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Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ
Vice Chancellor
St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University)
Director -SACAA

“A highly connected network is more than a social club; it’s a bridge between the past and the future; between expectation and ambition; between learning and experience.”

Dear friends in St Aloysius,

It is with immense joy and pleasure that I pen these few lines expressing my pride and satisfaction at the passionate pursuit of the growth of their alma mater by our Alumni Association, SACAA during the few months. Their selfless dedication to the cause of the growth of their institutions has been commendable. Their enthusiasm during their regular Executive Council meetings and commitment to serve the association deserves our sincere and heartfelt appreciation. Their effective facilitation and collaboration in organizing events and participation in the significant events have been a catalyst in raising the alumni engagement and alumni interaction with our current students inspiring them to be the true ambassadors of the core values of Aloysius. I appreciate and commend their efforts in putting up eye-catching events. Besides the College and the University units, other units like the Primary School Alumni and PUC alumni have come together and have had their reunions. This is an encouraging trend and we need to nurture and promote them towards more engaging and lasting connections. Besides, many of the previous batches, especially the Golden batches of Alumni are coming back to the institution with great enthusiasm and that is heartening. It is a great news that more than 100 alumni from the golden batches are congregating for their Grand Golden Reunion on 11 January, 2026. That would be an exciting and memorable event. We are all eagerly looking forward to this unprecedented occasion.

We are at the threshold of yet another significant milestone in the annals of the grand history of St Aloysius – the 150 years of glorious existence. We are just 4 years closer to the landmark. The remote preparations for the grand event have already set in motion. All the units of St Aloysius Institutions along with their alumni are preparing a roadmap to mark the event as the most memorable one for all stakeholders. I invite all the alumni world over to get connected to your respective batches to come together and put innovative ideas and projects in place so that the celebration becomes truly global and iconic.

I would like to reiterate the fact that it is the alumni who are the backbone of all educational institutions. Their support and engaging involvement in its growth and brand building is crucial and imperative.

Let us positively engage with the management and the institutions by collaborating and contributing to their growth.

LONG LIVE SACAA!





Mr Anil Kumar K.
President- SACAA

“The bond we share as Aloysians is not confined by time or distance; it is a lifelong connection woven with gratitude, service, and pride.”

Dear Aloysian Family,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I extend my warm greetings to each one of you through this newsletter. Every time we connect as Aloysians, we are reminded of the deep and lasting impact that our alma mater has had on our lives — shaping not only our intellect but also our character, values, and sense of purpose.

Over the years, the St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) has remained a beacon of unity and collaboration. What sets our alumni community apart is not just its numbers, but the strength of the relationships, the shared ideals, and the collective will to give back to the institution that gave us so much. Through our ongoing initiatives, meaningful engagement, and the growing participation of members across batches, we continue to strengthen the bridge between the past and the future of this great institution.

As we journey toward the 150th anniversary of St Aloysius, we stand on the threshold of a historic celebration — one that will reflect the legacy of excellence, faith, and service that generations of Aloysians have built. This milestone calls upon us to unite in spirit and action, contributing in whatever ways we can to uphold the glory of our alma mater and carry its values into the wider world.

Let us continue to embody the Aloysian spirit — one of compassion, commitment, and camaraderie. I invite all alumni, wherever you are in the world, to stay connected, to participate, and to take pride in being part of this remarkable family that continues to inspire and transform lives.

May our bond as Aloysians grow ever stronger, and may SACAA continue to flourish as a symbol of shared purpose and enduring friendship.

Once an Aloysian, always an Aloysian!



Dr Alwyn V. D'Sa
Editor-SACAA

“The Alumni are not just old students; they are brand ambassadors, donors, mentors and champions.”

Dear Friends in Aloysius,

As always, the Aloysius institutions have been teeming with energy and vivacity during the last few months. There is no dearth of activities and festivities on the campus making it ever vibrant and lively. The smiles on the faces of the tiny tots, growing up kids and the adolescents – thousands of them, hopping and playing in sprightly energy is a joy to the eyes. They pray, they play, they learn, they collaborate, they support, they hold on, they accompany – all as members of One Great Aloysian Family.

Come November, SACAA comes to life with the ensuing events lined up in preparation for the Annual Alumni Reunion. This year too, as the annual event approaches, SACAA has planned exciting events before the immediate preparations.

The SACAA Sports with the Benjamin Memorial Throwball Tournament and the Bennet Pinto Memorial Cricket tournament will be held on Sunday, 07 December, 2025 in the PU College Grounds from 8.00am. It would be an Extravaganza of fellowship sports and games with entertainment. I invite all the alumni residing in Mangalore to assemble, play, have fun and cheer the teams.

To add to the flavour of the festivities, SACAA started the Treasure Hunt on Wheels from the last year. It has been a great success. This year too, the event will be hosted on Sunday, 04 January, 2026. The Treasure Hunt will start from the parking lot of St Aloysius University and culminate at the same venue. The rules and regulations will be shared in the Alumni WhatsApp groups soon.

Kindly block January 12, the most awaited occasion for all Aloysian Alumni – The Annual Alumni Reunion. It is a wonderful occasion to meet your class mates, teachers, Jesuit fathers and other alumni as a family. It will be an exciting and memorable evening with a lot of fellowship activities. Your presence and active participation will add immense value to the celebrations.

May SACAA continue its legacy of nurturing the alumni!

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Convocation Ceremony Held at Mangalore District Prison – 12 June 2025

St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) Mangalore organized a Convocation ceremony inside the Mangalore District Prison on 12 June 2025 as a fitting finale to distribute Diploma Certificates to 25 Prison inmates who successfully completed a Diploma programme in "Herbal Medicines and Disease Prevention. The Vice Chancellor Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ inaugurated the programme. The Bishop of Mangalore Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha distributed the Diploma Certificates



in the presence of the Vice Chancellor Rev Dr Praveen Martis, Mr B.Suresh, Prison Superintendent, Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar, Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar Prof Edmund Frank, Course Coordinator and invited audience. This is a unique and first of its kind Diploma Course conducted in prisons across India and prisons the world over.



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INDIA TODAY 2025

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RANK IN INDIA

BCA

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#7-KARNATAKA

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RANK IN INDIA

BBA

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#9-KARNATAKA

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#7-KARNATAKA

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RANK IN INDIA

B.Sc.

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#7-KARNATAKA

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RANK IN INDIA

B.Com.

#1-MANGALURU
#10-KARNATAKA

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MSW

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#7-KARNATAKA

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Mass Communication

#1-MANGALURU
#7-KARNATAKA



Visit to Syracuse University, USA – Strengthening Academic & Research Collaborations (25 June 2025)

Vice Chancellor Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ accompanied by Rector Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ and Rev. Dr Kiran Cotha SJ visited the management team of Syracuse University, USA on June 25, 2025 and engaged in bilateral discussions on promoting collaborations in Academic and research areas.

The team met Prof. J. Cole Smith, Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science and Ms Kathleen Joyce, Assistant Dean for Student Recruitment among other faculty.



Aloysius Team Visits SUNY Cortland



A team from St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) comprising Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Rector Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, and Rev. Dr Kiran Cotha SJ visited The State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland, USA, on 25 June 2025.

They met with Dr Erik J. Bitterbaum (President), Dr Ann K. McClellan (Provost), Prof. Girish Bhat, and Ms Kayla N. DeCoste (Assistant Director of Study Abroad). The visit further strengthened the academic collaboration and global partnership between the two institutions.





Chess-A-Thon

Inter-district Rapid Chess Tournament



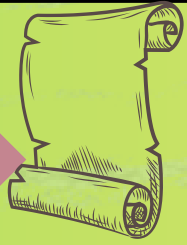
An event by the alumni of
St Aloysius Higher Primary school
29 June 2025



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Strengthening Global Ties: MoUs with Universities in Uruguay and Slovakia



St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) continues to make strides globally through both academic partnerships and recognition of leadership. On 2 July 2025, the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU) to foster collaboration in academics, research, and joint programmes. The MoU was signed by Vice Chancellor Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ on behalf of St Aloysius, and Rev. Julio Fernández, S.I. for UCU—marking a significant step in international academic cooperation.



St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) signed an MoU with The University of Trnava, Slovak Republic, on 02 July 2025 to promote collaboration in areas such as research, staff and student exchange, joint conferences, seminars, and publications.

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Vice Chancellor, signed on behalf of St Aloysius, while Prof. Miloš Lichner SJ, Rector, represented the University of Trnava.



Global Engagement and Recognition: Canisius Medal for Fr Leo & Academic Collaboration with Santa Clara University



Rev. Dr Leo D'Souza SJ, former Principal of St Aloysius College and former Director of SACAA, was awarded the prestigious Canisius Medal by Jesuit General Fr Arturo Sosa for his outstanding contribution to Higher Education and Spiritual Leadership. The honour was conferred at the IAJU 2025 Assembly held in Bogotá, Colombia, on 3 July 2025.

On July 7, 2025, Vice Chancellor Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, accompanied by Rector Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, visited Santa Clara University, California, USA. They met with Dr Christopher Bacon (Dept. of Environmental Studies and Sciences) and Ms Maria Gómez (Research Coordinator – Food and Climate Justice) to explore academic collaboration.



St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) already shares an MoU with Santa Clara University's Levy School of Business for joint management programmes.



Aloysius Team Visits Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles



On July 8, 2025, Vice Chancellor Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ, along with Rector Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ and Rev. Dr Kiran Cotha, visited Loyola Marymount University (LMU), Los Angeles, USA. They met Rev. José I. Badenes SJ, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Professor of Spanish. LMU President Dr Thomas Poon, who had earlier met our Vice Chancellor during the IAJU Conference. LMU is the largest Catholic university on the U.S. West Coast, known for its strong Jesuit and Marymount traditions.

Remona Creates World Record in Bharatanatyam



We at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, are proud of Remona Evette Pereira, final-year BA student, who has entered the Golden Book of World Records by performing 170 hours of Bharatanatyam – the first in the world to do so.

Her record-breaking feat from July 21 to 28 is a true reflection of Aloysian spirit and dedication. Adding to her accolades, Remona has also been honoured with the District Rajyotsava Award, recognizing her outstanding contribution to art and culture. Congratulations, Remona!

Teacher's Day Celebration - 2025



Prison Ministry India International Jubilee Conference in Ernakulam 28 -31 October 2025- Book Release



The book titled "Understanding Crime, Prison and Forensics" authored by Prof. Edmund Frank, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, was released on 29 October 2025 at the International Jubilee Conference of Prison Ministry India by Fr Mathew Koyickal, CBCI Deputy Secretary, Delhi. Also in the picture are his Eminence Cardinal Antony Poola and Rev Jose Pulickal CBCI Chairperson to Prison Ministry India Prison Ministry India International Jubilee Souvenir 28-31 October 2025 was released by Cardinal Michael Felix Czerny SJ from Vatican on 30 October 2025 at Nirmala College in Ernakulam. Prof Edmund Frank Souvenir Editor is seen alongside with other dignitaries.



Reuben Jason Machado: Making Waves with Music



Reuben Jason Machado, renowned musician and multi-instrumentalist, is set to enter the Golden Book of World Records with a unique feat – the Longest Back Swim While Playing the Flute.

The attempt was taken place on 29th October 2025 at 10:00 AM at the St Aloysius College Swimming Pool, Mangaluru. This first-of-its-kind record combines endurance, breath control, and musical skill – a true reflection of Aloysian creativity and determination.




Annual General Body Meeting



The Annual General Body Meeting of the St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) was held on 31st October 2025 at Sahodaya Hall, with 38 members in attendance. The meeting included the presentation of annual reports, financial statements, and addresses by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ and Rev. Fr. Melwin Pinto SJ, appreciating SACAA's initiatives and encouraging continued alumni engagement.




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DR NINAAD LASRADO

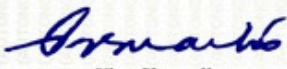
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW, GROUP LEAD - VIROLOGY AND RNA RESEARCH
BIDMC - HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

ALOYSIAN ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH – MAY 2025

For being an excellent and eminent Alumnus having been named in Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 Asia - Health Science list for 2025, currently working as Post-Doctoral Fellow at Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA . . .

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Kudos for upholding our Motto:
"Lucet et Ardet - Shine to Enkindle."
Your efforts have made us proud.



Vice Chancellor

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MR THARANATH GATTI KAPIKAD
PRESIDENT, KARNATAKA TULU SAHITYA ACADEMY, GOVT. OF KARNATAKA

ALOYSIAN ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2025


For demonstrating to superior leadership skills in Journalism and securing the position of the President of the Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy being an exemplary alumnus of the Institution . . .



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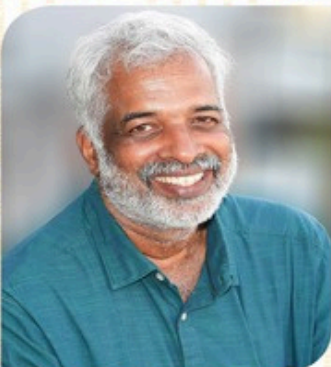

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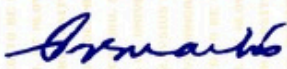
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MR SHASHIDHARA ADAPA B
SCENIC DESIGNER, ART DIRECTOR
(THEATRE, FILMS, TV REALITY SHOWS, SETS FOR EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS)
ALOYSIAN ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH – JULY 2025
For his contribution to the good name of his alma mater as a proud
alumnus through his exceptional artistic flair and enchanting creativity . . .




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MR RAJ DEEPAK SHETTY


FILM ACTOR

ALOYSIAN ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2025

For demonstrating higher level of acumen in the field of performing arts playing major roles in South Indian movies and receiving accolades besides being an eminent alumnus and ambassador of the values of his alma mater . . .




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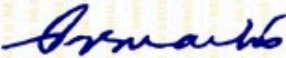
DR SUNIL EVANS JATHANNA
ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICAL OFFICER & SENIOR SPECIALIST GENERAL SURGEON,
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE, MULKI

ALOYSIAN ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2025

For his missionary zeal and dedication in his chosen vocation as a
surgeon as a proud alumnus of our Institution . . .




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DR VIVIAN MENDONCA
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & GLOBAL HEAD VALUE,
EVIDENCE & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MENARINI PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP


ALOYSIAN ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER 2025

For being conferred the coveted Dakshina Kannada District Kannada Rajyotsava Award for his outstanding contributions to the pharmaceutical industry and global health care access.

For making his alma mater proud by embodying excellence, compassion and service to humanity ...

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