



University of Colombo Sri Lanka

Association of Science Faculty Batch of 1974

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**Pray that
you and
your
families are
safe during
this difficult
time due to
the Covid
Virus**



Contributions to Thorathuru

Thorathuru is our Association's news-letter published periodically and circulated to the Science Faculty Batch of 1974. Please forward your thoughts, down memory lane stories, photographs, experiences, achievements and articles to Tissa Perera
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History and Background:

During the inaugural batch reunion held in 2015, the need to establish a formal association was identified. The initial focus was to facilitate the establishment of a perpetual scholarship fund for students entering the Science Faculty of University of Colombo.

This association was setup and registered as a formal entity in 2016. The first AGM of the Association was held on the 4th of Feb 2018 at the Hotel Ocean, Colombo.

Primary Objectives:

- To organise activities promoting relationship among its members and their families
- To assist the science undergraduates of Colombo University in their studies by financial or other means, as agreed by the Management of University of Colombo
- 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 emergency or distress situations

Next Batch Reunion

Much water has passed under the Kelani bridge since we had our first batch reunion in 2015. Many of us have hung up our boxing gloves after long careers while others still box-on gamely (or should we say lamely!). New interests, grand kids, and our lives go on...

The second batch reunion in Sri Lanka was planned to be in 2021 however as with the current Covid issues the earliest possible would be in 2022.

Please email your thoughts and feedback on **Batch Reunion** to Sisira Mayadunne (don.s.mayadunne@gmail.com).



From our inaugural Batch Reunion – Colombo 2015

Batch Mate Information Register

We are maintaining an information register of our batchmates which includes name, email address, location of residence and other contact details. Please email your details to secretary Dharmasiri (asdkaru@gmail.com). If you are aware of batch mates that do not receive our emails please request them to provide us with their relevant details. Thank you for all who have assisted thus far.

Scholarship Fund - Financial Summary (as at 30 June 2020)

Total funds Collected – RS 4,549,696

Batch mates Contribution - LKR 2,331,385

Other University Graduates Contribution – LKR 403,910

Well Wishers Contribution – LKR 1,814,400

No. of Batch Mate Donors: 30 Total Donors: 37

Sampath Bank Fixed Deposit LKR 3,559,748.82

Sampath Bank Transaction
Accounts LKR 628,693.00

Funds in Rotary Australia AUD 4,361.95

Scholarship Payments per month: LKR 40,000

No. of Students supported: 8

How to Donate

Life Membership: LKR 5000.00

Donation Amount: Based on your preference

Bank Name: 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 Swift Code: 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 Swift Code: BSAMLKLM

Account No: 108261002087

When you make a deposit please send an email to Wasantha and Dharmasiri indicating the nature of your donation (if you want to be an anonymous donor or a life member, etc).

Wasantha: rmampage@yahoo.com Dharmasiri: asdkaru@gmail.com



Current Scholarship Holders

The Association of Science Faculty Batch of 1974 has commenced a program by which undergraduate students experiencing financial hardship are offered scholarships through a selection process. Listed below are the current recipients:

Miss O.V.Jayani Chandula – Elpitiya (2017)

Miss L.R. Piyumi Harshanee – Weligama (2017)

Mr R. Harithas - Kaluwankerny (2018)

Miss H.P.M. Dilhara – Galle (2018)

Mr Dileshan Prasad Buddhika – Lunuwatta (2019)

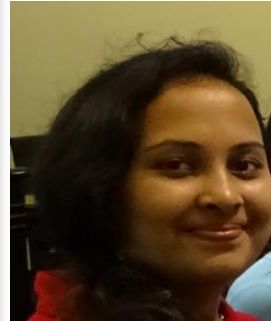
Mr K. Kavithas - Point Pedro, Jaffna (2019)

Miss Lakshika Raveendranathan – Karaveddy (2019)

Mr Tharuka Janith Rupasingha – Meerigama (2019)

Scholarship Holders that have completed the degree.

Our first batch recipients completed their degrees in March 2020 and they are both employed.



Miss R.D. Chathurika
Madhumali Dilrukshi

Chathurika completed her internship at Pan Asia Bank and is now employed by Pan Asia Bank. The Association assisted her to get the internship. She received a Second Class Bachelor of Science specialising in Banking and insurance. We wish her well.



Miss Chathuri Hansika
Madushani
Dunukanage

Madushani is employed by a Software company. She received a First Class Bachelor of Science specialising in Industrial Statistics and Finance. We wish her well.

The Summary of Scholarship Status

We intended to increase the total number of scholarships to nine by selecting three new undergraduates in 2020 after our first two recipients complete their studies. However due to the University not being able to restart in 2020 in the usual manner we have not been able to advertise our scholarship scheme to the new students. Hence we have selected two students from the last year's intake so we continue supporting at least 8 undergraduates. If and when possible we will select one undergraduate from the 2020 intake making it nine scholarships.

We have assisted Jayani and Piyumi to get internships in September so that they can complete their degrees.

When we have our next reunion, we intend to invite the scholarship recipients who have completed their studies.



The association plans to offer a Mentoring Program to undergraduates. It will initially assist scholarship recipients and then extended to other undergraduates in the faculty.

Mentoring programs help to develop and prepare undergraduates for the next steps in their lives and careers. They provide a formal mechanism for valuable advice and guidance to be exchanged between senior leaders with a wealth of experience in their chosen fields.

Mentoring can guide young graduates in articulating their goals and assist them in achieving them. A Mentor will be assigned a Mentee and they will work together in achieving the objectives.

We have explained to some of the undergraduates who are recipients of scholarships of the Mentoring process and objectives. They are keen to have a Mentor who could guide them. Mentoring could be face to face or using Voice or Video communication using tools such as WhatsApp, Viber etc. The anticipated time that you may need to put aside would be an hour or two a month at most.

If you are interested in being a Mentor please contact Tissa Perera (Kalpage_perera@yahoo.com or +94433824366, Viber, WhatsApp).



Our Website in sight



The Association Website is currently under development. It will facilitate the convenient sharing information among members, batchmates and well-wishers. The final testing is expected to be completed by end of August 2020 and made available to all members.