



# ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## Greetings

*It is with great pleasure and pride that we launch our first edition of the Alumni Association Newsletter.*

*SACAA hopes that you hold fond memories of your learning experience at St Aloysius Institutions and that you are still in contact with your classmates. From our side, this Newsletter will help you to be informed about what is going on at Aloysius and will help alumni get in touch with one another so as to build the "St Aloysius College Alumni Association."*

*Aloysius staff, lecturers, stakeholders, and, of course, YOU, our alumni, will help us shape the SACAA Alumni Newsletter in the years to come.*

*I very much look forward to hear from you all. Don't hesitate to comment and share! This is for you to pass on!!*

*Vaishali R.*  
EDITOR

# FROM THE DESK OF

## Rector & SACAA Patron

Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ

**Hearty greetings to all SACAA members!**

**It is indeed an awesome experience to be a part of a prestigious institution like St Aloysius College. This very institution shaped my future and made me what I am today. I am sure many alumnus out there shares my sentiments of love, loyalty, and gratitude towards our alma mater for what she has done to us.**



**The present generation is innovative, socially active, and "connected." The positive side is that, digitally, you're never alone. The SACAA News Letter is a step to connect the Alumni/ae with news, views, and happenings. This newsletter will keep you up to date on everything that is going on at your alma mater. As you will see in the coming days, the power of the alumni network is enormous.**

**The St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) is the ideal vehicle for cultivating a strong, mutually beneficial relationship between the college and its alumni, allowing all of us, wherever we are, to Engage, Connect, and Unite. I am confident that this association will not only strengthen old bonds but also forge new ones, enriching all students of this College – past, present, and future – through generous academic, social, and philanthropic contributions.**

**This fledgling of a College is now developing wings and is attempting to fly high and soar into the skies of unlimited opportunities. Having to attain the standards of a university, the institution is truly going through birth pangs in order to provide world class facilities and infrastructure. Our resources aren't exactly assisting us in achieving that cutting-edge status. This is where we alumni can band together in a concerted effort to ensure that our service in the field of education reaches the most vulnerable.**

# FROM THE DESK OF

## Principal & SACAA Director

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis, SJ

**Hearty greetings to all members of SACAA!**

**It is with a great sense of joy and satisfaction that I write these few lines to you. I am happy that the SACAA Newsletter which is the voice and the face of the association has reached us in spite of the challenges of the time. I would like to express my gratitude to the editorial team and congratulate them for their feat. I am sure this newsletter would pave the way to disseminate the news, events, projects and future plans of our vibrant and dynamic association.**



**You would be happy to know that the College has been most active and creative in its approach to the challenging pandemic. We have been able to stand the test of time in terms of all curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities during 2020-21. The entire staff of the College stood as one team and ensured that the students are taken care of and their academic life does not suffer in any way. I could observe a culture of care demonstrated by all stakeholders and especially the staff by handholding students with various challenges.**

**I would like to place on record the support and goodwill shown by our eminent alumni in taking this project forward. The "Golden Batch" alumni (1971) have created a record of sorts in supporting the College project of creating a state of the art Instrumentation Centre by contributing financial assistance enhancing the cutting edge research in sciences. They have set an example for the ensuing golden batches as a benchmark to upgrade the quality of education in the institution. It is my personal conviction that the alumni are one of the strongest pillars on which the growth trajectory of an institution depends. The institution seeks your proactive support and guidance in all the initiatives of the College.**

**I wish SACAA all the best in all its future endeavours. I assure my prayerful wishes to you and your families.**



# FROM THE DESK OF

**President, SACAA**

**Mr Stephen Pinto**

**Hearty Greetings!**

The St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) is a thriving and active group of like-minded individuals. While our primary goal is to stay in touch with all of the Institute's former students, it is also critical for all of us to ensure that our institution's reputation, educational quality, and size grow.



The strength of our Alumni Association derives from our deep and abiding connections to one another. Alumni are the face of every institution and in fact, they are the brand ambassadors of any institution. I hope this newsletter will serve as a conduit for communication with Alumni and that we can collaborate to make St Aloysius Institutions, one of the most sought-after institution.

Now that the Alma-mater is on its way to obtain "Deemed to be University" status in the very near future, SACAA is expected to provide strong support to the institution, and therefore, our responsibility is now doubled to extend our efforts to contribute our best for the success of university status.

I am confident that the "SACAA newsletter" will significantly strengthen the communication system between former students, and that with a constant flow of information on news related to campus development, alumni from all over the world will be kept up to date on campus developments.

Let us look forward to the success of SACAA and our institution which formed us.



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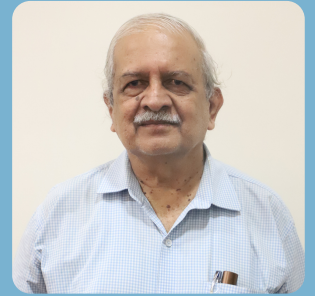
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## Inauguration of the SAC Alumni Centre NEW OFFICE OF SACAA



The blessing and the Inauguration ceremony of the new office of SACAA (Alumni Centre) was held on 16 February, 2021.

The new office, which is located next to the Chapel at St Aloysius High School, was inaugurated by *Mr Winston D'Souza*, Senior Member of the SACAA Executive Committee, and blessed by *Rector Rev. Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto*.

*Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ*, Director of SACAA and Principal of the College, graced the occasion with his presence. *Mr Stephen Pinto*, President of SACAA, spoke at the event and thanked the Institution's management for their concept of bolstering alumni activities and increasing alumni recognition by having this office space in a prominent location in the campus.

The event was attended by SACAA office bearers, Executive Committee members, and Invitees to the Executive Committee. The members congratulated *Ms Vaishali Puthran* Newly appointed Staff by the management and SACAA Staff *Ms Jovita* who will be working in this new Office to strengthen and promote the activities of the Alumni of the Institution.

# SACAA REUNION 2021

"ONCE AN ALOYSIAN, ALWAYS AN ALOYSIAN"



The governing board of SACAA hosted the SACAA Reunion on Tuesday, 12 January at the Mother Teresa Freedom Park in the College premises, at 9:30 am, following a mass held at St Aloysius College Chapel at 8 am.

The main celebrant of the mass was *Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto SJ*, the Rector of St Aloysius Institutions, joined by *Fr Praveen Martis SJ*-the Principal of St Aloysius College, and a bevy of Jesuit clergy of the institution.

Following the mass attended by a large gathering, it was time for a small celebration at the Mother Teresa Freedom Park, where the programme began with a prayer seeking God's blessings.

The welcome address was delivered by *Stephen Pinto*-the President of SACAA, followed by an address by *Fr Praveen Martis SJ*-the Director of SACAA and Principal of St Aloysius College.





The patron of SACAA and Rector of St Aloysius Institutions, Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ in his speech stressed the importance of the Alumni Association in an educational institution and invited the members to strengthen SACAA further by actively participating in their activities.

A few spot games were conducted by the compere of the programme *Sumit Rao*, an active member of SACAA. Following this short and sweet programme, the audience proceeded to Sanidhya Hall for the virtual Zoom meet, to interact with the alumni around the world who couldn't be at the live celebration.

About 35 alumni interacted through zoom and discussed strengthening the growth of the St Aloysius Institutions.





## 'Triumph' - Where Achievers are rewarded' held at SAC

St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru organized a programme named 'TRIUMPH' - Where Achievers Are Rewarded' to honour the achievers of academic excellence on Thursday, 7 January 2021 at LCRI Hall of the College.

79 achievers in academics who got 94% percent and above in the examinations were presented scholarship cheques and Merit Certificates as an acknowledgement of their hard work during the programme.

Prof. Edmund Frank, Dean of Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management, St Aloysius College, Mangaluru was the chief guest. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, Rector, St Aloysius Institutions, Mangaluru, Fr Praveen Martis SJ, Principal were on the dais.



## The Knowledge Factory

St Aloysius proudly hosted the biggest online sharing event "The Knowledge Factory" on 18th and 19th March 2021, from 4 pm to 6:30 pm IST in collaboration with Promise Foundation whereas Google, Godrej, and Deccan Herald were the associate partners. There were more than 6000 participants from across the globe, engaged in sharing and generating ideas, in this thought-provoking program called "The Knowledge Factory".

Knowledge Factory is a platform for young professionals to meet over a meaningful experience witnessed a unique gathering of thinking Indians like -

Ravi Venkatesan - *Business Leader, Author, and Social Entrepreneur,*

Meghna Narayan - *Co-founder and Co-CEO - Slurp Farm,*

Meena Ganesh - *Co-Founder and CEO Portea Medical,*

Sara Abdullah Pilot - *Chairperson and Co-Founder, CEQUIN,*

Manu Pillai - *Award-winning Author,*

Malini Nair - *Consulting Editor and Culture Writer,*

T M Krishna - *Vocalist in the Carnatic tradition,*

Shubha Mudgal - *Indian singer of Hindustani classical music,*

Dr Sowmya Yadav - *Chief Scientist at the World Health Organization,*

Rajat Goyal - *Counter Director, IAVI India,*

Ali Fazal - *Actor,*

Sucharita Tyagi - *Film Critic.*







## Vivek Bansal Scholarship Ceremony



St Aloysius Gonzaga School honored 51 meritorious students of the academic year 2020-21 with Vivek Bansal Scholarship on 20 March 2021. 'Vivek Bansal Scholarship' is offered to the meritorious students by a renowned writer, Aravind Adiga, who is an alumnus of our institution and secured 1st rank in SSLC in the year 1990. When Adiga received the prestigious Man Booker Prize for his book 'The White Tiger' he expressed his gratitude and love towards the Alma Mater in the form of a scholarship and named it after his friend, a prominent entrepreneur, Vivek Bansal.

Rev. Fr Melwyn Pinto SJ, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions, Rev. Fr Melwyn Anil Lobo SJ, Principal of St Aloysius Gonzaga School, Finance officer of the school Rev. Fr Pradeep Sequeira SJ, Vice Principal Mrs Jacintha Anita D'Costa were present on this occasion.



## Konkani Institute Holds Seminar On NEP And NLP

The Institute of Konkani, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), held a seminar on 20th March 2021, to discuss the future of Konkani. The Director of the Institute of Konkani, Dr (Fr) Melwyn Pinto SJ welcomed the gathering and chaired the sessions.

Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar (designated) of the College spoke on National Education Policy -2020 and what possibilities regional languages have. Anne Rajan, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Dempe College, Goa, spoke on Natural Language Processing (NLP).

Students from St Joseph's Engineering College, Vamanjur, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), and several Konkani authors were present for the seminar.





# Golden Batch - 1971

**St Aloysius College Golden Batch 1971 had a luncheon meeting with team Bombay on 11th March, 2021 at the Mumbai Cricket Association, Bandra, Mumbai**



**Golden Batch 1971 Core Committee members with the Principal Rev Dr Praveen Martis and SACAA President Stephen Pinto**



Golden Batch 1971 students from BA, B.Com, and B.Sc classes passed out from St Aloysius College 50 years ago. They are planning a grand Reunion in January 2022.

The 1971 Batch students are collectively working on a project to give a small gift in return to their Alma mater by way of raising a sum of Rs One and a Half Crores to build an Instrumentation Center to strengthen the Research Wing of the College at this crucial juncture when it is poised to become a University.