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Editorial

Hello Marianites, we are delighted to share with you the March edition of our MAAK BOOK. Thank you for your support and feedback to make this newsletter better.

We always aim to showcase the diverse and inspiring stories of our alumni in every edition. In this one, you can read about the Bangalore chapter's activities, a message from the director of career development wing, the photos of MAGIS and NAAC Peer team visit among our regular columns.

To mark Women's Day on 8th March, we are happy to share the story of our alumni Asmin, who is a successful entrepreneur. She has overcome many challenges and achieved her goals as a woman in business. Her story is inspiring and motivating for all of us.

We are proud to announce that one of our alumni, Mr George (BCA 2003 - 06), was part of the Oscar-winning documentary Elephant Whispers. Mr George worked as a DIT for the documentary.

Our current students are the future of the alumni. The achievements of our students are inspiring, It is to be noted that we have students achieving prizes at state and National levels regularly. The extended support of the college and the faculty for the holistic development of our students is commentable and noteworthy.

MAGIS the newly inaugurated building has opened spaces for activities, cultural events, exhibitions and a fully-equipped cafeteria as well. The NAAC visit gave us an opportunity to visit MAGIS and have chai and puffs from the canteen like olden times.

We hope you enjoy this issue. Feel free to reach out with any comments or queries.

Real Stories at your fingertips. Happy reading!



Adv. Nelson Joseph
President - MAAK

President's message

Dear Marianites,

March has been special for Marian and MAAK. Bangalore Chapter Installation and the NAAC Peer team visit were the major highlights of March.

Bangalore chapter was in existence for a long time. However it was the first time we had a formal installation and oath taking ceremony. The meet-up was fun and joyful with a lot of memories and stories being shared. We had an engaging participation and a wonderful team of office bearers under the leadership of Bipin Domy has been elected. Above all, Bangalore chapter is graced with presence of our dear Royachen being in town. Congratulations and all the very best to Bangalore Chapter.

NAAC Peer team Visit in the college was another highlight of March. We had a wonderful Alumni participation from all across the globe both offline and online for the interaction with the Peer team. We need to be introspective about a couple of points that came up during the interaction. Firstly the financial contribution to the college in terms of infrastructural

development. Though our alumni are contributing a lot to the college in various ways, so far we have nothing to specifically point out a direct infrastructural contribution which is a matter we must discuss and find options. Another point for discussion was the lack of social media tags for college in the pages of Alumni. We should find ways to engage and involve each alumni in such a way to prompt them to showcase the college.

Another major point of concern projected by the NAAC team was the lack of regional diversity among students. Most of the students are from Kerala. For a growing international institution like Marian, it demands more diversity in terms of students from other parts of India and abroad. Having alumni and chapters in various places, we can be the best ambassadors of the college to attract a more diverse crowd to apply for admission to the college.

Let us take the suggestions by NAAC team in a constructive manner to ensure growth. Lets adopt measures to make the activities of Alumni Association tangible

Congratulations to Aksa and the editorial team for the systematic work of the bulletin and timely release of it on every first Saturday of the month.

From a stressful March, wish you all a relaxed and happening Vacation time in April.

Your President 😊



Aji Varghese

Director - PR & Social Media
Bengaluru Chapter

Bang Bang Bengaluru

Date: 5 March 2023

Time: 5 PM to 7 PM

Venue – XIME Bangalore

The Marian Alumni of Bangalore held its first meeting on 5th March 2023 with the aim of electing new members, reconnecting with old friends and expanding their network. The meeting was hosted by Rev. Dr. Roy Abraham P, who generously provided the

venue and logistics at XIME Bangalore. Adv. Nelson Joseph, (President - MAAK), travelled all the way from Kerala to preside over the meeting. He shared his vision on how alumni chapters play an important role in the success of the association. He also briefed them on the activities and achievements of other alumni chapters and stressed on the importance of maintaining uniformity

and harmony among them. He also expressed his enthusiasm and passion for organizing such events and bringing the alumni together.

The meeting featured a session where each member introduced themselves and shared some of their fond memories of Marian College and their current profession. During this session, the alumni shared



their inspiring stories of transformation to leaders in various fields, such as corporate careers, successful businesses, retail enterprises, and the movie industry. They talked about how the teachers helped them shape their character and the support they received from Marian. The session was well received by all the participants, who showed keen interest and attention to each other's stories.

This was followed by a session where all alumni shared what they can do to make the Bengaluru Chapter of MAAK a unique one. Some of the points brainstormed were;

1. To foster a stronger sense of community, the chapter shall encourage its members to organise small gatherings on the basis of their place of residence. These meetings are an opportunity to get to know each other better and to offer mutual support. This will help the chapter identify those who need help with finding a job, getting financial assistance, or coping with a difficult situation such as hospitalization etc. so that necessary assistance can be initiated. (Status – In progress).
2. Creation of social media handles and a page in LinkedIn / FB / Insta for better networking. (Status - Done)
3. Plan more activity based events such as biking. (Status - In progress)
4. Collect information (through Google Forms) from our alumni in Bengaluru to let them express their expectations from such an

alumni group and how they can contribute to Marian College and the Alumni Association.

5. Harish's song impressed the participants, who decided to identify alumni musicians to form a Marian Alumni troop for future events.

RoyAchen shared many of his memories with us and gave us a valuable advice: to be happy in whatever we do. He also expressed his pride and joy for seeing how far we have come from different backgrounds and how much we have achieved in our lives and Marian College is lucky to have such amazing alumni.

The following persons were elected as the office bearers of Bengaluru Chapter of MAAK:

- Chairperson: Bipin Domy
- Vice Chairperson: Rose Mary
- Treasurer: Robins
- Secretary: Feba Sebastian
- Joint Secretary: Emil James George
- Director Events: Vipin
- Director Social Services: Asha M Thomas
- Director Career Development: Arun John
- Director PR & Social Media: Aji Varghese

The gathering concluded with a cozy chat over coffee and some delicious food that some of us brought. It felt more like a family gathering than a college reunion.



Here are some highlights from our Bengaluru Chapter event. We shared some laughs, and got to know each other better. Enjoyed the chance to create a happy memory.



Smitha Nair

Director - Career
Development

Career Guidance and Support for our Alumni

What We Do and Why We Do It

Our Career is the backbone of one's aspirations and dreams to lead the best of our life purpose that can also carry forward its value to our generation to come. Our responsibility, hence, becomes equally valuable and closer to our hearts to bring in the best of opportunities and framework to support our dear team of alumni to tap the best of opportunities that closely leads them to their professional and personal aspirations.

Our mission is to empower alumni to plan, develop, and manage their careers for a lifetime by providing trusted, knowledgeable guidance and support.

Having taken up the role to lead this wing, our key focus in the coming quarter would be spread across the below:

1. **Set the stage** – Its important to set the stage and foundation for our alumni to know, connect and network with the larger team of our association working with varied

industries across IT, Hospitality, Manufacturing, Retail, Tourism, and other avenues. Our focused approach is to have our prominent team of mentors representing these industries to support our alumni.

2. **Experts speak** – We want to bring in impactful guidance around the most important areas that can enable and lead you to position yourself at your best in the market today. We will try our best to make it an outcome-oriented approach.
3. **Onsite Aspiration** – We understand that many of us would still love to move abroad and get a global exposure in our specific industries. With this motive in hand, our efforts would be to bring in the network of one platform of our alumni team working globally to provide their extended arms to support and guide this aspiring team. We also aspire to bring in the international market experts and trusted consultants to enlighten us with the framework.
4. **Mindful Learning** – We would keep our focus on the current needs of our alumni and work on sharing knowledge articles and short snippets that can enable a mindful watch on the current market trends and policies that can positively impact our decisions and choices in our career and overall life.

The background work is getting set and team is getting formed. With our best energies and all your support, we would soon be setting the platform for us to engage together most effectively.

Cheers!!



Lights, Camera, Action

*George Thengummootil
(BCA 2003 - 06)*

Congratulations to George for his amazing work as the Digital Intermediate Technician (DIT) in the Oscar-winning documentary *Elephant Whisperers*. George is a documentary filmmaker and editor. May your journey inspire many and all the best for your future projects.

Glam Up: From Brushes to Awards

Parvathy Raj (BBA 2011 - 13)

She was named the Outstanding Makeup Artist of the Year by എന്റെ സംരംഭം (a popular biz magazine). She is also a savvy entrepreneur - Parvathy Raj's Makeup Studio. Way to go Parvathy!!!





Asmin Baker

Core Team Member -
MBF (Marianites'
Business Forum)

The Journey of a Female Entrepreneur

*Lessons Learned and Challenges
Overcome*

As a woman working in the travel industry, I have faced my fair share of obstacles. Early in my career, I often found myself being overlooked for opportunities or being told that I couldn't handle certain tasks because of my gender. However, I refused to let these challenges hold me back. Being a woman from an orthodox family, and becoming a travel agent was not an easy journey for me. It took me 20 years to finally break free from societal norms and pursue my dream.

Growing up, I was taught that a woman's place was in the home, and that a career was not a priority. But as I got older, I knew that I wanted more for myself. I had a passion for travel but I was always clear that breaking off my savings to travel is not an

option so I had to look at options to earn while on the go. Thus I decided to start a travel company and also I wanted to help others experience the world. I pursued my education and worked hard to gain experience in the travel industry.

One of the recurring challenges that I have been facing is tackling my family's concern about me and meeting the expectations of the society. But I believe that if one decides to pursue something with all their heart, things start to fall in place — just like how my family now supports me in rigorous traveling.

Through perseverance and hard work, I've been able to achieve success in my career and prove that women are just as capable as men in the travel industry. My hope is that by sharing my story, other women will be inspired to pursue their dreams and break down the barriers that hold them back.

I would also like to mention that by closely working with the Association and playing an integral role in the development of MBF has helped me build my network which in turn help me in my business. It is always a pleasure to collaborate with Marianites at any time. You are a great source of inspiration and support for me. Thank you for this opportunity!



What a wonderful night it was!

The Cochin Chapter organised a birthday celebration for March born alumni at Street Store Edappally at 8 PM on 31 March 2023. The air was filled with fun and laughter, catching up with old friends and making new ones. It was great to see how our alumni network is growing and thriving.

Warm ambience, delicious food and an amazing company.



MAGIS

Marian Centre for Excellence

Magis ("màh-gis") means "more" or "greater". Magis is the value of striving for the better, striving for excellence. While our current society often thinks in terms of competition when we consider doing more, magis calls us to depth and quality in what we do.

Magis is a process that is not so much about doing everything that is good, but discerning what is best in a particular context, and what is aligned most with the end for which we were created - becoming our fullest and deepest person for God and humankind.



Welcome to the state-of-the-art college facility, where you can enjoy a variety of amenities and services. Whether you want to grab a bite at our well-equipped cafeteria with a view of the valley, organise a conference in theatre style, or have a board room meeting, MAGIS has something for everyone. Come and see for yourself why this is the best place to be on campus!



Kick it like a girl

Nimisha Aju (3rd year BSc. Mathematics) won Silver medal at All India Inter University Kickboxing Championship at Jaunpur (UP)



Knockout Kings

Don K James (3rd year BBA) & Raez M Saji won Bronze medals at All India Inter University Kickboxing Championship at Jaunpur (UP)



What better way to utilise the waiting time before meeting the NAAC team? Chit chats and fun moments from old friends catching-up at the Lobby of Marian College. The alumni were invited for a special interaction with the NAAC Peer team at the campus. This interaction was integral in showcasing the global presence and achievements of the the alumni of Marian College. It was held on 30th March 2023 at 4 PM in the conference hall of Marian college.

Stay Tuned for the NAAC results in the next edition.

UK Chapter Meet

April 1st Saturday at 7 PM GMT
(11:30 PM IST)

We cordially invite all Marian Alumni at the United Kingdom to join our first official gathering.

Google Meet: [bjn-hvhw-kxg](#)

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Attention chapter heads

We need your help...

To make this newsletter a success, we request each chapter head to elect a newsletter representative, preferably the secretary, who will be responsible for sending us the updates from your chapter every month. This person will also be the point of contact for any queries or feedback regarding the newsletter.

May Kuttikanam be your go-to destination

Announcement from Liaison Officer

Hey there! Summer vacations are finally here and I'm sure you'll be considering a visit to Kuttikkanam. I'll be usually available here to assist you during your visit. You can stop by our campus anytime and I'll show you around MAGIS and all the amazing things we have to offer.

Geomon Antony: 94462 24726

Obituary

Indhu S Devikanam (BBA 1997 - 00)

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of dear Indhu from Vandiperiyar. The funeral was held on 16 March 2023 at her residence.

The alumni association extends its heartfelt condolences to her family and friends. We share their grief and loss and pray for their strength and comfort. May the soul rest in peace.



Cover image: Rejith R Nath (BCom 1996 - 99)

Clock of Life from Durga Pujo: An installation depicting the momentary nature of life which is controlled by external forces. The top portion is in the form of a clock dial representing the unending nature of time and its connected downwards with numerous threads. The figurine in the centre represents the ultimate power (SHAKTI). Camera - Nikon D7200, ISO 1000, F stop: f/4, Exposure: 1/1000 Sec

An impressive cover image marks the first impression of our newsletter. We encourage you to send us high quality images or artworks suitable as cover images for our upcoming editions.

Thank you

We love to hear from our alumni and share their stories in MAAK BOOK. This newsletter is just a glimpse of the amazing things they are doing around the world. Whether you have achieved something remarkable, met up with old friends, found some nostalgic photos, or have some insights to share, we want to know. Please contact us if you want to contribute to our future editions and make this newsletter more valuable.

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