



ASSOCIATION OF COLOMBO SCIENCE FACULTY BATCH - 1974

SCIENCE BATCH 74

THORATHURU NO 2

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The Primary objectives of the Association

Organise activities to promote relationship among its members and their families

To assist the science undergraduates of Colombo University in their studies by way of financially or otherwise as agreed by the Management of Colombo University

To assist the Management of University of Colombo in carrying out the development activities related to either academic or welfare of the science undergraduates

To assist its members and their families in an emergency / distress situations

History and background of the Association

In 2015 when we had the first formal batch reunion one of the planned outcomes of the reunion, was to establish a perpetual scholarship fund for students entering the Colombo University Science Faculty. To facilitate this objective it was seen as necessary to form an Association and to formalise the Association, as this was necessary to set up relationship with the University and open a Bank Account. An association was set up registered as a formal entity in 2016. With the kind generosity of the members of the 1974 Science Faculty batch mates the first set of Scholarships were awarded to two undergraduates in 2016.

The First Formal AGM of the Association was held on the 4th Feb 2018 at the Hotel Ocean, Colombo and the current office bearers were elected.

The aim of the association is to support two new undergraduates each year and each undergraduate will be supported up to four years of their course. This being, a minimum of eight undergraduates at a given time in the future. Number of deserving undergraduates applying for scholarships is much more than the Association can support.

The undergraduates are selected through well scrutinized process including using information regarding the government welfare assistance (Samurdhi) to the less privileged families.

Financial Status Summary as at 1st of Sep2018

No of Batch Mate Donors :- 30

Total Donors :33

Value of Donations :- Rs 2,560,000

Total Funds Available :- Rs. 1,923,049

Scholarship Payments per month :- Rs 18,000

No of Students supported :-6

No of Financial Members :- 31 (*Batch mates that have paid membership*)

The intention is to have sufficient cash in the bank accounts to be able to fund eight undergraduates at any given time for ever by using the interest income only. In addition to the eight undergraduates the Association intends to support perpetually, the Association may support additional undergraduates if an individual is happy to support undergraduates for the full term of their studies. In order to achieve the target to support eight undergraduates perpetually the fund has to be over four million Rupees.

How to Donate:-

Life Membership – Rs 5000.00

Donations - As much as you wish

Bank - Sampath Bank PLC, Nawala Branch, 143, Nawala Road, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.

To become a **Member** deposit the money to the Membership Account as detailed below

Name of the Bank Account :- Association of Colombo Science Faculty Batch - 1974

Bank Swiftcode :- BSAMLKLM .

Account No. :- 008260000072

To make a **Donation** deposit the money to the Donation Account as detailed below

Name of the Bank Account :- Association of Colombo Science Faculty Batch - 1974

Bank Swiftcode :- BSAMLKLM .

Account No. :- 108261002087

Once you make a deposit please send an email to Wasantha and Dharmasiri and if you wish to be anonymous please indicating that you want to be an anonymous donor. If you transferring money from overseas to minimise charges you can deposit to the donation account and inform Wasantha and Dharmasiri that you wish to be a life member.

Wasantha - rmampage@yahoo.com

Dharmasiri asdkaru@gmail.com +94777790672

Undergraduate Information

1. Miss Chathuri Hansika Madushani Dunukanage (2016)
2. Miss R.D. Chathurika Madhumali Dilrukshi (2016)
3. Miss O.V.J. Chandula (2017)
4. Miss L.R. Piyumi Harshanee (2017)
5. Mr. R. Harithas Kaluwankerny (2018)
6. Miss. H.P.M. Dilhara (2018)

Most of the applicants that respond to our advertisement come from disadvantaged families and selecting only two applicants make it very difficult task. Giving a helping hand to an undergraduate from a disadvantaged family to complete their University studies successfully may benefit the person and their family immensely in the future.

If you have already made a donation thank you very much and if you wish to make additional donations you are most welcome to do so.

If you have not made any donation to date please consider if you could make a donation to make a change to another person's life.

Donations could be a one off donation or annual donations. At the moment we are receiving monthly payments from three Donors.

It may be worthwhile to consider other potential donors who are non-batch mates, non Sri Lankans that may be interested in supporting a disadvantaged undergraduate. We have already received donations from non-batch mates and outsiders.

See under financial summary on how to donate

Scholarship Awarding Ceremony – 2018

Two Scholarships were awarded to two Undergraduates on the 12th of June 2018. These students were selected through a two stage process by presenting a short list of candidates to the committee members and then selecting two undergraduates based on the committee member's opinions from the 2018 batch. The ceremony was presided by Dr Ramasinghe and was attended by M.D. Subasinghe, Wasantha Mampege, Dharmasiri Karunaratne Sarath Wijekoon and Ajith Ariyaratne. Cash was handed over to the Undergraduates on the day and in the future they will receive the award direct into the bank account.



Details of the recipients

Ravikumar Harithas - Kaluwankerny , Chenkalady in the Jaffna District. His father is a fisherman by renting a small boat. Mother is a housewife. He has a sister and a brother and they are studying. Sister is in A/L studying at Bandaramul Madya Maha Vidyalaya and brother in year 5, studying at Kalawagen Vivekananda School. His family is receiving “ Samurdhi “ allowance from the Government and according to Samurdhi Officer of his area, the monthly income of his family is Rs. 3000/= a month. . .

He completed sat for his A.L, at Eravur Aligen Central College and his results were Combined Mathematics -A, Physics - B and Chemistry - C. Currently he is studying for a degree in Industrial Statistics and Mathematical Finance. His future ambition is to find a foreign employment. He is boarded in Wellawatte with one of his batch mates and monthly rent for the room is 8000/= which is shared by both and meals are purchased from restaurants.

H.P.M. Dilhara, Angulugaha, Galle. Her father is a labourer, and most of the time he plucks tea leaves on a daily wage. Mother is a housewife. She has one elder sister and she has got a job recently as a Junior Executive in a private firm. Her younger sister is studying in A/L at Southlands College, Galle. Her family receives “ Samurdhi “ allowance from the Government and according to Grama Sevaka of her area, the monthly income of

her family is Rs. 5000/= a month.

She completed her AL at Sangamiththa College with results of Combined Mathematics -B, Physics - B and Chemistry - B. Currently she is studying in Physical Science Faculty and taking Applied Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science subjects. She is boarded in the University Girls' Hostel in Thelawala , Rathmalana and she spends around Rs 300 a day for her meals.

Batch mates Census

At the last meeting it was decided to undertake a census of our batch mates so that the association can facilitate better networking among batch mates. We appreciate if you could provide us through an email to the secretary Dharmasiri (asdkaru@gmail.com) your details including your contact details, your location and if you are happy to share this information with other batch mates. We are also aware that we do not have all our batch mates email addresses. If you are aware of batch mates that do not receive our emails please inform us and pass on this newsletter to them

Some photos from the North American Colombo University Reunion 2018



A Batch Mate Honoured

Professor S. P. Deraniyagala known to most of us as “Dera” was honoured by the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon in appreciation of the long years of his dedication, commitment and, invaluable contribution towards the advancement of the Institute. The Council of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon has organized a ceremony for unveiling of the portrait of Professor Samitha P. Deraniyagala who was honoured with the Distinguished Service Award for 2017. See link below for full details



<http://www.dailynews.lk/2018/08/01/business/158449/institute-chemistry-ceylon-honours-services-professor-sp-deraniyagala>

Please submit relevant information and photos for future Newsletters to the Secretary Karu.

Any overseas batch mates visiting Sri Lanka are welcome to contact the Secretary Karu (+94777790672) to enable networking and revitalising old friendships with Batch mates in Sri Lanka