

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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Principal's message



"Never forget your roots, especially our Crossian roots". On behalf of the management, staff and students, I extend sincere greetings! It is with great delight and humility that we would like to place in record our sincere thanks to all our Alumni and well-wishers over the years. The little seeds that came into the campus have grown as trees. The college takes delight in the achievements of the alumni who always try to reach greater heights. It is a glee to know that our Alumni are assuming greater leadership positions, occupying high ended professions, successful entrepreneurs, responsible homemakers and caring mothers! Their accomplishments energize and synergize us. The years they have spent here would definitely be more memorable!

With great elation, I would like to highlight the accomplishments of our institution at present! Our college has secured A Grade with 3.35 scale in the IV cycle by the NAAC. Started in 1965 with a very few students, our college has grown with more than 3000 students with excellent infrastructure. Day after day, we have been working on the needs of the learners and we have inaugurated a new Chemistry lab, Incubation Centre. With great delight, I would like to inform you that our college has been nurturing Startups. HCIIC in collaboration with MHRD has initiated and some of our staff and students have incubated Startups inside our campus. Our students have participated and won in various competitions nationally and globally!

Our students continue to outshine day by day which is the result of our dedicated teaching fraternity. According to our vision statement, imbibing the Spirit of the Holy Cross, our desire is to empower young women for global competency and ecological sustainability though holistic approach with innovative skills. Ample opportunities are provided for the learners every day to enhance their skills set and be future ready. Our goals include:

- Striving for academic excellence
- Promoting all round development of the students
- Promoting quality and innovative research output
- Creating a sustainable environment
- Inculcating values among the students

Let us work together for the upliftment of our Alma Mater. I strongly believe that Alumni are the strongest ambassadors for an institution. Likewise, it could be a great gesture from the Alumni to share about your formation in our institution which would definitely motivate the young minds!! Wishing you the best for all your endeavours! May God bless you!!

Dear Alumnae,

Over the years, the College has produced alumni to achieve their goals with character, personality, intellect and great value for the positioning of the Alma mater as a prestigious educational institution. Alumnae are the intangible assets of an institution who offer practical support to the present students to face the current challenges of competitive professional world as they start their careers. Alumni Association has been established to foster, renew and promote activities which have as their purpose the enrichment of both the lives of its members and the students. It provides an excellent platform for networking of the entire distinguished alumnus and foster an atmosphere of intellectual vigor and moral rectitude in which the women of our country may find their fulfillment and achieve greatness as eminent women of service. Alumni engagement at our institution continues to reach newer heights. Many alumnae have also been involved in academic activities such as member in Board of studies, endowment lectures ,guest lectures and technical talks. We also take immense pleasure in giving special mention to some of our Alumni, who have won laurels for their professional achievements. A fantasy of newness in the air brings along, this first edition of the HCC Alumnae Newsletter, which marks the highlights and the interactions of the alumnae with the institute that happened in the previous years. We bring to you a compilation of the major alumnae engagements covering the alumnae reunions, alumni chapter news and other contributions of our alumni to the campus. We hope that this issue of the alumnae newsletter positively engages you with the campus whereabouts and upholds the synergy of the college with its glorious alumnae.

Secretary, Alumnae Association **Dr.S.Ajith Sinthuja**

IN THE VIEW OF OUR ALUMNE

With a sense of pride I acknowledge that I am an alumnus of your Institution, and I credit much of my success to the guidance, support, and encouragement you provided me during my time there. I had the privilege to spend 5 golden years(1984-1989) in this temple of learning. As an alumnus. I look back on my time in this Institution with fond memories and appreciation for the knowledge and skills I gained during my tenure. During the final year of my U. G Programme, as we were having a course in Astronomy, I remember a night we spent in the terrace with a telescope, identifying stars, meteors, constellations and planets. The encouragement given by the faculty during the seminar classes plays a prominent role in developing self confidence in us. The Department of Mathematics was gifted with a band of committed and competent teachers. They made me enjoy Mathematics and I took up Mathematics as my Profession. If I am successful as a teacher and as a social being, it was because of the spiritual and academic training that I received from this College. Our heart is filled up with gratitude for the kind help and support you provided us and for a good learning environment. The Sisters of the Cross, apart from creating a good academic environment, also gave emotional training and concentrated on the overall personality development of the students. The philosophical and psychological training that I gained from this Institution helped me to take up values in personal life and in spiritual life. Just as it trained me it should train hundreds and hundreds of students in the years to come. Please proceed with your improvement plans. We all are very appreciative of what you have accomplished, and we look forward to more success, which we know that you are very much capable of. Once again I want to thank you from all my heart for making a difference in our life and I wish success in all your future endeavours.

Dr. (Mrs.) R. KALAAlumnus (Batch 1984-1989)
Professor , Department of Mathematics, MSU

A row of Asoka trees and a chappal at the end surrounded by a beautiful Garden. Yes, the campus mesmerized me to study in Holy cross College. But, the experience what I gained from here has much more values in my life. The world is the same for all but the environment where we study, where we live only defines our personality and aspirations. The stay in Holy Cross College is the right decision in my universe. It defined me as a career aspired Woman but with moral values. I have met different people, worked for different organizations and travelled to other countries. But I have never changed from my core values. My collage stay is definitely a reason for it. It is a known factor that our College is the champion on Education and Discipline. But there is a unknown secret that our sisters know the mechanism to carve young minds on the right way by improving our interpersonal skills and to focus on what is essential in Life. Another important aspect which has no space in the current world is the Social Responsibility that any Holy Cross College Women learnt from Our Sisters. I have met all worldwide personalities only in our Library and I have a special connection with the "Sarakontrai" floral tree that dances next to our English Department. It is my honour that I get connected back with you all and share my love and affection by adding my signature in this historical Congratulations Holy Cross College Family! Lets continue Glorify the Universe... **Ms.Roselin Vihila** Alumnus(Batch 1998-2001) **Principal Functional Consultant**

Executive Committee Meeting

On 21-07-2022, the executive meeting of alumnae association was conducted in the Principals office and all the executive members attended the meeting. Dr.Sr.Anne Perpet Sophy, Principal and the president of alumnae association presided the meeting. In the meeting, many fruitful discussions were made regarding the activities of the association and also to register new alumnae members in the association.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 24-07-2022

On 24-07-2022, the 1990 batch alumnae of commerce department met in the college and shared their experiences as a student during their period of study. They also share their professional experiences and motivated the students of the present batch.



Executive Meeting

On 04-08-2022, the second executive meeting of the alumnae association for the academic year was conducted in the Principals office and all the executive members attended the meeting. Dr.Sr.Sahaya Selvi, Principal presided the meeting and the strategic future plan of the alumnae association was planned.



Amudha Surabi Noon Meal Scheme

From 02-08-2022, the alumnae association started to provide the deserved students with noon meals. The scheme is effective in reducing the nutritional deficiencies with the presence of stunting and wasting diseases in students. Around 80 students are benefitted out of this scheme.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 13-08-2022

On 13-08-2022, 1995 Batch Alumnae of Economics Department met in the College Campus and had a great get together. They relished and cherished in the campus and shared their experiences in the college during their course of study. They decided to contribute their utmost to the enhancement and upliftment of their Alma Mater.



Annual Alumnae Meet - 03-09-2022

On 03-09-2022, the annual alumnae meet was conducted in the multipurpose hall. More than 450 alumnae from all parts of the country attended the meeting with joy and enthusiasm. The meeting commenced with the prayer song followed by welcome speech. Dr.Sr. Mary Hilda, Secretary and Dr.Sr.Sahaya Selvi, Principal felicitated the gathering. Dr. S.Ajith Sinthuja, secretary of Alumnae association read the report of the annual alumnae meet 2021-22. Many alumnae exhibited their talents through cultural programs. Few of our alumnae shared their experiences in the college during their period of study. In the meeting, the alumnae were brought under one forum for exchange of experience, knowledge and talents amongst its members and also discussed about the various activities to be conducted by the association in the forthcoming years. The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks followed by National Anthem.



Intercolleg1iate Quiz

On 21-10-2022, the alumnae association and the department of chemistry jointly organized an intercollegiate quiz and many participants from different colleges participated in the event. The rolling trophy was won by the students of chemistry department of our college. It was decided to conduct hereafter every year in the forthcoming years also. Many of the alumnae belonging to 1980 batch came together under one forum.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 08-11-2022

On 08-11-2022, 18 alumnae of English S.F met in the college campus and visited their department. They met the staff members and had wide conversations. They also met the present batch students and shared their experiences and motivated them towards moving towards the bright future. They planned for the future chapter meets in different places.

Alumnae Chapter Meet - 15-09-2022

On 15-09-2022, 8 alumnae of Chemistry department met in the campus. They belonged to the M.Sc outgone batch 2021-22. They met the staff members who taught them and were helpful for their overall development and shared their thoughts and views. They also gave their suggestions and feedback towards the development of their alma mater.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

On the same day another group of 9 alumnae from the History department met together and had vibrant discussions on conducting chapter meetings in the fore coming years and to attend the annual alumnae meet in the campus.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

On 05-11-22, 6 alumnae of 2022 batch BA English literature assembled in the college and had a great meet.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

On 05-11-22, 8 alumnae of History department gathered together in the college premises and had a great sharing among themselves and with the staff members who nourished them with education and values of life.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 18-08-22

The alumnae of 2001 batch studied in different departments met together in the campus and shared about their days in the campus during their course of study.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

On 05-11-22, 5 alumnae of 2022 batch MA English literature assembled in the college. They had a great time in the college and they decided to contribute to the college in all possible means.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

Six of the alumnae of History department met together in the college campus and celebrated the bonds created with the institution and relived the memories in the campus.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

On 15-11-22, 6 of the alumnae of History department met in the college and had a great time among themselves and also had a wide discussion towards planning of the developmental activities for the department.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22t

On 05-11-22, 15 of the alumnae who studied in the UG department of Physics in the year 2021-2022 met and they enjoyed the opportunity to reminisce on the old times and found about the current happenings of the college. The department took great initiative and provided a great platform to talk about the futuristic development of the college.



Alumnae Chapter meet 16-11-22

On 16-11-22, 7 of the alumnae of the department of Economics met in Nagercoil and they shared their memories in the college during their course of study.



Alumnae Chapter meet - 15-11-22

On 15-11-22, nine of the alumnae of the department of Economics met in the college and walked through the memory lanes and realized that they had a nice opportunity to meet their adorable teachers.



Alumnae Chapter meet - 13-08-22

On 13-08-22, the alumnae of 2021 PG batch of the department of Physics met in the department and they shared their memories in the college during their course of study and they also presented many cultural programs.





Alumnae Chapter meet - 18-04-23

On 18-04-23, many of our alumnae belonging to Thoothukudi met together at St.Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi and had a chapter meet. Few alumnae members from our college and Dr.Sr.Sahaya Selvi, Principal of our college attended the same event. They enjoyed together and remembered their presence in their days and came forward to actively participate in the current developmental activities of our college. They also planned to have a great get together in our college premises.



Alumnae Chapter International meet - 28-02-23

More than ten of our alumnae in Abu Dhabi had a great get together in a hotel at Abu Dhabi along with our secretary Dr.Sr. Mary Hilda. They remembered the days enjoyed together in the college during their period of study. As it was the first international level chapter meet, they planned to meet together every year and conduct regular chapter meets and plan towards the development of the college and contribute for the same.





Alumnae Chapter International meet - 26-02-23

An International Alumnae Chapter meet was conducted on 26-02-23 in Dubai. Twelve of our alumnae had met together in a hotel at Dubai in the evening along with our secretary Dr.Sr. Mary Hilda. They remembered the days enjoyed together in the college during their period of study. The event kicked off with a good dinner and interaction. As it was the first international level chapter meet, they planned to meet together every year and conduct regular chapter meets and plan towards the development of the college and contribute for the same.





Alumnae Chapter meet - 23-09-22

An alumnae chapter meet was conducted on 23-09-23 in the college campus. The alumnae met in the campus and visited their department and had a good sharing with the faculty and the present batch students. The formal interaction was followed by a networking dinner where everyone bonded and relived their memories from their learning days at campus.



Alumnae Chapter meet - 24-09-22

On 24-09-22, fifteen of the alumnae of the department of Zoology met in the college and walked through the memory lanes and realized that they had a nice opportunity to meet their adorable teachers.



Alumnae Chapter meet - 05-11-22

More than 13 of crossian alumnae came together for a delightful afternoon and met with the faculty members of department of zoology in the department. They were very delightful to get connected and share the ideas. The crossian spirit continues to forge ahead. The members discussed way forward plans, next get - together and turn alumni from the recently passed out batch and other initiatives to carry out this year.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

On 05-11-22, 2021 PG batch alumnae of Zoology department met in the College Campus and had a great get together. They relished and cherished in the campus and shared their experiences in the college during their course of study. They shared their ideas, opinions and networked over lunch and made the event fruitful and memorable for everyone. They decided to contribute their utmost to the enhancement and upliftment of their Alma Mater.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 28 -04-23

Alumnae from different departments met together at Bangalore and had a vibrant alumnae chapter meet. Each of them shared their thoughts and plans for the institute and the alumni members in the days to come. The formal interaction was followed by networking dinner where everyone bonded and relieved their memoires from their learning days at campus. As the evening ended, everyone wished and eager to know about the next meet to get together and relive their memories.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 20 -04-23

On 20-04-23, fourteen of the alumnae of belonging to different departments gathered together at Nagercoil and walked through the memory lanes and realized that they had a nice opportunity to meet their friends. The reunion was extremely productive and engaging as everyone conversed on recent developments back at campus, and also discussed about the upcoming plans and activities at campus.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 02-03-23

On 02-03-23, 3 alumnae studied in the Physics department had a meet in Pallam. They shared the memories during the period of study in the college and they decided to contribute to the college in all possible means.

Alumnae Chapter Meet - 02-04-23

On 02-04-23, eleven of the alumnae of belonging to different departments gathered together in the college premises and had a grand get together. The reunion was extremely productive and they shared positive feedback and were extremely happy to network with everyone. They encouraged each other to contribute in scaling up their alma mater.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 01-03-23

On 01-03-23, 17 alumnae of different departments met at Pallanthurai and shared their thoughts and views. They also gave their suggestions and feedback towards the development of their alma mater. They happily participated in the interactive and insightful event of new thinking and possibilities. The formal interaction was followed by a networking dinner where everyone bonded and relived their memories from their learning days at the campus.





Alumnae Chapter Meet - 04-03-23

On 04-03-23, eighteen of the alumnae of belonging to different departments gathered together at Nagercoil and walked through their memory lanes. Each and everyone shared their memories in the college and conversed on recent developments at the campus, and also discussed about the upcoming plans of the chapter.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 07-02-23

On 07-02-23, 1999 Batch Alumnae of Mathematics department met in the college campus and had a great get together. They cherished the memories in the campus during their course of study.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 11-05-23

On 11-05-23, few alumnae of different departments met in the college campus and had a chapter meet .They had a good sharing with a happy lunch and cherished their memories.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 07-02-23

On 25-01-23, Alumnae of Chemistry department met in Anandanadarkudy and had a great discussion on the developmental activities of the college and the activities to be done and the contribution to be made. They had a good dinner and cherished the memories in the campus during their course of study.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 05-11-22

On 05-11-22, Alumnae of History department met in Manavalakurichi and had a grand chapter meet in their department. They met their teachers and had discussion towards the contribution that can be done for the college. They had a good lunch with their staff members and cherished the memories.



Alumnae Chapter Meet - 11-05-23

On 11-05-23, alumnae of different departments met in the college campus and had a chapter meet. They relished and cherished their memories and experiences in the college.





Alumnae Association

"Alumni, forever connected by our shared experiences and memories."