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**Association of Colombo
 Science Faculty Batch of 1974**
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ASSOCIATION OF
 COLOMBO SCIENCE FACULTY



BATCH 1974

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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 Kalpage_perera@yahoo.com

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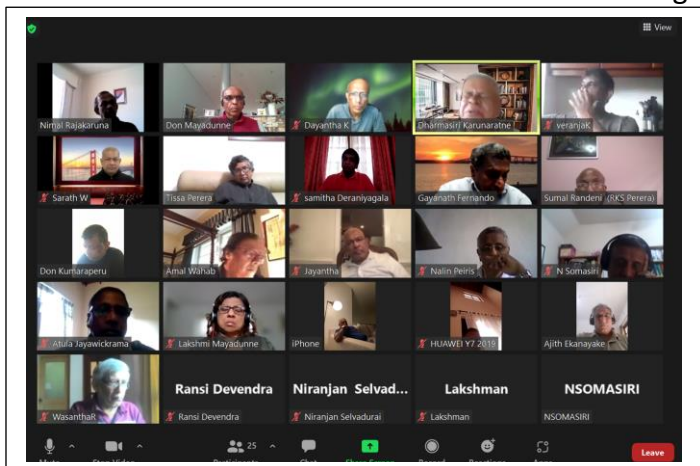
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Association News

The Association had its Annual General meeting in October 2021 using Zoom and a new committee was ~~appointment~~ appointed. We have improved our Committee coverage with Ransi Devendra from New Zealand joining. It was also noted that we should have female representation in the committee.

Some of the Batch Mates who attended the Zoom meeting



Currently we are supporting thirteen undergraduates; three of them will complete their studies in April 2022.

The Association would like to see more batch mates to interact with the association and is considering opportunities to create more social interaction among batch mates when a safer environment is achieved.

Primary Objectives of the Association:

- 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 organise activities promoting relationship among its members and their families
- 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

Can you assist ?

Most of our scholarship recipients are from rural schools, hence generally their English is poor. If any batch mates in Colombo are in a position to help these undergraduate's please contact the Association by sending an email to secretary@uocsc74.com

We would like to connect with all batch mates. If you are in touch with any batch mates that do not receive the Association emails, can you please ask them to send an email to secretary@uocsc74.com

Next Batch Reunion

Our intention is to organize the batch reunion in 2023 with the anticipation that the current health issues have been resolved and international travel is safe. Our wish is for the reunion to coincide with handing over sufficient funds to Colombo University to set up a trust fund to support four undergraduates in the future using the interest earned from the funds.

If you have any thought of how and where we should organize our next batch reunion please drop an email to secretary@uocsc74.com

The Summary of Scholarship Status

Currently the Association provides scholarships for thirteen undergraduates. We selected four undergraduates from the 2021 intake and three of the new students are fully sponsored by two batch mates and a well-wisher. One of the New undergraduates received a laptop donated by a batch mate and through the involvement of a batch mate we have been able provide another student a refurbished laptop until a new laptop is available. We will review the Association finances and will decide on the number of scholarships offered in 2022.

We have provided English classes to two of the 2021 Graduates to assist them to find employment. Three other undergraduates have requested English classes and they will commence after the examination are finished around April.

To date five of scholarship recipients have graduated, four of them completing four year courses and all have passed out with very high grades.

Name	Course	Address	Status
Danukarage Chathuri Hansika Madushani	Finance & Insurance (Hons)	Ratnepura	Completed 2nd Upper
R.D.C. Madhumali Dilrukshi	Finance & Insurance (Hons)	Bandarawela	Completed 2nd Upper
Piyumi Harshani Loku Ralage	Finance & Insurance (Hons)	Weligama	Completed 2nd Upper
O.V. Jayani Chandula	Finance & Insurance (Hons)	Elpitiya	Completed 2nd Upper
Halpage Pramodya Manori Dilhara	Physical Science	Galle	Completed
Harithas Ravikumar	Industrial Statistics Mathematical Finance	Chenkalady	
Kumar Kavidhas	Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Jaffna	
Dileshan Prasad Buddhika	Industrial Statistics and Mathematical Finance.	Lunuwaththa	
Lakshika Raveendranathan	Physical Science	Madampella	
U.Tharuka Janith Roopasingha	Physical Science	Karaveddy	
B.M.Dinusha Madhuwantha Chandrapala	Biological Science	Anuradhapura	
R.G.Dilki Prabhani	Physical Science	Matara	
S.A.D Nethmi Tharika Sathsarani	Physical Science	Mathugama	
M.Shakila Kavindi Perera	Biological Science	Kurunduwatta	
Madusanka Dissanayaka	Biological Science	Mahauswewa	
Mihiri Dewmini	Biological Science	Gatahette	
Aurelia Perera	Physical Science	Dambadeniya	
Navod Madhuwantha	Physical Science	Balapitiya	

Scholarship Fund - Financial Summary (as at 31 Jan 2022)

Total funds Collected – RS. 7,885,927

Batch mates Contribution - Rs. 4,389,140

Other University Graduates Contribution – Rs. 679,910

Well Wishers Contribution – Rs. 2,816,876

Scholarship Payments per month: Rs. 65,000

No. of Students supported: 13

Sponsorship of Undergraduates

A number of batch mates and a well-wisher have committed to fund seven undergraduate scholarships for the full term of the undergraduates course. The generosity has allowed us to support more undergraduates and also build up our funds so that we can handover money to the Colombo University to create perpetual scholarships for four undergraduates by 2023. The generous donors are

Prof Gayanath Fernando and Batch mate

Sisira & Lakshmi Mayadunne

Somasiri Nanayakkara

Sathis & Christine De Silva (Well-wisher)

Ananda and Yamuna Dassanayake (Well-wisher)

Tissa Perera

Lal Ariyaratne

It's important to note that all funds collected go directly to funding scholarship and English classes.

Though we were only able to offer ~~only~~ four scholarships from 2021 intake, we interviewed ten applicants from a short list and were of the opinion that most of them needed financial assistance.

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 Maya indicating the nature of your donation (if you want to be an anonymous donor or a life member, etc).

Wasantha: rmampage@yahoo.com Maya: secretary@uocsc74.com

If you are in **Australia** and like a Tax Deductible receipt please use the link below.

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Two of the Graduates who were our first two recipients of our scholarships had their convocation in December 2021. Both graduated in 2020 completing a four year degree in Banking and Insurance and achieved second class uppers. Congratulations and all the very best for your future.



Nimal Rajakaurna donated a brand new laptop to one of the undergraduates selected in 2021 and we greatly appreciate his generosity. The laptop was handed over by President Dharmasiri Karunaratne by travelling to Dambedeniya

Dayantha Kulukurusuriya was able to get a refurbished laptop for the Association so that we can loan it to a student that has difficulty buying a laptop.

We lent it to a undergraduate selected in 2021.

