



ASSOCIATION OF COLOMBO SCIENCE FACULTY BATCH - 1974

SCIENCE BATCH 74

THORATHURU

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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 May 2018

No of Batch Mate Donors :- 23

Total Donors :- 25

Value of Donations :- Rs 1,820,769

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

Scholarship Payments per month :- 12000+6000

No of Students supported :- 4+2

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 - to be awarded)
6. Miss. H.P.M. Dilhara (2018 - to be awarded)

All these undergraduates come from very disadvantages families including most of the applicants that responded to our advertisement. When the family income is around Rupees. 3000 a month and the father's profession is fishing and the mother is unemployed. Giving a helping hand to an undergraduate from a disadvantaged family may benefit the family immensely in the future.

The first awarding ceremony in 2016 was held in the auditorium of Department of Mathematics. Dean of the Science Faculty and the Vice Chancellor of the University graced the occasion as chief guests. This news was televised by almost all the TV channels on that day

In December 2016 the President and Secretary participated in a live telecast called "Nugasevana " on Rupawahini for about 20 minutes regarding our Association and the Scholarship Programme.

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

Introducing the Association Committee



President :-
Dr. W. Ramasinghe
Mathematics
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Natural Sciences
University of
Colombo

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Dharmasiri
Karunaratne / Former
Head of HR - Haycarb
PLC (Hayleys)

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Wasantha
Mampage -
Internal Auditor -
Edward and Christy
Construction Co.

Lakshman Perera



We remember Our Batch Mate Lakshman Perera who passed away in April 2018. He joined Colombo University in 1974 to follow Bio Science then who followed Chemistry Special. He passed away after a brief illness.

He was Chemist by profession and was the Presidential award winner for Chemistry in 2011. He was a student from St Joseph's College Colombo.

May he rest in Peace

If you wish to submit information or a relevant article for future Newsletters please send them to the Secretary of the Association.

Photos from the First Reunion of the 1974 batch reunion held in 2015 at Katutura Sri Lanka



