to the TANGEDCO grid through net metering. In this connection, the college signed an MoU with Empire Photovoltaic Systems.
 8. FIST sponsored lab at Jivana Jyothi was inaugurated on 17 November 2015.

MoUs

As part of the college's effort to establish education-industry-research links, the administration signed memorandum of understanding with CFTRI, Mysore on 4 September 2015; to start M.Sc Food Science with Rhein Bruck on 31 October 2015 and with Sysfore Technologies, Bangalore on 20 February 2016. An MoU was also signed with Ginling College, Nanjing Normal University, China on 1 March 2016. The college signed an MoU with National Stock Exchange (NSE) on 23 July 2015 to provide certification to Commerce, BBA, & Economics students.

Foreign Visitors to the College

The college receives visitors overseas every year and this semester the following visitors were received at the college:

1. President of Colleges and Universities of Anglican Communion (CUAAC) Rev. Canon James Callaway visited the college on 10 July 2015 and apprised the faculty of the forthcoming Triennial Conference in Chennai in 2017.
2. Rev. Dr. Mary Blaufuss, Member, Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the American College, New York visited the campus along with her husband and two children on 16 July 2015.
3. Mr. Julian Smith, a noted architect and former Oberlin Representative visited the college from 17 March to 19 March and undertook a massive whole site plan at satellite campus with a view to constructing buildings in the future for different purposes. He also re-designed the blueprint for construction of men's hostel and the chapel at present and women's hostel and other buildings for the future.

National Conferences

- A One Day National Seminar on Recent Trends in Energy Technologies was organized by Department of Physics (SF) & Department of Applied Science on 14 August 2015.
- DBT Sponsored National Conference on Community Microbial Consortia & the Human Host: Implications of Yet-Uncultured Microorganisms in Systemic Health, Disease, & Personalized Medicine" was organized by the Department of Immunology and Microbiology on 7 and 8 December 2015.
- Department of Botany organized a three day "Hands on Training Programme on Microbial Cultivation Technology" from 5 to 7 December 2015.
- A Two Day Workshop on Short Film and Documentary Making was organized on 29 and 30 December 2015 by the Department of Visual Communication.
- Department of Computer Applications organized a two day national workshop on Python Programming on 22 and 23 January 2016.
- Postgraduate and Research Department of Zoology organized a one day national Academies' Workshop on Recent Trends in Biological Sciences on 21 January 2016. It was co-sponsored by the Department of Zoology.

Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, and the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad.

Institution of Endowment Funds

Dr. R. Velmurugan, an alumnus and a former faculty member in Tamil Department who is presently working as Professor at National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore donated one lakh to institute an endowment on 14 December 2015. Prof. C. David Jeyaraj has contributed sum of four lakhs for the institution of prizes to be given to Chemistry students. Bursar Dr. Helen Ratna Ionica has given two lakhs to institute scholarships in the name of her grandfather Prof. A.G. Solomon to be the best student library user and her father Prof. S.A.R. Jeyarajan to the best faculty library user.

Science Exhibition

The annual Science Exhibition was organised by the departments of Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, and Microbiology from 14 to 16 October 2015. It was inaugurated by Dr. K. Muthuchelian, former Vice Chancellor of Periyar University, Salem on 14 October 2015. More than 6000 school children visited the stalls and labs.

Community College Graduation Day

The American College Community College conducted the first ever Graduation Day for its graduating diploma candidates on 17 March 2016. Mr Julian Smith, a member of the Board of Trustees of the American College Endowment Fund delivered the Graduation Day Address. Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Xavier Alphonse, father of community colleges in India and Province Coordinator for Higher Education, Tamil Nadu Jesuits offered felicitations. 46 diploma candidates in Medical Lab Technology and Aqua Culture received their diplomas.

Annual Sports Day and Tournaments

- 135th Annual Sports Day was conducted on 12 August 2015 and Mr. Jagadeesan, President, Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce was the chief guest.
- 22nd State level inter-collegiate Floodlit volley ball tournament for Thiru. N. Muthiah Ambalam Memorial Trophy was held on 6 August 2015. Mr S.R. Prabhakaran, Film Director was the guest of honour and Mr. K. Pugazhenth, Inspector of Police and alumnus of Economics department distributed the prizes and the shield.
- The third state level inter-collegiate hockey tournament for Bishop Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial Trophy was held on 12 March 2016. Dr. V.V. Venkataraman, Member, Convenor's Committee and Principal of Raju's College, Rajapalayam was the chief guest.

Flag Hoisting and Christmas Celebrations at the Satellite Campus

For the first time in the history of the college, national flag was hoisted both in the Main Campus and in the Satellite Campus on Independence Day and Republic Day. Similarly, the first Christmas Celebration was organized in the Satellite Campus by its hundred odd students. Many senior faculty members felt that it was the most memorable Christmas celebration in their life. Friends, you are going to witness an exclusive performance by the Satellite Campus students during cultural's shortly.

Study Centre for Indian Literature in English and Translation (SCILET)

- 27th volume of its annual poetry journal Kavya Bharathi was published in memory of Dr. tPaul Linder Love.
- Organized "Meet the Author" programme on 5 August 2015. Jerry Pinto was the guest writer.


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- Conducted its annual workshop in Creative Writing at Kodaikanal from 5 to 9 August 2015. four students from different departments were chosen for the workshop.
- On 27 & 28 January 2016 a Storytelling / Narration Workshop in connection with the Centenary Celebration of Daniel Poor Memorial Library was organized. The Workshop Leader was Dr. E. Miller, Director of the World Storytelling Institute, Chennai.
- On 5 February 2016, Dr. Mini Krishnan gave a talk on "Libraries, Languages and Learning" as part of the Centenary Celebrations of Daniel Poor Memorial Library.

Student Enrichment Programmes

- Mr. Hussaini, an alumnus and a noted TV personality delivered a day long motivational talk to students of both aided and self-financed streams on 10 August 2015
- New Voters Awareness Programme was held on 25 February 2016.
- An interaction with National Legal Rights Protection Council was organized on 19 September 2015.
- Student representatives were sent to New Delhi to participate in the national conference on National Integration.
- It sensitized student community on the need to protect the environment by observing 'NO Vehicle Day' on 16 September 2015 as part of Ozone Day Celebrations.
- Pon Mazhai Pozhuthu—a cultural evening—was organized in the open air on 22 September 2015.
- In collaboration with Neyveli Lignite Corporation & NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited, Tuticorin college organized a special lecture programme under Vigilance Awareness Week on 27 October 2015.
- On 30 March 2015, Messrs. Thirumavelan, Journalist from Junior Vikatan, Mr. Bharathi Krishnakumar, Writer, Rohini Ramdoss, IAS, and Veera Rhagava Rao, IAS spoke on "Nam Vela Nam Kural" jointly organized by Indian Election Commission and Junior Vikatan
- Kanithamil Peravai, a state government programme, was inaugurated to help the students to get involved in computers through Tamil.
- The college dispensary is effectively functioning for 12 hours in a day that is from 8 am to 8 pm. Doctor visits twice a day.

Students Study Abroad Programmes

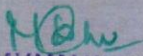
- Mr. Jefferson of II B.Sc Chemistry and Mr. Ajay Guru of Zoology have been selected for Cornell College, USA.
- Mr. Allwin Magesh Raj of III B.Sc Zoology spent one semester from April to June 2015 at Hildesheim University, Germany.
- Ms. V. Ajitha of M.Phil., English is currently at Hildesheim University, Germany and she will spend one full semester up to August 2016.

Faculty International Trip (FIT 2016)

In an effort to provide international exposure to its faculty members, the Administration has started the novel idea of tour abroad programme. During Pongal holidays in January 2016, thirty faculty members visited Kandy and Colombo in Sri Lanka.

Doctoral Degrees Acquired by Faculty Members

The following faculty members were awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree by University of Madurai in the year:


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1. Dr. P. Johnson of Tamil
2. Dr. S. Balakrishnan of Tamil
3. Dr. A. Vigneshkumar of English
4. Dr. R. Ebenezer of Chemistry
5. Dr. C. Joseph Kirubakaran of Chemistry

Refresher Courses

The college always believes in continuous professional development through in-service programmes. The following faculty members attended the UGC sponsored refresher courses this year:

1. Dr. P. Velladurai of Zoology from 27.11.2015 to 17.12.2015
2. Mr. S. Stalin Kumar of Maths from 25.11.2015 to 12.12.2015
3. Mr. K. Ravi of English from 01.07.2015 to 21.07.2015
4. Dr. R. Prabakar Vedamanickam of Tamil from 27.10.2015 to 06.11.2015 & 03.03.2016 to 23.03.2016
5. Dr. S. Jemima Balaselvi Juliana of Chemistry from 11.03.2016 to 31.03.2016
6. Dr. D. Stephen of Botany from 11.03.2016 to 31.03.2016

Student Christian Movement

SCM had its office-bearers installed on 28 August 2015. Rev. P. Edwin Yesuraj, Deputy Chairman, Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad delivered the message. It organized a special talk on 10 October 2015 on the theme "Never Fails" addressed by Dr. A. Arjunan from MTN College and Dr. C. Jyothy Sophia, Principal CSI Nursing College, Madurai. It was an edifying experience to students. It also conducted "Jingle and Song" a Christmas Carol service on 15 December 2015.

Reports from Academic Department

The strength of the college lies in the academic achievement and innovations at the department level. Friends, I will present to you a very brief report of the departments and the details will be given in the College Magazine.

Tamil

"Kani Tamil Peravai" (Forum for Tamil Computing) was inaugurated on 20 January 2016 with a view to encouraging the use of Tamil in computing. The State Coordinator Mr. M. Thamizhpparthi inaugurated the forum. Dr. Somasundaram was the resource person. Dr. Sarojini presented a paper in a national conference. Dr. Govindaraju published a book. Mrs. Sengol Mary, Dr. Hendry Julius, and Dr. Boomiselvam published article in journals. Dr. Balakrishnan, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Stanley, and Mr. Shankar presented and published papers. Dr. S. Balakrishnan has been awarded "Thirukural Aravial Aaivarangar" by the Centre for World Thirukkural, Chennai on 2 March 2016. The department also organized three guest lectures by Rev. Fr Jegath Gasper Raj, Dr. N. Jayaprakash, and Mr. Gokul Vanan.

Hindi

The department of Hindi organized a Guest lecture on Communicative Hindi and Functional Hindi on 18 March 2016. Dr. Safaramma, Mrs. Kannammal Devi presented research papers and published articles.


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French

French Literary Association organized a one day youth exchange programme on 15 March on the theme "Teaching French as a Foreign Language." Mr. Chinnadurai Pandian and Mrs. B. Vijaya seminars, conferences and delivered invited talks. All second year B.A French students attended a seminar at Madurai Kamaraj University on 27 October 2015.

English

Pegasus 2016 was celebrated on 4 March 2016 with 260 participants from 13 colleges in the state. Mr. Michael Jerald IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Madurai was the chief guest for the valedictory function. The ELA staged the play "Mouse Trap" by Agatha Christie directed by Dinakar from 9 to 12 March 2016. Flintonians secured the overall trophy in four of five inter-college competitions. The department published two more in-house textbooks for General English students. Postgraduate department of English conducted an intercollegiate workshop on Communication for Placement on 14 March 2016, organized a talk on 16 October 2015 in honour of Dr. Paul Linde. It also organized a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew on 30 & 31 March. Members of the department published 16 research articles, delivered 16 invited talks, attended 10 Book Studies Meetings, chaired 10 technical sessions, presented 23 research papers at conferences. Dr. Sekar was awarded Dr. JK Best Paper Award and was selected as Subject Expert in English for recruitment of Assistant Professors by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission in January 2016.

English (SF)

Theieto John of TMA English has published a book titled **Cry Aloud** and Onyeuche Godson presented and won the best paper award for his paper "Today's Science Fiction is Tomorrow's Science" in a State Students Seminar conducted by Thiagarajar College on 26 September 2016. Mr. J. Jeano cleared NET consecutively during this academic year. Mr. J. Jehoson Jiresh presented a research article in an international conference in Dubai from 13 to 15 November 2015. Its faculty members have published 4 research papers, presented 4 research papers, and delivered invited lectures.

Mathematics

AXIOMATICA 2016 was celebrated on 30 March 2016. The department organized NET coaching classes in October and November 2015. Students visited Government of India run HIV/AIDS Children's Rehabilitation Centre on 18 Dec 2015. Several students attended conferences, workshops and competitions and won several prizes and cups. The department organized two special lectures for benefit of students. Dr. D. Kannan from the University of Georgia and Dr. Udhyabaskaran, former Rector of Madurai Region were the resource persons. Its faculty members have published 10 research papers, presented 2 research papers, attended 2 conferences and one refresher course, and delivered one invited lecture. Dr. M. Davamani Christober presented a paper titled "Note on Extended Bi topological Ultra Spaces" at International Conference on Topology held at the University of Messina, Italy.

Physics

Dr. Robson Benjamin, Dr. Gnanasekar, Dr. Richard, Dr. Israel, Mr. David Jebaraj, Ms. Anitha, Dr. Rajkumar, and Mr. Rajesh, faculty members of Physics, have published research articles and presented papers in national conferences and Mrs. Beaula Ruby published 3 research articles in international conferences.

Physics (SF)

The department organized two guest lectures that aimed at motivating students with the scientific research. Dr. Sathyanarayanan, Scientific Officer from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Madurai-625 002.

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Mumbai spoke on "Aspects of INO" and Dr. Jonathan, Head, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology on "Laser Speckle." Students of 05 PHS batch supported financially two of our current students for their education. Mrs. Sujana published 2 research papers in international conference and Mr. Moorthy attended workshop and Dr. R. Daphine published 2 research papers in national conference.

Chemistry

Chem-Glaze 2016 was conducted on 5 March 2016. J. Prince Samuel (13CHE41) bagged second prize and 10,000 cash award in state level quiz competition organized by RL Institute of Management Studies held on 8 March 2016. While UG students participated in several intercollegiate cultural competitions and won awards, M.Sc and M.Phil students presented research papers in conferences. Dr. T.K. Ganesan published 3 articles, Dr. Jemima, Mrs. Kirthika Rani, Mr. Karthick Kumar, Mr. Mr. Brightson, Mr. Joseph Kirubakaran published research papers and Dr. A. Selvan and Dr. K. Karthik Kumar participated in national workshops.

Botany

The department of Botany organized eight invited lectures delivered by eminent scientists and alumni. It organized a botanical excursion to Kodaikannal hills to imbibe and practice the vision of department "To explore and not to exploit the plant world." Student colloquium was a regular feature of the PG department. Plascia 2016 was held on 14 March 2016. Mr. Winfred Thomas has been selected by the Ministry of Environment and Forest as a resource person for National Green Corps (NGC) to train more than 650 School Co-ordinators to revitalize 557 Eco-Clubs in 7 districts of South Tamil Nadu. Dr. G.C. Abraham has established the shade house for endangered and threatened species. Dr. Anburaj Daniel Barnabas participated in an international conference and supervised a FULBRIGHT scholar. Dr. Vijayan served as an examiner in the TNPSSE board and attended a UB programme. Dr. Sanjay and Dr. Ebenezer have published research articles in international conference. Mrs. Shameem Banu has published 3 research papers in national seminars and attended a workshop. Mrs. Esther Rani, and Mrs. Guna Sundari have attended national workshops.

Zoology

The department of Zoology organized a sponsored lecture workshop and it has organized four guest lectures for students. Dr. Navaneethakanan, Dr. Joseph Thatheyus, Mrs. Joy Sharmila, Dr. Raghuram, and Dr. Sivaruban have published research articles in national conference. Dr. Velladurai attended Refresher Course. Mr. M. Rajesh and students identified 26 species of birds during several 'bird count' programmes conducted in the campus.

Economics

Dr. R. Albert Christopher Dhas was chosen for the Best Teacher in Economics Award for the year 2015-16 from Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, Chennai. He also has published research articles in national conferences. Dr. S. Jeyarani was chosen as an Excellent Paper Presenter at an international conference in Thailand in May 2015. Its faculty members have published 15 research articles, presented 4 research papers, delivered 4 invited talks, and participated in 5 conferences.

MCA

Department of MCA organized a one day seminar on Computer Game Development on 27 February 2016 and the resource person was Mr. Senthil Kumar, CEO of First Seed. Mr. Frank Reuban Jebaraj has published research article in a National Seminar. Mrs. Monica Sushil Cynthia has presented papers in international conference.


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Department of Immunology and Microbiology

Microfiesta 2016 is a state level intercollegiate meet and it was conducted on 15 March 2016. 205 participants from colleges. It also arranged three guest lectures for students. Mr. Andrew Pradeep, Mr. and Mr. Immanuel Suresh have presented papers in international seminars. Its faculty members have published papers and presentations at conferences to their credit. They have delivered two invited talks. Some of their students have participated in cultural and conferences.

Department of Biochemistry

The department of Biochemistry organized a two day workshop on Food Technology on 15 & 16 September 2015. It also organized an industrial visit to the Centre for Marine Fisheries and Research (CMFRI), Cochin on 26 September 2015. The association of the department released the first Newsletter "The Splash" on 15 December 2015 and the second news letter on 29 March 2016. Two research papers have been presented and published.

Business Administration

The department of Business Administration celebrated 'Tycoons' on 7 March 2016. 150 students from various colleges participated in the cultural fest and exhibited their skills and talents. It also organized an industrial visit to Karnataka soap factory at Bangalore to get a practical exposure on management concepts. Its students emerged champion in competitions conducted in 5 colleges. Mr. Balaji Mr. Ramakrishna, Mr. Sathiya Prabhu have attended and published research articles in international conferences.

Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work rendered service in the crisis of natural disaster at Cuddalore. Faculty and students took special care of the traumatized population and distributed relief material. A relief activity was on 13 & 14 December 2015. The Mega Medical Camp was organized in collaboration with CSI Christian Mission Hospital, at the Satellite Campus on 15 December 2015. Students participated in Indian Student Parliament, Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad activity conducted by Maharashtra Institute of Technology at Pune from 27 to 31 January 2016.

Department of Commerce (SF)

The Department conducted guest lectures on various topics like "Aptitude Exam and Baroda Training", "Interview skills" "Group Discussion" "Right to Information Act." Students regularly visit industries for gaining practical knowledge. Mrs. Mary Sophia Chitra, Mrs. Sherin Fathima have presented papers in national seminars. Mrs. Antony Mary Vinothini, Mr. Nixon Jesuraj, Mrs. Mangayarkarasi have presented papers in international conferences.

Department of Commerce (CA)

Special talks were arranged on topics like Multi media and Web Designing, Aptitude Exam and Baroda Training, Right to Information Act, Interview Skills, Baroda Pioneer MF IAP Program, G&P, People's Skills. Students participated in a number of intercollegiate cultural competitions. Mrs. Keren Ms. Suganya, and Mrs. Keren Judi have published papers in national conferences. Ten research papers were published in national and international journals and the faculty attended international conferences. Ms.V. Suganya has been certified as a critic writer by the UNESCO Club, Bijapur.

Department of Commerce (IT)

The department of Commerce (IT) organized three guest lectures on themes like Logo Design, Animation, and GTD. Industrial visit to Madurai Dairy Farm was organized on 6 February 2016.

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overall champions in Madurai Kamaraj University and won Ma Va Cup second.

- Volley Ball Team won Lion Dr. K.Rathinam Trophy, Dindigul and Cash Award of 12000/- and Dr. T.S. Sundaram Volley ball Trophy, GIRI University, with Cash Award of 7000/-.
- The Hockey Team won PSN hockey trophy conducted at the PSN Engineering College, Tirunelveli with Cash Award of Rs.10000/- and Evangeline Memorial National Level Hockey Tournament conducted by Karunya University with Cash Award of 15000/-. It also won Hajee Kaja Memorial Hockey Tournament at Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy with Cash Award of 3000/-. Again, it won Bishop Dr. Christopher Asir Tournament Trophy with Cash Award of Rs.15000/-.
- It is either winners or runners-up in Badminton, Chess, Handball, Football, Basket Ball, Kho Kho, Ball Badminton, and Khabbadi at the zonal level in Madurai Kamaraj University.

Department of National Service Scheme

NSS organized four blood donation camps and donated 1013 units of blood to the Blood Bank, Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai and successfully completed the seven-day special camp in the villages. Dr.S.C.B.Samuel Annu Selvan received Best Blood Donation Camp Organiser Award from District administration on 25 October 2015.

NSS Unit-4 constructed two additional class rooms at the cost of Rs.14,10,100/- under Tamil Nadu Government Self Sufficiency Scheme in the adopted village at Vellayampatti Government Higher Secondary School, Vellayampatti. The classrooms were inaugurated by Dr.M. Davamani, Principal, on 16 October, 2015. Secretary and Mr.Samuel Christober, NSS Regional Director, Chennai on 22 February 2016.

Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Annu Selvan represented Madurai Kamaraj University and attended National Integration Camp at Bangalore from 4 December 2015 to 10 December 2015 and won Best Trainer Award for the camp, 2015.

National Cadet Corps (Army)

The National Cadet Corps (Army) has witnessed yet another year of excellence and achievement this year.

- Senior Under Officer R. Pandi Velavan of III year B.Sc Mathematics attended All India Army Leadership Camp (ALC) at Agra in August 2015.
- Cadet. B. Ragupathi of II year B.A Tamil attended Basic Mountaineering Course at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering at Uttarkashi, Uttarkhand in October 2015.
- Company Sergeant Major M. Pasumpon Pandi of III year B.A Economics and Sergeant Kumar of III year B.Sc Physics attended All India Trekking Camp at Gaya, Bihar in December 2015.
- Cadet. M. Vignesh of II year B.Sc Botany and Cadet. P.Bala Murugan of II year B.A Economics attended RDC - IGC.
- Cadet. M.Surjith Kanna of II year B.A RPS attended NCC National Games - IGC.
- Cadet Under Officer P.Anbalagan of III year B.Sc Mathematics joined the Indian Army this Academic year.

NCC (Navy)

- Senior cadet captain D. Mageswararajan was selected for the Youth Exchange Program and he travelled to Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Bangladesh in an Indian Navy ship along with 12 other cadets from other parts of the country.


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- Y. Viswanath (14 PHY 66) and S. Devasenapathy (14 MAT 16) participated in the All India Nausainik camp held at Karwar

Service Learning Programme

Service Learning Programme registered 777 students in the five courses that were offered to students this year. Student volunteers were given practical orientation on managing solid waste in the college. Our villages have been adopted and successfully organized awareness camps on socio economic, health, nutritional and village ecology. Students effectively shared the academic resources of the college with village schools. Value based knowledge was inculcated in students during their visit to various orphanages.

Student Services Committee

SSC is a student forum where each student of the college gets space to discover and bring out their hidden talents. Its motto is "Serve College to Serve Yourself." It helped the administration during admission maintaining "May I help you?" counter to offer counselling to the aspirants from 26 April June to 16 June 2015. It organized Freshmen's Orientation from 1 to 3 July 2015. It also organized Photo Sessions and Identity Cards for the freshmen on 20 and 21 July 2015. It coordinated Flood Relief Camp at Cuddalore on 13 December 2015. It organized 8 student seminars and arranged five cultural events on occasions like AAC Peer Team visit. It trained and sent students to 14 cultural competitions conducted across the state.

Retirements

After a long dedicated service to the college the following faculty members and non-teaching staff are retiring this year:

1. Mr. S. Suriyakumar, Head of PG Zoology Department
2. Dr. A. Silas Ebenezer, Head of UG Zoology Department
3. Dr. J. Karunyal, Associate Professor of Botany and Warden of Women's Hostel
4. Mr. V.S. Bright, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Non-Teaching Staff

5. Mr. I. Murugesan
6. Mr. Durai Pandi
7. Mr. Kulandaisamy

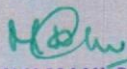
Deaths

I am extremely sorry to share with you the untimely death of three students during this academic year.

1. G. Prabhakaran (14 BCH 29) passed away on 26 June 2015
2. G. Ebenezer Britto (13 COM 18) got killed in an accident on 8 September 2015
3. K.Kamala Manikandan (15 BBA 32) died on 9 September 2015.

I have sad news to share from the faculty and their families as well.

4. Dr. P. Kumarasamy of Zoology department died on 12 August 2015.
5. Our Bursar's father and former Professor S.A.R. Jeyarajan passed away on 7 December at the age of 76
6. Our Vice Principal's mother Mrs. Mercy Mary Manohari passed away on 22 May 2015 at the age of 83


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7. Visiting Professor Dr. G. Dominic Savio's father Mr. K.A. Gnana Pragasam died on 12 Sep 2015 at the age of 91.
 8. Mother of Mr. M. Rajesh of Zoology Mrs. Prema passed away on 9 July 2015 at the age of 91.
 9. Prof. D. Jeevaraj, retired staff member of Commerce Department passed away on 1 April 2015.
- May the Lord who comforts all mankind be with all these families!

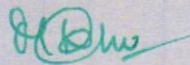
Plans for the Next Academic Year

The college is planning to start M.Sc Food Science, M.Phil., Mathematics, and M.Phil., in Administration in the coming academic year. It is also planning to apply to the UGC for the college Potentials for Excellence status as recommend by the NAAC Peer Team. A Men's hostel and a canteen are also in the pipeline for the Satellite Campus.

Conclusion

The future is more important than the past that is over and that the present that is facing out now. Moreover, the future is where all potential lies. The American College believes that its foundation, bedrock that allows its present to be strong so that we can dream big for the future. The college is never stationary because it is always marching ahead breaking all barriers and challenges. The missionary spirit that hovers over the college inspires us for constant renovation and timely improvement periodically. God's guidance and grace is always there for the college through benevolent acts and prayers of parents, students, alumni, faculty, staff, public, bureaucrats, and well-wishers. When God is with us, can be against the college? Friends, I conclude this year's report with a fond hope that I will come to you one year from now with a new report of greater achievements than what we have achieved this year.

May God bless you!



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