

Student Council Activities 2014-15

Council Nomination, Campaigning and Election Campaigning for the Student Council Election occurred over two days, the 9th and 10th of June 2014. Second and third year students of B.Com and BBM cast their votes on 11 June, 2014. The results were announced by Ms. Veenu Joy, Student Governor. The new council for the Academic Year 2014-15 stood as follows: Office Name President Tresseta Laretta D’Cruz, Vice President Jairus Ebenezar, General Secretary Alisha Pearl Miranda, Treasurer Aquila Shafeeque, Academic Coordinator Mario D’Vaz, Cultural Coordinator Sunil Dennis, Sports Coordinator Josephine Peter, BBM Coordinator Syed Safdar, B.Com (TT) Coordinator Natasha Dias, Ladies Representative Annabelle Chang.

The Student Council Inauguration on 18 June, 2014 served as an investiture of the Student Council as well the heads of various associations and class representatives. The dignitaries for the ceremony were Rev. Dr. Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D’Souza SJ, President of the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society, Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, Principal of the College, Ms. Nirmala Joseph, Vice Principal, and Ms. Veenu Joy, Student Governor. Rev. Dr. Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D’Souza SJ was invited to address the gathering. His speech inspired students to follow their dreams and lead by examples. This was followed by the address of the Principal who emphasized the importance of each student in making and creating a better society. Finally, the President of the student council of Mount Carmel College was invited to address the gathering.

College Fests

Utsava

Utsava, is a cultural fest organized exclusively for first year students of SJCC to create a bond between the newcomers and the students of the College. Utsava also prepared students for the intra college fest- “Kalotsav”. This fest was conducted from the 2 to 5 July, 2014 and, was coordinated by Ms. Suganti Pais.

Leadership Camp

As a yearly tradition at the Institution, a leadership camp was organized by the student council for all association heads and class representatives, on 12 July, 2014. The main purpose of this camp was to allow all leaders of various groups to meet and get to know each other, and learn qualities of leadership, communication and teamwork through numerous games and team-building activities.

Founder’s Festival

Staying true to its foundation and origin, the Institution pays tribute to its founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. Founder’s Festival was celebrated from the 21 to 25 of July, 2014, and the students participated in various intra collegiate competitions. The festival concluded with a holy mass celebrated by the Vice President of BJES, Rev. Fr. Joseph Antony SJ.

Cipher

‘Cipher’, the intra collegiate business fest offers a platform to develop the professional within each student. The fest was conducted on the 13th and 14th of August 2014. 700 students were a part of the various business events. Cipher 2014 saw the inception of the Cipher Press team.

Independence Day

The college celebrated ‘Independence Day’ with traditional enthusiasm and pomp. The college, its students and staff, all suitably decorated in the tri-colour, welcomed the chief guest, Grp. Cptn. Babu Joseph, of the Indian Air Force, to the event. After the traditional hoisting of the national flag and the recital of the Indian National Anthem, the attendees were addressed by the chief guest, who very eloquently put forward the importance of a strong-minded and value-oriented youth in building a better nation. He also outlined the importance of service of any kind, be it military or social. The principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, applauded and echoed the message shared by the chief guest. The audience was also treated to cultural performances by the various associations of the Institutions, implying the importance of culture in a diverse nation such as ours.

Kalotsav

The much awaited intra-collegiate fest, Kalotsav, was held on 21, 22 and 25 August, 2014. With over 53 events evenly spread over 3 days, the entire college was transformed into a diverse cultural platform. Each day had certain themes, according to which students had to dress up. The theme for the first day was ‘character parody’- students dressed up as their favourite characters from books, television series and movies. On day two, each class had to come up with its own theme; day three held ethnic day, where all students wore traditional attire showcasing the cultural diversity of Indian states. Of the countless events that kept the participants and students on their toes, the most awaited event of the day was the ethnic parade. Going perfectly in sync with the theme for the day, participants dressed in traditional attire walked the ramp, showcasing not only India’s diversity in ethnicity and garb, but also the diversity prevalent in each class.

Teacher’s Day Celebration

The staff and students of the Institution share a bond akin to friendship. On 5 September, 2014, the Student Council organised a special programme for all the staff in celebration of Teacher’s Day.

Chanakya

The annual inter collegiate business fest, hosted by St. Joseph’s College of Commerce was received with tremendous anticipation on 24 and 25 November, 2014. This proved to be an encounter between the brightest business minds of our country. This fest saw the triumph of the theme of Greek Mythology which was successfully immersed within each respective event. The fest was declared open by the Chief Guest Mr. Aasheesh Arjun Singh, a partner of Grant Thornton. In addition to these major events, this year saw the incorporation of ‘The

Universal Crisis Management-Bellerophon'. This event within Chanakya was a competition exclusively for teams from international colleges presenting their solutions to a given crisis via Skype video call. The fest manifested itself into an intricate experience overflowing with strategy play and theme-based business conceptions. Every respective participating team represented a specific ancient Greek Olympian.

Dhwani

One of the most anticipated events of the year, Dhwani 2014, the national level inter-collegiate fest, was held on 28 and 29 November, 2014. The theme chosen for this year was 'Alucinari', which means 'to wander in mind'. Prestige Group, India was the title sponsor, who brought 'Dhwani 2014: Alucinari', to life. The chief guest for the fest was Ms. Subha Poonja, an acclaimed danseuse.

Fiesta

Fiesta is an annual event organized at the institution, in the season of advent for the lesser privileged. Fiesta 2014 enthralled the audience of around a hundred HIV positive children from 'Sneha Care Home'. These children spread happiness and cheer all throughout the campus. The children were warmly welcomed and were divided into teams while they relished on refreshing snacks. Followed by this were a few outdoor games and activities like football penalty shootouts, basketball free throws, Dairy Milk Shots, the Spoon and so on. The college and children then celebrated one child's birthday, after which every child was presented with a goody bag that made them feel special. With this, the program came to an end and the children of Sneha Care Home went home happy, while the students of the institution were left feeling blessed and grateful.

EVES

Celebrating the true spirit of womanhood and all things feminine, Eves 2015: Brave, Bold and Beautiful was organised for all the lovely ladies of the Institution. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Sini Joseph, who is actively involved in the fields of women empowerment and rural development. In her address to the gathering, she spoke about what makes each one of us brave, bold and beautiful, which proved to be very insightful. Following this, the girls were treated to an exclusive all boys dance performance. Over a period of two days, i.e., 9 and 10 January, 2015, the girls battled it out in events like Triathlon, Treasure hunt, Collage making, Potpourri etc., and showcased their true feminine spirit to emerge as winners.

TURAS

On 2 & 3 February, 2015, the B.Com Travel and Tourism Department proudly hosted its first ever intercollegiate fest, 'Turas'. The primary motive of the fest was to promote tourism in Karnataka. Turas established itself as one of Bangalore's largest conceptual races through events like "The Amazing Race". Brandishing the tag line "The Race To Now", Turas revolved around the theme of a conspiracy theory involving the heir of the last Russian Czar. Participants from several colleges were involved in the fest. The B.Com Travel & Tourism

Fest held its first ever “Heritage Walk” from college which had around 800 participants, who walked through the central business district of Bangalore in grandeur. The main objective of the parade, was to promote Karnataka tourism, honour the traffic policemen of the city, and give the sponsors due publicity for their steadfast support. The parade was inaugurated by eminent public figures - MLA NA Haris and DCC member CC Johnson. The college honoured some of the outstanding policemen of our city for the services rendered by them – Mr. Balakrishna, Circle Inspector, Law & Order, Cubbon Park Police Station; Mr. Pratap Reddy, Circle Inspector, Traffic Police, Cubbon Park Police Station; Mr. Anthony John, Circle Inspector, Traffic Police, Ashok Nagar Police Station.

Tangled Hair is an accessory that is an accretion of the beauty bejewelled in a woman. But the lesser fortunate ones lose this embellishment to cancer. Green Trends Hair Salon in association with St. Joseph’s, arranged a ‘hair’ drive wherein the pretty ladies of the college voluntarily agreed to have 8 inches of their hair cut to address the dreams of those victims. This initiative was started in the institution for the first time by our IQAC co-ordinator, Ms. Muktha. The morning was kick-started with a formal inauguration program with eminent personalities like Ms. Jayashree, Ms. Anjana Deshpande, Mr. Deepak Praveen and Dr. Lokesh, who voiced the apathy and hope of the cancer patients, inducing everyone to shoulder their cause. The Principal, Rev. Dr Daniel Fernandes SJ addressed the girls encouraging them to be a part of this noble cause. Around 200 wonderful womenfolk participated in this campaign, and Green Trends was to make wigs of the hair collected and in turn help the cancer victims who underwent chemotherapy to sport fashionable hairdos. It was a day for all the participants to cherish for the rest of their lives, since it was probably the only occasion when they had enjoyed a haircut, for it was for a noble cause.

Valedictory

The valedictory ceremony of the Student Council 2014-15 took place on 10 March, 2015. The Chief Guest of the function was Mr. Solomon Paul Benjamine, CEO of Churches Council for Child & Youth Care. Fr. Francis Noronha presided over the function. The principal of the college presided over the function. The council presented the Annual Report of 2014-15. The students received Merit Certificates, Management Scholarships and special awards. The students were congratulated and thanked for their efforts, creativity and passionate undertaking to make the yearly events a success. The college wished them good luck for their future endeavours.