

Career Guidance Workshop – February 27 & 28, 2015

ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH - Hellen Keller

After much discussions, planning and anticipation the Committee Members of St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA) along with our Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes, Prof-in-charge, Prof. Kevin Miranda and Prof. Savina Bhat, organized a Career Guidance Workshop for our TY Students, Aided and Self-Financing students.

The Career Guidance Workshop was held on two days, i.e. on Friday, 27th February, 2015 and Saturday, 28th February, 2015 with 3 Career Guidance topics on both days inclusive. In spite of the examination fever just-around-the-corner, both days saw around 100 students who willingly and anxiously made it for the Career Guidance Workshop, many of whom who during the session, raised their questions to the guest speakers who were more than happy to answer them all. Few students waited back to meet the respective speakers and got into a one-to-one dialogue on their further queries. Quite a few SY students too made it for the workshop. The topics highlighted were:

On Friday, 27th February, 2015, the following Career topics were organized.

1. Chartered Accountant (CA): Guest speaker - Sujeet Cherian who said; CA is not for the faint hearted.
2. IT/HR: Guest Speakers - Derrick D'Souza and Ryan Barretto. Both agreed that one has to be competitive as we now have the internet and nothing like having hands-on experiences. They also pointed out that one has to build a reputation by doing things on your own and just try to be your best. Ryan further went on to say that, 'You will not learn anything if you don't make mistakes. VISION, MISSION and VALUES are the three key words to make a 'brand' for oneself.
3. Advertisement: Guest Speaker - Orlando Calderro. According to Orlando, in Advertising, one has to start from meeting the client. One also has to be creative and build a creative team, and only a high level of passion for writing will help you write creative things.

On Saturday, 28th February, 2015, the following Career topics were organized.

1. MBA (Marketing & Finance): Guest Speaker by MET: Prof. Arun Patil
At this session, the 5 Ws and 1 H was stressed upon, i.e., WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, WHO and H - HOW

The speaker said that one should do a MBA Course because one wants to achieve something in life. He highlighted that MBA was started in Harvard University in the year 1908. In MBA, one will be studying 35 to 40 subjects, and one can pursue this course only if one is serious about it, has a strong capacity to understand diverse subjects and prepared to work very hard. The guest speaker further went on to say that one needs patience and strength to pursue this course and at the end it surely transforms one's life.

2. CS/Projects and Entrepreneurship: Guest Speakers -Yatin Kamath and Manish Nagarshekar.

Yatin started off his session by saying that CS is a super specialized course. Every Company needs a Company Secretary (CS) and to be a good CS, one has to have good communication skills to talk to Board Members.

3. Banking and Mutual Funds: Guest Speakers - Derrick Pereira and Sachin Bhatt

Derrick put a lot of humor in his session and kept everyone in splits of laughter as he gave his own experiences in the Banking world. Sachin, on the other hand spoke on Mutual Funds and how one should know the Stock Market well.

Each guest speaker was greeted with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as Bento Lobo, our Compere for the Workshop kept saying; 'Say it with flowers!!!.' It truly put everyone in smiles. As a token of appreciation, a memento was presented to each guest speaker.

To capture the highlights of both of days, we had our very own students who did a fantastic job in clicking the action for the day.

At the end of the Career Guidance Workshop, our President, Mr. Parvez Aga thanked the guest speakers, the students, the Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes, the Prof-in-Charge, Prof. Kevin Miranda, Prof. Savina Bhat and all the members of the SACA Committee for the smooth success of the event.

Organizing an event like this enables the SACA Committee to experience a resounding success.

We are truly glad we made this Career Guidance Workshop happen for our Andrean students.

Prof-in-charge: Prof. Kevin Miranda

Mrs. Coretta D'Souza (1989-90 Batch)
Secretary,
St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA)



St Andrew's College Reunion – November 30, 2013

St. Andrew's College connects Alumni back to the heights and once again the seven dedicated and committed members of St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA) and the two Faculty Members along with our very soft spoken but yet whole hearted and supportive Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes, organized a fun-filled and an evening to remember on Saturday, 30th November 2013 which also coincided with the feast of our patron saint, St. Andrew. For the SACA members at large, it was a pleasure once again to organize the reunion on our very own college ground.

The evening was meticulously and systematically planned by the SACA committee members who, without fail, met ever alternate Saturday in College to pull this reunion together and make it one big and grand success.

As the evening of 30th November drew near, it was a very happy and proud feeling to see our ex-students walking in, many of them all in smiles and happy to meet up with their professors and old buddies. Soon the evening kicked off with the Vice Rector of our College, Fr. Aniceto Pereira, who very graciously gave a brief, yet inspiring and heart warming introduction.

Without wasting much time, the grand Andrean march followed to the feet tapping music and sound provided by our very own ex-Andrean and committee member, Mr. Brian Menezes who also compered the evening alongside with yet another ex-Andrean, Laavinia who together made sure to keep everyone dancing to their tunes. Soon followed a few games and out-of-the blue spot prizes. By now it was a packed dance floor and most of the ex-students and Professors danced till their hearts content. This time too our very generous ex-student, Fabian, donated a beautifully decorated designer cake which was given away as a spot prize.

Soon one could get a strong aroma coming from one end of the dinner section as the cool breeze of that evening blew across the beautifully lighted up ground. And to see that our tummies very taken care of, we had Agnelo Caterers from Mahim who provided us with a grand sumptuous spread. This time lip-smacking 'Sorpotel' along with lightly sweetened 'Sanaas' were added to the menu.

Right through the evening one could feel the chill and a sense of festivity in the air.

Soon it was time to give the vote of thanks and to do the honors this time it was none other than our very own all-in-smiles, Faculty Member, Prof. Savina Shenoy.

It was truly an enjoyable and a fun-filled evening with smiles on the faces of the 250 ex-Andreans who were not only happy, but very proud to be a part of this Alumni and expressed their strong desire to have it every year.

At the end of the day, it's not what we ex-Andrean have but rather what we have accomplished after graduating as successful students of St. Andrew's College. The success and accomplishment of St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA) is a direct result of the commitment, involvement and support of the Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes, the Committee Members: Mr. Parvez Aga (President), Mr. Bento Lobo (Vice President), Mr. Deepak D'Souza, Mr. Keith Saldanha, Mr.

Brian Menezes and Mrs. Reshma D'Souza, and the two faculty members, Prof. Kevin Miranda (Prof-in-charge) and Prof. Savina Shenoy.

Shouldn't we all be very happy and proud to call ourselves graduates of St. Andrew's College, Bandra? Surely, I feel proud not only to be an ex-student of St. Andrew's College but to also be called an ex-Andrean.

We would like all our ex-students to be part of this Andrean family and anxiously look forward to yet another re-union in the nearer future.

Prof-in-charge: Prof. Kevin Miranda

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Alumni Re-Union – January 11, 2013

After months of planning and anxious anticipation, St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA) kicked off the spectacular evening on the college lawns on Friday, 11th January, 2013. What a wonderful evening it turned out to be for the many alumnis, some of them who were accompanied by their spouses and a few overseas alumnis who stayed back after Christmas and New Year only to be a part of their college Alumni. To many it was returning back to college to reconnect and reminisce about the time spent here. I am sure they had the chance to make it a trip down "Memory Lane" and I'll bet still holds a very special place in their hearts.

I would first like to extend special recognition to the Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes for her heartwarming and welcoming speech followed by a very informative presentation on the foundation of the College, the line of Principals over the years, the newly introduced Degrees, self-financing courses, Career Center, Academic and Student Support Services and it's various recognized achievements till date.

This followed by our President's speech, none other than our very own enterprising, hardworking, sincere, simple and down-to-earth alumna, Mr. Parvez Aga who not only welcomed all past students but also thanked them for taking time off from their busy work schedule and making their presence felt at their college alumni. He grabbed this opportunity to welcome on stage the 9 committed Committee Members and the 3 Faculty Members. This followed by a brief felicitation to our long time Trustee members, Benefactors, Professors and Principals.

It was now time for the grand Andrean March and leading the march was none other than the Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes and Professors. The feet-tapping music provided by our very own ex-Andrean and committee member Brian Menezes and his sound which goes by the name, Brian Sound System followed by games and spot prizes which took everyone by surprise.

The evening would not have been complete without a photo session of the different batches right from 1986 till 2012. One of the ex-student, Mr. Francis Darmai, thanked his then professors for their guidance and support and did not hesitate to publicly mention that all thanks go out to them for what he is today. Soon followed the Grace Before Meals by the Principal. Everyone sat back, relaxed through the chilly evening and enjoyed the sumptuous meal.

At the end of the day, life is all about cherishing that which feeds the mind, warms the heart and nourishes the soul. The success and accomplishment of St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA) is a direct result of the commitment, involvement, loyalty and support of the Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes, the Committee Members:

Mr. Parvez Aga (President), Mr. Bento Lobo (Vice President), Mr. Deepak D'Souza, Mr. Keith Saldanha, Mr. Brian Menezes and Mrs. Reshma D'souza and the 3 Faculty Members

(Professors) Mr. K. Miranda (Prof. in Charge), Dr. (Ms) G. Tavares and, Mrs. C. Braganza. We continue to pledge our active support for the same.

We look forward to active participation and support in building a strong foundation for the association and the college together. A separate counter was set up for any past student who was not a member of the alumni association, they could enroll their name and become a member by submitting the registration form.

Shouldn't we all be very happy and proud to call ourselves a Graduate of St. Andrew's College, Bandra! We would like every student who has moved on, to be part of the Andrean family. Now anxiously looking forward to the next St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA) scheduled for Saturday, 30th November, 2013.

It was truly a wonderful occasion to meet and share the experiences with the Alumni who graduated from St. Andrew's College, Bandra.

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