



ASSOCIATION OF COLOMBO SCIENCE FACULTY BATCH - 1974

SCIENCE BATCH 74

THORATHURU NO 3

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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 21st of Dec 2018

No of Batch Mate Donors :- 30

Total Donors :34

Value of Donations :- Rs 2,603,264

Total Funds Available :- Rs. 2,612,295

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. 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 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 .

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)

All these undergraduates come from very disadvantages families including most of the applicants that responded to our advertisement.. Giving a helping hand to an undergraduate from a disadvantaged family may benefit the family immensely in the future.

Without your help, it will be difficult to achieve our goal and your donation will assist the association to achieve our goal.

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.

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

Meeting a scholarship recipient

Jayani is from Elpitiya and she completed her studies at Elpitiya and joined the Colombo University and is studying for a Physical Science Degree. The subjects she has undertaken are Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics.



Her intension is to do Physics Special and someday join the Department of Meteorology as she is interested in meteorology.

She is in her second year and her Grade Point Average is 3.0 which equates to a Second class lower, however she feels that by next year she should improve on the GPA.

Jayani's mother is not employed and is supported by her family. She has one sister who is employed in Colombo. Jayani receives no financial assistance from her mother due to her mother's financial status and manages with money from Mahapola and our Scholarship. She visits her mother every two weeks and shares a room with a number of undergraduates close to the University. Jayani contributes Rupees 2000 per annum for the room and spends up to Rupees 200 per day on food. She has borrowed money and purchased a laptop for which she has a monthly repayment. Her other expenses are phone, internet, printing and buying text books.

Jayani is very appreciative of our contribution, and was hoping that we would continue to assist future undergraduates. Once her studies are completed and was employed she indicated she would try to support the ongoing success of this fund and association.

Jayani came across as a young lady with a lot of determination, very polite, soft spoken and with ability to use the little resources she has to achieve her goals. We should be proud that we are assisting undergraduates like Jayani, who will make a difference to their families and Sri Lanka

Dharmasiri and Tissa met Jayani in October 2018

Would you like to help undergraduates like Jayani to reach their full potential? They need our support please contribute.

Some group photos received since last news Letter

Hameez visit to Sydney July 2018



(Sarath Wijekoon, Sisira Mayadunne, Niranjan Selvadurai)



(Amal Wahab, Y.I.M.Hameez, Tissa Perera)

Amal's Visit to Melbourne



(Amal Wahab, Nimal Rajakaruna, Prasanna Subasinghe, Niranjth Kumaraperu)

Gayanath visit to Sydney

Party hosted by R K S Perera



(Niranjan Selvadurai, Amal Wahab, Rashmi Ariyasinghe, Tissa Perera, Sarath Wijekoon, Sisira Mayadunne, Gayanath Fernando, Lakshmi Mayadunne, R.K.S.Perera)



(Batch mates and few more UOC Alumni from Sydney)

Our batchmates at Dilini's and Eshan's Karunaratne wedding.....

The Secretary of our Association, Dharmasiri Karunaratne's (Karu's) son got married on 6th December and the wedding was held at Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo. The active batchmates of our Association have been invited for the wedding and Rame, Wasantha, Ari, Athika, Hameez, Hilmi, Sarath Peiris, Lucky and Gayanath (who was in Sri Lanka in Dec) have attended the wedding where Sube were not able to make it due a personal commitment. (Lucky, Hilmi, Hameez and Athika have left early due to personal reasons.

Karu's son, Eshan and daughter-in-law, Dilini are both Electrical Engineers passed out from Peradeniya University in 2017. Eshan is employed at Lanka Transformers Holdings and Dilini is performing a research project for her M. Phil at DFCC Bank on generation of solar power.

We wish Dilini and Eshan a happy and long wedded life.



If you wish to publish Photos or articles please send them to Dharmasiri the Association Secretary.

Photo from the 1970's



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

Australian Batch Reunion

The Australian batch mates have planned a reunion on 5th April to 7th April 2019 in Canberra. If you are interested in joining please drop an email to Tissa Perera (kalpage_perera@yahoo.com) for further information..

**WISH YOU ALL A VERY SUCCESSFUL, HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2019. MAY ALL YOUR WISHES
COME TRUE.**

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR BATCH MATES