

## Student Council Activities 2015-16

The Student Council is a representative body of students who work towards achieving the vision and the mission of the Institution as well as act as a strong link between the Management, parents and the student body. The Student Council render their selfless service to the betterment of their fellow mates and create a conducive environment for the impartment of education and personal development for one and all. They conduct various events and activities throughout the academic year, representing the students' interests, pursuits and vocations. The Council collaborates effectively with numerous other elected representatives of various associations and departments and thus ensures that each student is gifted with the best possible experience in the Institution.

Council Nomination, Campaigning and Election (4 June – 10 June, 2015)

Objective: To become the leaders of Tomorrow!

Campaigning for the Student Council Election occurred over two days, 8 and 9 June, 2015. Second and third year students of B.Com, BBA and B.Com (Travel & Tourism) cast their votes on 10 June, 2015. The results were announced by Ms. Veenu Joy, Student Governor.

The new council for the Academic Year 2014-15 stood as follows.

1. **President** Linfriola Shanel Pinto, III B.Com
2. **Vice President** Divyanjali Josephine Lasrado, II B.Com
3. **General Secretary** Utkarsh Choraria, II BBA
4. **Treasurer** Aishwarya Mohan, III BBA
5. **Ladies Secretary** Amala Mukundadas, II BBA
6. **Academic Coordinator** Ajay Varadarajulu, III B.Com
7. **Cultural Coordinator** Rishi Poovamma, II B.Com TT
8. **Sports Coordinator** Kenneth Antony D'souza, II B.Com
9. **BBA Coordinator** Snehal Chetti, III BBA
10. **B.Com (Travel & Tourism) Coordinator** Pranav Bharadwaj, III B.Com TT
11. **PG Coordinator** Divya Jane II MIB

Student Council Investiture Ceremony (22 June, 2015)

Objective: The Pledge to serve the Institution

The Student Council Investiture Ceremony was conducted on 22 June, 2015. The ceremony sought to familiarize the Council Members with the principles and the ethos of the Institution, to help perpetuate them effectively. The welcome address by Ms. Veenu Joy (Student Governor) marked the commencement of the ceremony, followed by a speech by the chief guest for the occasion, Rev.Fr. Anthony Joseph SJ. He elucidated on some useful guidelines for successful leadership. The solemn oath taking ceremony took place, which witnessed the Principal handing the Institution flag to Linfriola Shanel Pinto (President, Student Council), emblematic of the delegation of duties for the academic year 2015-16. After the student council repeated the oath, the dignitaries pinned the leaders with their badges of office. The

ceremony was drawn to an end with a talk by the Principal, reiterating the commitments and goals of the Council Members.

#### Leadership Camp (27 June, 2015)

Objective: Navigating the path for prolific leadership

A leadership camp was conducted for the elected student representatives on 27 June, 2015. The objective of the Camp was to empower students to perform their duties and responsibilities for various leadership positions. Rev. Dionysius Vaz was the speaker for the event. He aimed to develop the leadership potential amongst students by conducting a variety of sessions on team building, life skills, communication and problem solving. Initiated with an ice breaker session, followed by an enlightening talk on the cardinal principles of leadership, the camp ended with a unique array of team building games. The camp made the students aware of the value of leadership prowess.

#### Founder's Festival (13 – 16 July, 2015)

Objective: Remembering and immortalizing the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The founder's festival was celebrated to mark and commemorate the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder patron of the Society of Jesus. A spectrum of competitions was held for a week, with an unequivocal quest to monumentalize the virtues and the teachings of the Saint. Vivacious participation from all the classes greatly aided the Institution to spread the profound teachings of the spiritual leader. Activities like Poster Making, Founder Festival Quiz, Skit Competitions, and Elocution were conducted during the festival.

#### Cipher (16 -17 July, 2015)

Objective: Promoting a globalized business environment

A two-day intra collegiate business fest, Cipher was organized on 16- 17 July, 2015. Cipher imbues amongst students a unique experience of neutralizing challenges and crises in the world of business. 'Game of Thrones' was the theme for the event, which invoked the key 96 elements of the book series A Song of Ice and Fire - vehement competition, insurmountable obstacles fused with impediments in the field of business. The competitions conducted with much zest were public relations, mock stock, finance, marketing, human resources, quiz and best manager. These enthralling events put under scrutiny the financial skills of the participants and dared them to transcend their thinking capacity and put to use their analytical and logical skills.

#### Kalotsav (5- 7 August, 2015)

Objective: A milieu of creative expressions and entertainment

The three-day intra collegiate cultural fest, Kalotsav, brought to the fore the aura and exuberance of students to display their flair for a variety of cultural events. Day one of the fest began with an icebreaking event, culminated in an ebullient DJ war event, and also saw

the students donning the sartorial style of the '60s. Several enjoyable events like face-painting, cartooning, thermocol carving, sketching, painting, t-shirt designing, Indian, western and classical dance that spanned over the three-day fest were a feast to the eyes. Several other competitions like western acoustics, singing, creative writing, among many others also portrayed the immense talent of the students. The aim of the fest was to allow students to venture beyond the curriculum and spread their wings further.

Chanakya (13 -14 August, 2015)

Objective: Celebrating great minds for greater challenges

Chanakya, a two-day intercollegiate business fest, drew numerous participants from across the country with the objective of honing the analytical skills that are imperative to survive in the corporate world, and spurring them into new avenues of thought and action. The fest, with the theme of 'Creatio Ex Nihilo' encompassed a slew of thought provoking events in diverse aspects of business, marketing, finance, human resources, public relations and entrepreneurial development. These comprehensive competitions witnessed young minds with brilliant strategies, ideas and proposals. The fest taught every participant the skill of thinking and the importance of team work in producing the best possible results.

Independence Day (15 August)

Objective: Resonating patriotism

15 August, marked the liberation of India from the shackles of the oppressive British rule. It is the day when citizens show their devotion to their motherland by paying homage to the freedom fighters who strived relentlessly to free the country from the grasp of colonialism.

The Institution showed its patriotic fervour on this day with a programme that began with a formal flag hoisting ceremony, presided over by the chief guest, Dr. RMO Gemson and by the Principal. This was followed by an invocation dance and a presentation on the Missile Man, 97 Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. The chief guest addressed the audience with an inspiring speech and a theatrical presentation. The programme concluded with a riveting shadow dance. The true meaning and essence of patriotism was beautifully put forth.

Dhwani (18- 19 December, 2015)

Objective: Celebrating the rhythm of cultures

Dhwani 2015, with the watchword, 'the spotlight is on you!', was a two-day inter collegiate cultural fest, organized on 18 and 19, December. The fest being a unique cultural extravaganza is a platform where students from various Institutions exhibit their talents based on the fest theme. The inaugural ceremony was led by the chief guests of the occasion Dr. Meenakshi Bharath and Mr. and Mrs. Jai Jagdish. The most awaited events were the DJ WARS, Indian dance and Freeze which was the most popular street dance event in the city. The second day was highlighted by the Personality events which allowed participants to showcase their talents. This was followed by a fashion show. DJ Zaeden was the star

performer and concluded the day on a high note. The Fest was concluded with the prize distribution ceremony with CMS Jain bagging the award for the Best Cheering Squad as well as winning the overall championship for the year. Christ University bagged the award for the Most Enthusiastic Squad.

Eves (30 January)

Objective: Igniting the Flames of Equality

St. Joseph's College of Commerce emphatically believes in the ideals of equality and fairness. Eve's, the fest organized on 30 January 2016, by the Women's cell of the college celebrates a woman in all her beauty. Eve's was a day dedicated exclusively to the women of the college, and it comprised a number of events that were an ode to their endless talents. The girls, garbed in sarees on this special occasion, participated vivaciously in competitions like karaoke and manic make-over which were a fun-filled source of entertainment. The Miss Eve's contest also set the stage for the girls to get on the soapbox and show off their talents and their creative endowment. Thus, the fest was a very unique way of imbuing a strong feminist spirit amongst men and women alike. It sent a resonating message to all about the numerous capabilities of a modern-day woman.

Fiesta (17 February 2016)

Objective: For the joy of giving

Fiesta is an annual event hosted for the lesser privileged. Fiesta 2016 enthralled an audience of 74 children from Parikrama Humanity Foundation and Austin Town Government School. The children were warmly welcomed and led into prayer by the Principal. A series of games like playing basketball to other team building activities were organized for them. An interactive session by Ms. Margaret Sampath, Deputy Director of SICHREM on child rights was held to educate them about their fundamental rights. The children were then entertained with a magic show. The children enjoyed the show and were enraptured as the magician performed tricks and stunts. The children visited an exhibition 'The Untitled' and met some of the artists on campus. Sweets and various goodies were distributed among to them to mark the day memorable. The programme was a gratifying experience for everyone.

Turas 2016 - World of Wanderlust (4-5 February, 2016)

Objective: Unleashing the Spirit of Adventure

The Travel and Tourism Department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce in association with FKCCI organized 'Turas', a two-day annual inter-collegiate travel and tourism fest on 4 and 5 February, 2016. The objective of the fest was to showcase the emerging trends in the tourism sector and to explore the spirit and the thrill of 'Wanderlust' amongst the participants. The fest was inaugurated by Mr. Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister of State for Food and Consumer Affairs. He graced the event as the Guest of Honour. The event was presided over by the President of FKCCI, Mr. Tallum R Dwarakanath. This year, the aim of the fest was to promote the Karnataka State Government sponsored event, 'Invest Karnataka'. Turas

which in Irish means a trip consisted of a medley of events, ensured that the fest was not just an educational endeavour but also doubled up as a cultural extravaganza. The fest celebrated a passion that is inherent in each one of us, the passion for travelling and exploring the world around us. The inaugural ceremony of Turas 2016 began with Dollukunitha (a popular drum dance of Karnataka). The dance expressed the thriving plurality of the Karnataka folk art which showcases the cultural diaspora and expresses the multidimensional skill set of the performers. This year was especially significant moment as the (T&T) put up the most zealous dance performance with more than 240 students who participated. The crowd stood out in unison dressed in red and yellow, representing the colours of Karnataka. The highlight of the first day was the main event, 'The Amazing Race', a city-wide treasure hunt that attracted participants from many colleges. A bikers' parade was organized in the afternoon which saw participation from students of all departments as they set out to raise awareness about 'Invest Karnataka', promote womens' right to education and to support the Bijapur mission. A mini carnival was set up in the basketball court on the second day with a variety of exciting game stalls. A couple of food trucks helped to keep the festive mood upbeat among the students, visitors and guests. A contemporary dance contest was held on the main stage in the basketball court. Dance teams from different colleges put up scintillating performances which were a delight to watch. The valedictory ceremony commenced by welcoming the Chief Guest Mr. Manjunath Reddy, the mayor of 99 Bangalore. With the successful execution of the aforementioned events, Turas 2016 clearly outperformed the previous year's fest both in terms of scale and content.

Virtuoso 2.0 the Dawn of the Armistice (18 and 19 February, 2016)

Objective: For the Intercontinental Solidarity

Virtuoso 2.0, the annual Intercollegiate Business Fest, was organized by the BBA Department on 18 and 19 February, 2016. This year the fest was conducted on an online platform inviting participants from across the globe. The theme selected for Virtuoso 2.0 2016 was "The Dawn of the Armistice", which sought to emulate dialogue between conflicting nations, act as a simulation of international engagement and create a forum for the exchange of new perspectives and strategies, with the aim of building intercontinental solidarity. Colleges from the United States of America, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Pakistan, Canada, and India participated in the festival. They were posed by several challenging questions by the rounds given to them. The theme touched aspects on International relations, foreign policy, and pressing global issues that demand to be solved. The participants were asked to demonstrate their understanding of global problems, the changing global scenario, and methods to logically solve these problems. The University of Vermont (USA) emerged as the winners of the entire festival, with the University of Lahore (Pakistan) in the second place. Virtuoso 2.0 "The Dawn of the Armistice" proved to be a tremendous success and invited praise from the participants and faculty alike, as well as favourable media coverage.

Valedictory (8 March, 2016)

Objective: To the glory of a new beginning

The valedictory ceremony of the Student Council 2015-16 took place on 9 March, 2016. The Chief Guest of the function was Fr. Anil D'mello SJ, Rector of St. Joseph's Institutions and Development Director, Karnataka Jesuit Province. The principal of the Institution presided over the function. The council presented the Annual Report of 2015-16. 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.