



The American College, Madurai

7.3 – Institutional Distinctiveness

7.3.1 – Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust in not more than 500 words

1. The American College realizes the strength of its own alumni. Our alumni are actively participating in all the forums like BOS, Academic Council, IQAC, Finance and Property Committee and in Governing Council too. The alumni are the part and parcel of our college. Their existence in various planning forums ensures century old tradition and ethos of our college. Many of the faculty members are the alumni in every department. This helps us to bridge the generation gap between the millennium kids and teachers.

In addition, alumni contributions in terms of lab equipment, endowments, career guidance and employment are the boon to our college. The students as beneficiaries, learn the art of giving to society where from the hail. Heartbeat of the missionaries who shed blood and life for building this great institution is still hearkened through our alumni's contribution.

2. Education means 'Development of Humanity'. Knowledge without humanness does profit nothing. Our college believes in Value Based Education which can mold the future generation. The periodic visits to Old Age Homes and Orphanages inculcate the humanity and charity among the young minds. In every department, the students organise themselves such visits during festival seasons. They collect gift materials, food, stationery, toiletries, and other health care products from fellow students and friends for the inmates of orphanages and old age homes. The students visit homes and orphanages after the college hours are accompanied by faculty members. They spend a few hours in celebration at orphanages and homes.

Our college students excel not only in studies, they are also extraverts in the community. The intuition to do charity is the crux of socialization. Such inclusiveness is being derived not out of the syllabus. The customs and practices followed in college during the tenure of their education is remembered lifelong.

3. Students take up the responsibility of capturing digitally, the valuable moments of every activity of our college. The contribution by the students owe a royal salute as the digital photographs and video graphs can be kept as treasures for many centuries. The voluntary involvement adds flavour and colour to the events. They not only handle camera, but also prepare huge stage backdrop sets for college day and other department association functions. These sets are priceless art work and exhibit the students' creativity. They are ofcourse, more than professionals.

Also, they underwent Digitization of Old and Rare Books available in the Daniel Poor Library. So far, they have digitalized 1,405 books and in 2018 to 2019 they digitalized 384 books. This amazing work was done by eight students along with library staff. Four hours a day, apart from their regular work was spent. This meticulous service rendered by them strengthens the initiation of eLibrary.