

Principal's 138th Annual College Day Report
Saturday 30 March 2019

Salutation

The most revered Bishop-President of the Governing Council Rev Dr. M. Joseph, Distinguished Chief Guest & Registrar, NIMHANS Professor K. Sekar, distinguished alumnus Mr. Varalotti Rengasamy (75 COM) who is going to propose the toast to the college, State Minority Commission Chairman Engineer J. John Mahendran, members of the Governing Council, present and past faculty and staff members, members of the Press, parents and students, ladies and gentlemen, a pleasant evening to all of you.

Welcome

1. Rev Dr. A. Joseph is the Bishop of Madurai Ramnad Diocese and President of the College Governing Council. Basically, he himself is an academic, and therefore he is always interested in the development of the college. Whenever, I seek his advice and counseling on important administrative and academic matters, he readily and gladly spends his valuable time. In spite of his busy schedule, he could spare his valuable time to be with us now. A warm welcome to you, Ayya. May I now request the Minority Commission Chairman to honour our revered Bishop with Shawl and memento?.
2. Professor K. Sekar is a distinguished alumnus of our College and the Registrar of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru. His areas of research interest are Community Mental Health, Disaster Psycho-Social Support. May I now request our Vice Principal to honour Prof Sekar with Shawl?
3. Mr. Varalotti Rengasamy is also a distinguished alumnus of the American College. He did his Bachelors in Commerce during 1975-78. Shridhar is his original name. He is a practicing Chartered accountant in Madurai. He is famous for his writings in English and Tamil. He has published more than 25 books and 200 short stories. His translation of Kalki's Ponnin Selvan into English is his Magnum Opus. Some of his famous Tamil works are Jannal, Visaaranai, Manase Manase, Vetrian vithaigal, and Kaalam Kandra Veerarkalin Kaathal. A Love story, Madly in Love, The Way of Love: Celebration of Nammazhvar are some of

his English works. May I now request our Vice Principal to honour Mr. Varolotti Rengasamy with Shawl?

4. Er. T. John Mahendran, Chairman of Minority Commission is with us now. He has been helping the College as the member of Governing Council of The American College for many years. This is the first programme of the minority commission chairman after he took over the charge as chairman. I request our Bishop-president to honour him with a shawl and memento.

Introduction

1. By the grace of God, the guidance of the Governing Council, and the cooperation of all other stakeholders, the administration could successfully take the college forward one more year in its endless journey toward offering quality education to the needy, the marginalized, the poor, the un-served and the underserved. We thankfully remember all the blessings that the College received during the current academic year. The American College has finished 138 years of service and very shortly, it is going to start the 139th year of its yeoman service. Now, I would like to express my gratitude to all great men and women in the past who rendered tireless and dedicated service to make the American College what it is today.
2. The academic year 2018-19 has been highly satisfactory for all students, faculty members and non-teaching staff who worked hard for upholding the public image of college. It has won many laurels to its credit this year as well. Since the time is short, I am presenting only an executive summary of the report. I assure you that the full report with the achievements of individuals will be included in the 2018-19 College Magazine. Friends, here are the highlights of the 138th Annual Report of the American College.

Re-opening and Orientation

The College reopened after the summer vacation on Monday 18 June 2018. Orientation for all aided undergraduate students on Wednesday 20 June 2018, for undergraduate SF students on Thursday 21 June 2018, for postgraduate students of both aided and self-financed streams on Friday 22 June 2018, and for satellite campus students on Monday 25 June 2018. Orientation for MBA and MCA freshmen was held on Wednesday 29 August 2018. Orientation for community college students was held on 8 August 2017.

Admissions

The college reached a new milestone in terms of student admission this year. **3508** students were admitted in various courses in the Main and Satellite campuses. It shows parents' and public's trust in the college.

New Courses

With a view to meeting the societal demands, the college introduced the following programmes this academic year after the due approval and affiliation from Madurai Kamaraj University.

1. B.Com Professional Accounting
2. B.A English (additional section) being offered in the first shift
3. M.Sc Mathematics (additional section under SF)
4. Ph.D in Mathematics
5. Ph.D in Botany

Certificate and Diploma Courses

The administration encouraged all the departments to offer certificate and diploma courses at the weekends for the convenience of the public. Departments of English, Hindi and French offered certificate courses and department of Visual Communication offered diploma courses at the weekends. 19 students have joined certificate courses and 26 in diploma courses. In the course of time, other departments will join with a view to offering career-oriented courses, which will encourage youths to embark on entrepreneurial ventures.

UGC Approved B.Voc Programmes

The University Grants Commission has sanctioned Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc) Degree with multiple exits under National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). At the end of the first year, the students if they want to exit can be awarded Diploma, and at the end of second year, Advanced Diploma and at the end of the third year, the students can be awarded Degree. The UGC has sanctioned four courses. They are Aquaculture, Medical Lab Technology, Food Processing, and Media & Entertainment.

Happy to inform you that the American College is the only institution selected to offer B.Voc in Madurai region.

Faculty Appointments

The following were appointed as Assistant Professors in regular vacancies:

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| 1. Mr. M. Meenakshi Sundaram | Tamil |
| 2. Dr. R. Jasmine | Economics |
| 3. Dr. R. Murugan | Economics |
| 4. Mr. M. Yesurajan | Economics |
| 5. Dr. R. Mary Sophia Chitra | Commerce |
| 6. Dr. D. Kanakavalli | Commerce |

In addition, the administration appointed 44 Assistant Professors in the management vacancies in various departments. They are all qualified as per UGC norms.

Study Abroad

1. Three MBA students have been admitted to Binary University, Malaysia.
2. One student already joined Concordia while five students have enrolled for admission
3. One student has been admitted in St Clair College, Canada and many are awaiting admission.
4. Ms. Vedashree of II MA English attended the Erasmus Programme for four months from 1 April to 31 July 2018 at the University of Hildesheim.

Refresher & Orientation Programmes

1. The college always encourages its faculty to update themselves by attending UGC sponsored refresher courses and orientation programmes. The IQAC of the college organised a Faculty Orientation Programme to all the faculty members who have been appointed since 2016 on 1 September 2018.
2. Besides, the following 8 Assistant professors have attended Orientation Programmes at Madurai Kamaraj University:

Dr. S. Balakrishnan from Tamil, Mr. Thomas K. Vargese, Ms. J. Priya Carol Ms. T. Anita Caroline from English, Mr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian from French, Dr. B. Johnson from Mathematics, Dr.T. Selvakumar and Dr. S. Vanitha from Economics.

3. The following Assistant Professors from different departments attended refresher courses at the University:

Mr. A. Dinakar and Mr. R. Daniel Rubaraj from English, Mr. A. David Christopher, Dr. Lourdhu Immaculate, and Mrs. Anandhaselvam from Mathematics, Mrs. C. Anzline from Physics, Mr. M. Rajesh from Zoology, Dr. J. Jebaraj and Ms. K. Usha from Economics, Mr. Justin Manohar from Commerce, and Librarian Dr. N. Vasanthakumar.

Award of PhD to the Faculty Members

The following faculty members have been awarded PhD:

1. Dr. T. Anita Caroline (English)
2. Dr. D. Lourdhu Immaculate (Math)
3. Dr. David Jebaraj (Physics)
4. Dr. Beulah Ruby Kamalam (Physics)
5. Dr. D. Kanakavalli (Commerce)
6. Dr. A. Rajan (Tamil)
7. Dr. D. Preethi Johnita Esther (English)
8. Dr. D. Durai Manoharadoss (Physics)
9. Dr. A. Nixon Jesuraj (Commerce)
10. Dr. Johnson Christdas (Microbiology)
11. Dr. Frank Ruben Jebaraj (MCA)
12. Dr. P. Mangayarkarasi (Commerce)
13. Dr. Subramania Bala Jesurun (Commerce)
14. Dr. K. Bhagavathi (BBA)
15. Dr. B. Ram Diwakar (BBA)
16. Dr. T.L. Vijaya (Hindi)
17. Dr. Sathya Dev (BBA)

Faculty members who have cleared NET/SET

The following faculty members cleared SET/NET during the period since May 2018:

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| 1. Mrs. K.C.M. Esther Rani | Botany | SET-2018 |
| 2. Mrs. P. Mangayarkarasi | Commerce | SET-2018 |
| 3. Mr. C. B. Sudhersun | Computer Science | SET-2018 |
| 4. Mrs. D. Preethy Johnita Esther | English | SET-2018 |
| 5. Mrs. G. Bercy | English | SET-2018 |
| 6. Ms. S. Christy Deva Suba | Mathematics | SET-2018 |
| 7. Mr. C. Melvinraja | Tamil | NET-July2018 |
| 8. Mrs. N. Bairavi | Commerce (SC) | SET-2018 |

Appointments

As per the decision of the governing council held in April 2018, the following faculty members assumed the position mentioned against their names:

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| 1. Dr. A. Martin David | Controller of Examinations |
| 2. Dr. S. Stalin Kumar | Deputy Controller of Examinations |
| 3. Dr. B. Johnson | Deputy Director, Satellite Campus |
| 4. Mr. S. Stephen | Head of PG Department of Mathematics |
| 5. Dr. M. Davamani Christofer | Head of UG Department of Mathematics |
| 6. Mr. J. Jesupaul Thangaraj | Head of SF UG & PG Department of Mathematics |
| 7. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus | Head of PG & Research Department of Zoology |
| 8. Dr. E. Joy Sharmila | Head of UG Department of Zoology |
| 9. Dr. M. Balakrishnan | Physical Education Director |
| 10. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus | Director of PG Department of Microbiology |
| 11. Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan | Coordinator, Department of Commerce
(Professional Accounting) |
| 12. Dr. P. Arulappan | Warden, Zumbro Hall |

Visitors to the College

1. Mr. Prince Kumar, CEO, Edex from New Zealand visited and interacted with students and faculty on 9 July 2018.
2. Dr. Susan, Dean of St. Clair's College, Windsor, Canada addressed the Academic Officers of the College and the representatives from various colleges on 12 July 2018.
3. Dr. R. Manoj Kumar, Deputy Secretary, UGC-SERO visited the college and delivered a talk on "UGC: Quality Mandate" to 136 faculty members on 13 July 2018.
4. Dr Ricky Chang, Vice President of United Board visited with college, DPM Library, and SCILET. He also had an interaction with officers of the college.
5. Dr. Kamini Mahadevan, former senior editor, Penguin visited the college and delivered a talk to MA and MPhil English students on 19 September 2018.
6. Dr. Angel Rathnabai, an alumna of Postgraduate Department of Maths, from Central Institute of Educational Technology, NCERT, New Delhi visited the college and conducted two sessions of workshop on "Adoption and Promotion of MOOCs on SWAYAM Platform" to faculty members on 10 September 2018.

7. Mr. Kent May, chief of Consular Services, US Consulate General, Chennai visited the college and took part in an interactive session with students on the topic “Student Visa Process & Applying to American Universities” on 17 September 2018.
8. Ms. Leina Braga, Coordinator, India Liaison Office Operations for Concordia College, New York visited the college and had interaction with officers of the college and students who are interested in study abroad. She explained the various programmes of study offered and other facilities available at Concordia College.
9. Dr. Fr. (Prof.) George Thadathil SDB, President, AIACHE, New Delhi visited the College on 13 August 2018.
10. Dr. Kevin Henderson, Program Officer, United Board, USA visited the library on 22 October 2018.
11. Rev. Dr. Julia Brown, Rev. Dr. James and Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu from Global Ministries, United Church of Christ, USA visited the college on 2 January 2019.
12. Prof. Michael H. Chung (Oberlin Shansi Fellow 1990-92), Chair, Department of Medicine, Director, Treatment, Research and Expert Education (TREE), The Aga Khan University, Nairobi, Kenya,
13. Rev. Dr. Lee Ill Ho, Founder & Coordinator of KORIND Mission visited our College on 23 March 2019.
14. Film Personalities Director Ram, Director Karu Palaniappan, Actor Sasikumar, Director Gaurav, Director Ameer, HipHop Thamila Adhi, Director Muthaiah visited the college in connection with different department functions.

Officers’ Visit to STTU & NIE, Singapore

1. Principal, vice principal, Bursar, Controller of Examinations, all six deans, the elected faculty representative in the GC, and the IQAC Coordinator visited Singapore from 21 to 24 February 2019. The college signed an MOU with Singapore Tamil Teachers’ Union that enables the members of the STTU and faculty members of Tamil department could mutually visit their respective institutions for teaching, learning and research at their own costs.

2. The team also visited National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University. We had a one to one meeting with the Dean and explored the possibility of faculty exchange programme. As of now, the NIE is ready to help the college in designing the curriculum of an integrated bachelor's degree programme in the fourth year, as and when the college introduces such a programme.

Campus Infrastructure

The Administration is spending from its resources on the increasing in the infrastructure to provide better learning facilities and conducive ambience for students. The following are the new additions:

1. **Second Floor of the Saunders Hall**

The second floor of the Saunders Hall was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Dr M. Joseph, Bishop-President of the College Governing Council on 31 August 2018. It has housed three class rooms and the Central Instrumentation Centre.

2. **Central Instrumentation Facility**

As per the NAAC requirement and as a long-felt need of the college for the optimum utilisation of the basic instruments that are used by science students of all disciplines, a Central Instrumentation Facility was constructed on the second floor of the Saunders Hall and it was declared open on Monday 17 September 2018 by Mr Kent May, Chief of Consular Services, American Consulate, Chennai in the presence of and with the blessings of the Rt Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Bishop of CSI DMR & President of the Governing Council of the American College

3. **Restrooms**

In view of the increasing student strength on the main campus, the administration has built restrooms for men and women at four places.

4. **Paver Block Pavement**

Paver Block pavement has been laid connecting the James Hall, Saunders Hall, Centenary Hall.

5. UGC-SERO funded Edward L Nolting Gymnasium was declared open by Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Bishop-President of the Governing Council of the American College today.
6. UGC-SERO funded William Tracy Indoor Stadium was declared open by Engineer J. John Mahendran, Chairman of Tamil Nadu State Minority Commission in the presence of Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Bishop-President of the College Council today.

Conference, Symposium, Workshop, and Awareness Programs organized by various departments of The American College

1. Department of English organized a weeklong staging of “Duchess of Malfi” from 9 to 14 October 2018 directed by Mr N. Elango, Postgraduate Head of English department and Founder of the Fourth Wall. It has been an annual feature and more than 1000 college students benefited the show this time.
2. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of PG Zoology was inaugurated on 14 July 2018. Distinguished alumni Messrs P. Ponniah, IAS, District Collector of Kanchipuram and Dr Chandrakantha Jyabalan, former Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University graced the occasions.
3. Green School programme was organised by CSI-Synod on 11 July 2018 with Dr Matthew Koshy Punnackadu as resource person.
4. An international conference on Frontier Areas in Chemistry was organised by the postgraduate department of Chemistry from 17 July 2018 to 19 July. It was fully funded by the alumni. Its alumni nationally and globally well-placed acted as resource persons at their own cost.
5. A course on System Applications and Products in Data Processing was started on 13 August 2018. Fifty students enrolled for the course.
6. Postgraduate Department of Economics organised a three-day workshop on Applications of SPSS in Social Science Research from 26 to 28 September 2018.
7. Department of Chemistry organised a one-day state level in-house seminar on Current Trends in Chemistry on 24 September 2018.

8. Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology organized a National Workshop on Gender and Legal Issues in India on 26 October 2018. It also organized an international seminar on Contemporary Ethical Issues on 18 February 2019.
9. International Conference on Innovations in Business and Management was organized on 1 and 2 February 2019. 281 research papers were presented by scholars and participants from India and abroad.
10. National Workshop on Applications of AMOS in Social Science Research was conducted on 12 and 13 October 2018.
11. National Conference on Modern Mathematics & its Applications was conducted on 22 and 23 February 2018 and 50 research scholars participated.
12. MIM Department organized a National Conference on “Impacts of Pollution on Health and Restoration of Quality Environment Through Biotechnology Applications” in association with department of Zoology on 2 & 3 February 2018.
13. Department of Commerce conducted a national conference on Prospects of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in Indian Scenario on 16 February 2018 and 242 research papers were presented.
14. Department of Commerce conducted an Alumni get-to-gather on 17 March 2019. More than 300 alumni participated and they have donated 2 Lakh and two LCD Projectors.

Awards received by our Faculties

1. Dr. J. John Sekar, Head, Research Department of English received the BEST research paper award.
2. Dr. S. Stephen Inbanathan received the BEST Achiever Award at ICRAMS.
3. Dr. Saframma, Head of Hindi Department received Shresta Hindi Sevak Award from Sri Narayana College.
4. Dr. S. Jeya Rani, Associate Professor of Economics received Distinguished Fellow Award in Economics for her outstanding contribution to research.

5. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Assistant Professor of Zoology received the BEST Scientist Award from IMRF.
6. Mr. M. Rajesh, Assistant Professor of Zoology received the Best Researcher Award from IMRF.
7. Dr. N. Vasanthakumar, Librarian, received the Exemplary Educationist Award from Indo Global Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture, and the “Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Best Scientist Award 2017-18” from Bose Science Society.
8. Dr. R. Jeyapandi received the Har Gobind Khorana Best Young Scientist Award from Bose Science Society.

Faculty Participation in International Conference Abroad

1. Dr. J. John Sekar, Head, Research Department of English & Dean of Academic Policies and Administration acted as a plenary speaker and Mr J. Jehoson Jiresh presented a research paper in Malaysia from 17 to 20 August 2018, and both presented papers at Zayed University, Dubai.
2. Dr. S. Rajkumar Immanuel, Associate Professor and Dean of Curriculum Development and Research presented a paper in Bangkok on 5 & 6 September 2018.

Sports

1. The College administration has been taking all possible steps ever since I took over the administration as Principal and secretary to encourage sports boys and girls to excel in their chosen fields by way of special concession in admissions, waiver of college fees, free boarding and stay in the Halls, and the financial help. Its results are becoming tangible in terms of university blues. The number of university blues this year is 41 men and 11 women.
2. The 138th Annual Sports Meet was conducted on Friday 31 August 2018 and Mr. S. Davidson Devasirvatham, IPS, Inspector General of Police & Commissioner of Police, Madurai City was the Guest of Honour.
3. The 25th State level Inter-Collegiate Volley Ball Tournament was conducted from 8 to 10 August 2018. Dr. Nallakaman, Dean, College Development

Council, Madurai Kamaraj University was the guest of honour. Saraswathi Thiagarajar College, Pollachi won the trophy and Jamal Mohammed College was the runners-up.

4. The 6th State Level Inter-Collegiate Hockey tournament for Bishop Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial Trophy was held on 14-16 February 2019. Dr. R. Baskaran, Regional Joint Director, Madurai Region was the chief guest. S.S.Duraisamy Nadar Mariammal College, Kovilpatti won the trophy and Bishop Heber college, Trichy was the runners-up.

Convocation

Convocation 2018 was held on 7 April 2018. His Excellency Sri SATO Professor Joseph Adaikalam, Founder & Executive Chairman of Binary University, Malaysia delivered the convocation address. 886 graduates received their diplomas.

MOUs with International Institutions and Organizations

1. An MOU has been signed with MAHSA University, Malaysia to promote mutual understanding, academic progress, research collaborations and student and staff exchange programme with the department of MIM.
2. College signed a MoU with Eastern Institute of Technology, Auckland.
3. College signed an MOU with Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union that enables the members of the STTU and faculty members of Tamil department could mutually visit their respective institutions for teaching, learning and research.
4. College signed a MoU with Chemnitz, University of Technology, Germany.

Faculty Participation in Workshop and Symposiums on behalf of the College

1. Mr. John Jeya Kamaraj recently visited Japan to participate in a conference for chaplains of Christian institutions in Asia organized by the United Board
2. Dean, Policies and Additional Dean of Students attended a two-day national conference on Revised NAAC Manual in St Aloysius College, Jabalpur on 15 and 16 December 2018 organised by the United Board.
3. Vice Principal, Dean, Policies, Dean of Research and Curriculum and Dean of International Studies attended a two-day workshop on NAAC Revised Norms and

Procedures at Bharathiar University on 26 and 27 October 2018, the Principals Association of Bharathiar University.

4. Vice Principal, Dean of Policies, Controller of Examinations, and IQAC Coordinator attended a two-day national symposium on Autonomous Colleges Marching Toward University Status on 4 and 5 March 2019 at St Joseph's College, Trichy organized by the United Board.
5. Vice-Principal, Dr. Ebenezer, Dr. Vathanaruba, Mr. Rajesh and Ms. Nithyakamalam attended a United Board sponsored international Eco-conference on Greening the Globe for Sustainable Living Ecology at CSI Synod, organized by Consortium of Educational Institutions and coordinated by CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns on 15 February 2019.
6. Dr. Arullappan, Dr. Vathanaruba, Mr. John Jeya Kamaraj, Dr. Johnson and Ms. Nithyakamalam attended a conference on Chaplaincy Training Programme at Lady Doak College, organized by the United Board from 24 - 29 September 2018.
7. Dr. Arullappan, Mr. David Christopher and Dr. Ebenezer of Botany attended a conference on Help at Hand: Strengthening Faculty in Counselling Techniques to Facilitate Gen Z at Christopher College of Education, Chennai from 12 December to 20 December 2018.
8. Principal & Bursar attended a special General Body meeting to finalize the framework for fee fixation for self-financing courses organized by consortium of Christian Minority Institution held at Lady Doak College on 10 March 2019.
9. Principal & Bursar attended a workshop on the initiation of Public Financial Management system conducted by UGC-SERO at Loyola college on 3 March 2019.

Government Scholarships

399 BC & MBC senior students received Rs.8,31,006 as scholarships from the government of Tamil Nadu. 199 SC & ST students renewed their scholarships to the tune of Rs.11,79,294 from the state government. 108 new SC & ST students are awaiting scholarships from the government.

Reports from Departments

Academic and extracurricular departments are the backbone of the college because it is where most of student-learning experiences are provided. As the number of departments and their activities keep on increasing every year, I will present only the bird's eye view of each department. All minute details will be included in the college magazine and in the college website. Every department did well and received accolades this Academic year.

Applied Science

A one-day workshop on Aurduino was conducted on 26 October 2018. Another one-day workshop was conducted "Recent Trends in Astronomy & Nuclear Medical Physics on 15 February 2019. A low-cost radio telescope was developed with the help of Indian Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Bangalore. Signals from the Milky Way galaxies in the 21cm wavelength were observed.

BBA

Ms. D. Sweetlin Princess, Mr. A. Sathiya Prabhu, Mr. A Sathiya Dev, B. Ramdivakar, P. Reshma S. Tephillahvasantham and A. Jessie Golda published their research articles in UG approved and other journals. 46 news books were purchased for the department library, 15 Journals and 25 Magazines were subscribed this academic year. 17 students have got placement and 33 students from the previous batch have gone on to do higher studies. One cleared IELTS. 101 students from 12 colleges participated in Tycoons 2K19' an Inter-collegiate business meet held on 28 February 2019. 120 students from the departments of MBA, BBA, CMC, CME, and ENS participated in the Throw ball and volley ball tournaments on 6 and 7 March 2019.

BCA

4 students got placement and 25 students joined in higher studies. 37 students from 7 colleges participated in inter-collegiate Meet.

Biochemistry

Mr. Caleb Johnson Paranjothi and Mrs. J. Renuka published their articles in World Journal of Pharmaceutical Research with impact factor of 8.074. One day workshop

on Food Technology was conducted on 16 October 2018 with 150 participants. In association with Madurai Corporation the department organized the administering of Albendazole and Nilavembu Kashayam to the students and staff on 13 and 19 February 2019. 20 books were added to the department library. An alumnus R. Praveen Kumar (13 BCH 29) cleared NET. 21 students joined the higher courses of study. 127 students from 14 departments participated in the Inter-departmental competitions held on 11 February 2019. 157 students from 7 colleges participated in the intercollegiate competitions held on 25 February 2019.

Information Technology

A one-day workshop was organized on Data Connectivity on 6 February 2019. Students also participated in various workshops such as Google Developers Group (GDG) Devfest2k19, Data Science, Google IO 2019, Python, Ethical hacking workshop, AWS workshop. 47 new books were added to the library. 4 students have received placement in TCS and Wipro. 15 students have progressed to higher education. Gen 5 2K19, an intra-collegiate academic meet, was organized on 2 March 2019 with 103 students from various departments in the college.

Botany

Mr. Winfred Thomas, Dr. S. Rajkumar Immanuel, Dr. D. Stephen, Mrs. M. Shameem Banu, Dr. R. Sanjay, Dr. J. Ebenezer Immanuel, Mrs. P. Gunasundari, Ms. J. Nithya Kamalam and Mrs. K.C.M. Esther Rani presented papers in conferences, attended workshops, and published articles in international journals. Some of them attended BOS in other colleges. They also delivered keynote addresses.

Chemistry

Three scholars successfully completed their Ph.D degrees under the guidance of Dr. T.K. Ganesan. Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica, Dr. C.D. Sheela, Dr. K. Karthik Kumar, Dr. A. Jancirani, and Mr. T. Christopher Jeyakumar published their articles in the UGC approved Journals. 20 students received placement. 145 students from the various departments took part in intra-collegiate competitions organized by the department. 113 students from the city colleges participated in ChemGlaze, an

intercollegiate cultural competition. 6 students won awards in the cultural conducted in other colleges.

Commerce

1. Dr. A. Martin David, J. Justin Manohar, Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan, Dr. R. Mary Sophia Chitra, Dr. D. Kanakavalli, Dr. A. Hilary Joseph, Mrs. C. Antony Mary Vinothini, Dr. Subramania Bala Jeshurun, E. Keren Judi, Dr. A. Nixon Jesuraj, Dr. P. Mangayarkarasi, Mr. A. Samuel Raj, Dr. T. Gnana Gowsalya, Mrs. G. Divya, Dr. R. Manikandan, Mr. R. Sundareswaran, Ms. M. Sally, Mrs. C. Jameslyn Vithya, Dr. K. Bagavathi, Mrs. C. Joselyn Nithya, Dr. D. Jeba Selvi Anitha, Mrs. N. Bairavi, Dr. S. Raman, Mr. P. Antony Raj, Mrs. R. Beulah, and Mr. N. Vivek published research papers in UGC approved and other journals.
2. Students were involved in Kerala Flood Relief Work. 32 new books were added to the library. One postgraduate student got placement. 79 students joined higher degrees. 4 students cleared CA-IPCC; 8 cleared CA-CPT; 20 cleared CMA Foundation; 5 cleared CS Foundation. Commas 2K19 held on 8 and 9 February 2019 attracted 350 participants from 17 colleges.
3. The Department of Commerce, Satellite Campus organized three guest lectures on career in Aviation Academy, Career skills and Awareness about Avenues of Employment. An industrial visit to three different industries at Kappalur had been undertaken for the final year students of commerce and commerce with computer application in August 2018. The students went to Trivandrum and Cochi in February 2019 for field trip.

Computer Science

1. Mr. C.B. Sudhersun cleared SET Examination in May 2018. A workshop Edge Cutting Technology was organized on 12 July 2018. Another workshop on Carrier Guidance and Job Opportunities was organized on 20 September 2018. 110 students benefited them.
2. Mrs. M. Girija and Mr. C. Mohan published their articles in international journals.

3. 20 students got placement and 45 moved to higher degree programmes. In BYTES 2019, an intercollegiate cultural festival, 100 students from 14 colleges participated.

Economics

1. It was an eventful for the students of Economics since ten workshops on the various themes were organized.
2. Dr. C. Muthu Raja published several articles, participated in the conferences as chairperson and was elected as executive member in four professional associations. Dr. G. Kannabiran has been appointed as Madurai Kamaraj University Nominee for the Board of Studies in Economics. Dr. Albert Christofer Dhass, Mr. Jacob Ponraj, Dr. T. Selvakumar, M. Yesurajan, Dr. Justin Jebaraj, Dr. K. Usha, Dr. S. Vanitha, Dr. M. Sheela, Dr. R. Jasmine and Dr. Murugan published articles and presented papers in conferences.

English

Self-financing department of English organised a workshop on Research Writing and on English for Career Development for postgraduate and MPhil English students. I am very happy to share with you that 18 PG and MPhil scholars and 2 faculty members have cleared NET and SET in 2018. Seventh volume of American College Journal of English Language and Literature (ACJELL) was published. The Fourth Wall Theatre of English Department staged John Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi*, Directed by Mr. N. Elango in September 2018. Mr. N. Elango, Dr J. John Sekar, Dr. M. Lawrence, Dr. J. Paul Jayakar, Mr. Daniel Ruberraj, and Mr. J. Jehoson Jiresch delivered keynote addresses in seminars, conferences, and workshops conducted by institutions across the country. Along with them Dr. S. Arockia Nirmal Dorothy, Ms. Sharadha Devi, and Ms. Daffny Orangemary presented research papers and published articles in journals.

Food Science

Four workshops were organized on different themes with 270 participants. 3 Students have received award for best papers. Dr. A. Surendran, Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran, Ms. G.P. Soumini, Ms. Monisha Selvan, and Ms. Venisda Jonab Rani published 15 research articles. MOUs were signed with Indian Institute of Food Processing

Technology (IIFPT), Central Food Technological Research Institute, and Aavin Milk. 79 new books were added to the library. Four students got placed while 3 students have gone for higher studies. 110 students from 10 institutions participated in FIT FEST 2K19 and 138 students from various departments participated in inter-departmental competitions.

Hindi

Dr. Saframma acted as a resource person in conferences and as a member of BOS in Hindi. B. Kannammal Devi published three articles in UGC approved journals. Dr. Saframma and Ms. Jeyanthi presented papers in conferences.

French

Three students have gone for higher education and two got placed.

Daniel Poor Memorial Library

1065 new books were purchased and accessioned this year. Subscription to 58 journals and magazines were renewed. 21 MPhil and PhD theses were added to research section. 46452 footfalls among the library users were recorded during the calendar year 2018. 8 students are engaged in the library as part of this scheme. The library has a WhatsApp group named DPM Library which is functioning from 6 December 2015. Currently there are 209 teachers who are members of the group. The librarian and teachers share library, college and student related information in the group. 494 Students got Indian Passport through the DPM Library's Extension Activity. A sum of Rs.65941/- was collected as charges for photocopying 52,421 pages and Passport Applications.

Mathematics

Dr. D. Lourdu Immaculate, Ms. D. Anandha Selvam, and Mr. L. David Rajkumar attended the "Science Academies' Lecture Workshop on Algebra" during 16-18 August 2018 held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. Dr. A. Amutha published 8 journal articles and Dr. J. Wilfred Samuel Raj one journal article. They also acted as resource persons. Mr. L. David Rajkumar published a book titled *in memory of Rev. Edward Webb, Missionary (A.B.C.F.M), American Madura Mission.*

Mrs. C. Jeba Kiruba attended a workshop in VIT Chennai. Many students won awards in academic and cultural competitions conducted in other institutions.

MBA

Two workshops were conducted on Data Analysis on 21 and 22 February 2019 and on NISM Mutual Fund Module on 28 February 2019. A total of 220 students attended them. Mr. Vijay Mallik Raj, Mr. Jackson Gunaraj and Mr. M. Vignesh published eight articles in UGC approved and other journals.

MCA

A Webinar on Latest Web Development Tools was conducted with Mr. Sathish Rajagopalan from Sydney Australia as resource person on 21 December 2018. A workshop on Application Development and Evaluation was conducted by Mr. Sathish Rajagopalan from Sydney, Mr. Gnanasambandam Freelancing Developer, and Mr. Ramesh. Dispatch Manager, CA Technologies, Hyderabad. 46 students participated. Mrs. T. Suganya published an article. 84 new books were bought. 3 students got placement.

Microbiology & Immunology

Two national conferences on Recent Trends in Modern Immunology and Emerging Trends in Microbiology were conducted on 23 January 2019 with 283 participants and on 12 March 2019 with 127 participants. 4 invited talks were arranged. Faculty members published 42 research articles in the UGC approved journals. 18 students have received their placement. Two have cleared JRF. Santhosh Kumar (15MIC52) has been selected by National Overseas Scheme funded by Government of India to pursue M.Sc Biomedical sciences at The University of Leeds, London. Two students have won science scholarships. 136 students participated in seminars and workshops. Microfiesta, an Intercollegiate Meet conducted on 19 February 2019 attracted 247 participants from 14 institutions.

MSW

Workshops on Research Methodology, Report Writing and Case Studies, Recent trends in Modern Day Slavery, SPSS, Training Programme on Suicide Prevention

were conducted this year. 454 students and employees from NGOs benefited. Students visited MS Chellamuthu Research Foundation for their Internship, Student research work, Collaborative Research Work. 18 out of 27 outgoing students have received placement. One student has cleared NET. Dr. T. Augustus Julian Lazmey, Mrs. Sunitha Evelyn Christy, Mrs R. Rohini, and Dr. M. Maria Antony Raj published 8 research articles in UGC approved journals.

NCC Army

The following cadets represented Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate:

1. Cdt. M.Prabhakaran 17ECE34) and Cdt. V.Sharuk (17TAM58) participated in All India Thal Sainik Camp 2018 in New Delhi.
2. Sgt. V. Aathi Deepak 16RPS01 and L/Cpl G. Bharathkumar 16 PHY 57 participated in Basic Leadership Camp 2018 in New Delhi.
3. Cpl. M. Akash Raj 16RPS70 participated in All India Trekking Camp 2018 Kulamaw.
4. Cadets P. Daniel Alex Paul 17ECO13, M. Siva 17BOT49, M. Sugumaran 17ECO53 and M. Venkatesh 17CHE58 participated in Army Attachment Camp -2018 in Secundrabad.
5. CSM. K. Magarajothi 16ZOO21 and Cpl. M. Palpandi 16ECO36 participated in National Integration Camp 2018 in Indore.
6. Sgt. V. Aathi Deepak 16RPS01 participated in All India Advance Leadership Camp 2019 in Bangalore.
7. 21 cadets attended B Certificate Attended exam and 11 cadets Attended C Certificate exam.

NCC Navy

This year three of our cadets have participated in the Republic Day camp held at Delhi representing Tamil Nadu Directorate and have won laurels.

1. R. Lokeswar 17PHY37 won one Gold, one Bronze in Ship modeling
2. D. Augustin Jeba Kumar 17COM11 participated in Rajpath
3. M. Vatsan 17PHY68 participated in CM rally, Chennai

Dr. S. Israel, Associate NCC Officer, NCC Navy of our college has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander with effective from September 2018.

NSS

The American College has 9 units and **1737** student volunteers. It has offered more than **485** programmes to our volunteers. NSS volunteers have shown keen interest in participating in various programmes. Dr. M.A.Shahul Hameed, Assistant Professor, Department of RPS, has been appointed as Programme Officer for Unit 5. Five blood donation camps were organized and a maximum of **555** units of blood was collected in a single camp. Programme Officers attend a number of workshops, national integration camps, and training.

Physics

Dr. D. Rachel Malini has cleared TNSET-2018. Dr. S. Stephen Rajkumar Inbanathan, Asst.Prof, received two projects sanctioned by UGC-CSR-Indore. Assistant Professors Mrs. C. Anzline, Mrs. M. Beaula Ruby Kamalam and Mr. L. Bruno Chandrasekar published 7 research articles in international journals and presented 7 papers in conferences. Ph.D scholar N. Marimuthu presented his research paper in Russia with full funding and another Ph.D scholar Umesh has been awarded JRF.

Psychology

Department of Psychology is one of the youngest in the college. Still, its faculty members Dr. Suresh Kumar Murugesan and Ms. Jerline Priyadharshini have published 4 articles in UGC approved journals. In addition to them, Ms. R. Kayalvizhi published three articles in other journals. It organized a workshop on Creating Awareness on Mental Health on 13 December 2018. It organized special talks and awareness programmes on suicide prevention and higher educational opportunities in New Zealand to its students. 42 new books were added to the library. Many students participated in competitions conducted across the state.

RPS

Rev. Dr. Arul Arasu Israel, Dr. P. Arulappan, Dr. P. M. Anurama, Dr. M. A. Shahul, Dr. Lourdu Raj, Mr. W. Prince Earnest and Dr. Krishna Jyoti attended conferences, presented research papers and published articles in international journals.

SCILET

1. Study Centre for Indian Literature in English and Translation published its poetry journal *Kavya Bharati-30* in December 2018.
2. The annual creative writing workshop was organized with the noted novelist Cyrus Mistry. The best participants of the workshop, S. Jemima Rubavathy, P. Swathilakshmi, S.T. Vignesh and M. Harika were awarded the Mahema Devadoss Prize in March 2019. The 25th volume of *Kavithalaya* was brought out.
3. On 18 September 2018, the Paul Linder Love Endowment lecture on “The Mind of India” was organized. It was delivered by Mr. Gopalkrishna Gandhi (Former Governor of West Bengal and a prolific writer) in the Main Hall. About 600 students and faculty members from different colleges participated in the programme.
4. On 15 December 2018, SCILET in association with Srishti, Madurai, arranged a special lecture by Dr. Bracha Ettinger (Chair and Professor of Psychoanalysis and Art, The European Graduate School, Switzerland) and it was attended by about 300 students and faculty members.
5. On 14 and 15 February 2019, a Translation Workshop was organized and it was led by Mini Krishnan, Editor and Translator, Oxford University Press. Thirty-four students from the Postgraduate English Department participated in the workshop.

Service-Learning Program

Under SLP, the college offers four Part V courses. They are School Extension Programme, Village Ecology, Child Support Work in Orphanages, and Vaigai Ecology.

1. Students of School Extension Programme visited 15 schools. On learning their needs, students donated a small sum for the purchase of chairs for primary school children. 119 chairs were also distributed to two city schools located in slums.
2. An Orientation Programme on Innovative Technologies for Smart Villages was organized for the students of Village Ecology on 15 February 2019. Ambassador

V. Ashok, IFS (Rtd), Senior Advisor, University of California, Berkeley, USA highlighted with the recent technologies for smart villages.

3. Students of Child Support Work in Orphanages visited seven old age homes and donated 1540 books.
4. Students of Vaigai Ecology organized a Vaigai Cleaning Programme was organised and 220 students were actively participated in the cleaning campaign on 20 December 2018.

Student Services Committee (SSC)

SSC's motto is "Serve College to serve yourself."

1. SSC sent students to participate in seven state level cultural competitions and they won overall championships in three and runners-up in two.
2. Organized Voters Awareness Program for the college students on the National Voters Day
3. It raised Fund collection of Rs.1.3 lacs towards medical treatment for our college student.
4. SSC's contribution in Admission Duty & Orientation programs of our College during the academic year is exemplary.

Tamil

Tamil is a research department. Dr. R. Prabhakar Vedamanickam, Dr. A. BoomiSelvam, Dr. N. Govindarajan, Dr. J. Prince, Dr. S. Balakrishnan, and Dr. Aribabu are the recognized research supervisors at Madurai Kamaraj University and 13 PhD scholars are currently pursuing their doctoral programmes. 4 scholars successfully defended their theses in public viva. Dr. A. Boomi Selvam has received Rs.7,16,100 for a project on Preparing a Dictionary of Slang and Colloquial terms of Madurai. 350 books were bought for the library. 9 students have moved to higher education and three have cleared NET, SET, and JRF.

Visual Communication

In collaboration with "HIPHOP TAMIZHA AATHI" the department launched a Music Documentary 'MANAVAN' on 15 August 2018. It organized 12 workshops on various subjects like Photography, Videography, Animation, Script Writing,

Personality Development, and Sound Recording. Dr. T. Shylaja, Head received Rs.1,50,000 for a Minor Project. Dr. T. Shylaja and Ms. Shanmuga Mohana published 12 research articles.

Students visited Puthia Thalaimurai TV, Vijay Production House, Sun TV, and News 18 for hands-on experience. Though books in this field are expensive, the department bought 40 books this year. 16 students have been placed. 15 students participated in culturals and film festival.

Zoology

Department being a research department has 9 PhD holders and 7 of them are recognized guides. It organized three workshops and 109 students benefited. It organized 4 national conferences and 510 delegates participated in them. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Dr. T. Angeline, and Dr. H. Raghuram published three articles in UGC approved journals. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Dr. E. Joy Sharmila, Mr. M. Rajesh, Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratnam, and Mrs. B. Jenita Sathyapriya published 22 research articles in peer reviewed journals. Five of its students have registered for PhD. 30 students have brought laurels to the department in academic and cultural events. PG Diamond Jubilee Celebrations was inaugurated and 150 old students participated.

Hostel Day

Hostel Day was celebrated on Friday 29 March 2019. Ms. I. Lydia Indra Priyadharsini, Manager-Adv & Sales, Vikadan Media Services was the guest of honour.

Women's Day Celebrations

As in the past, women faculty members and women students celebrated the Women's Day on 8 March 2019. Ms. Narmadha Devi, Deputy Collector was the guest of honour.

Department Functions

A majority of academic departments conducted intercollegiate cultural competitions under their brand names. They attracted huge participation from colleges across the

state. Friends, the American College is the first college to conceptualize and organized department level culturals from the early 1980s.

Some of them are

- Kurunji of Tamil
- Pegasus of English
- Commas of Commerce
- Tycoons of Business Administration
- Chem Glaze of Chemistry
- Phobos of Physics
- Axiomatica of Maths
- Biochemica of Biochemitry
- OIKOS of Economics
- Gen5 of IT
- Conscientia of Psychology
- Zoofest of Zoology
- BYTES of Computer Science
- Fit Fest of Food Science
- Panoramia of VisCom

Marriage

The following faculty members fell to the Cupid's arrows:

1. Mr. R. Moses Abiseka Doss of VisCom
2. Mr. M. Yesuraja of Economics
3. Mr. Raman of Commerce
4. Mr. R. Sundareswaran of Commerce

On behalf of every one of you, I wish them a long happy married life!

Retirements

After a distinguished service for three decades plus, the following faculty members are retiring from service:

1. Mr. N. Elango of English
2. Dr. Anburaj Daniel Barnabas of Botany
3. Dr. K. Navaneethakannan of Zoology\

The following non-teaching staff are also retiring after a committed, meritorious service to the college:

1. Mr. A. Samuel Raj, Office Superintendent
2. Mr. Chelliah, Zoology Lab Assistant

I wish them a long happy, contented, peaceful, and active life!

Deaths

Though we start every academic year with a prayer that there should not be any premature death, it is inevitable that we do face untimely deaths. This year is no exception. Perhaps, God's ways are always so mysterious that we are unable to understand His ways. With a heavy heart, I am sad to share with you on this occasion the demise of the following members:

1. Prof. S. Ramamoorthy, Former Head of English department
2. Mr. Mazeethkhan, former Lab assistant in Zoology department
3. Mr. Mohamed Shakeel (17BBA136)

May their souls rest in peace and may the Lord console the bereaved families!

Plan for the Next Academic Year

- The following undergraduate programmes are to be started on the satellite campus during the academic year 2019-2020.
 - BSc Maths
 - BSc Computer Science
 - BSc Physics

These three programmes will form a cluster for the purpose of Major Supportive and Non-Major electives.

- M.Phil Botany in the Main campus.
- Construction of Ground floor of new academic building at the Satellite campus is going on and it will be completed at the end of June 2019.

Conclusion

So, friends!

1. It is not the end but yet another beginning in our quest for knowledge, service to the marginalized, and love for the common people. As early missionaries believed, the American College grows with Madurai and Madurai grows with the American College.
2. “The task which has been set before us is not above our strength, its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our cause and unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us.” These are the optimistic words of Winston Churchill.
3. We cannot afford to rest for ever on the laurels won. We have a clear vision and dreams for the continuous journey. We hope to continue the journey with the guidance of God and cooperation of parents, well-wishers, present and former professors, alumni, staff, and students.
4. Ladies and Gentlemen, I will meet you in March 2020 with yet another annual report of achievements and accomplishments.

God Bless!