



The American college, Madurai

139th Annual Report

2019-2020

Introduction

Pandemic became a part of our lives and we continued to fight against the Pandemic. The college also continued to support and extend all kinds of help like collaborating with the government of Tamil Nadu and other agencies in setting up a Sidha Covid Center on campus. The college conducted series of Covid Vaccine Drives and inoculated college staff, family members and Madurai public. The college took care of the people by conducting a series of webinars to help people combat the Pandemic. The Principal extended all kinds of assistance to the needy people with ration, medicine, sanitizer, and marks.

Google Classroom

Faculty got used to teaching online classes through Google Classroom. Therefore, the college bought Google Classroom and generated faculty with official college email ID. Faculty members were given training continuously by the computer science department. Special training sessions were given to select faculty from each department. In turn, the trained faculty members gave hands-on training to their department faculty. The college facilitated faculty to adapt themselves to ICT especially in the context of Covid '19. Faculty were given continuous training in how to use Zoom platform and Google Meet for online teaching and Google Classroom and Google Forms for online testing.

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 140 years of service and very shortly it is going to start the 141st 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 2019-20 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.

Re-opening and Orientation

The College reopened after the summer vacation on 17 June 2019 Online Orientation for all aided and SF students are held on 24 June 2019.

Admissions

The college reached a new milestone in terms of student admission this year. 8695 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.

Main Campus

1. M.Phil. Botany (New course)

Satellite Campus

2. B.Sc. Mathematics (Additional Section)
3. B.Sc. Physics (Additional Section)
4. B.Sc. Computer Science (Additional Section)

Value Added Course

Based on the recommendation of the Senatus, the college started to offer the value-added courses as part of NAAC requirement to all students in all semester outside the curriculum. After the completion of the end-of-semester examination certificates will be issued to all students.

Faculty Appointments

The following were appointed as Assistant Professors in regular vacancies:

1. Dr. R. Stalin Tamil
2. Dr. D. PreethyJohnita Esther English
3. Dr. A. Balamurugan Botany
4. Dr. J. Thambi Raj Botany
5. Mrs. B. JenitaSathiya Priya Zoology

In addition, the administration appointed 57 Assistant Professors in the management vacancies in various departments. They are all qualified as per UGC norms.

- 1 Dr. M. Daniel Tamil
- 2 Mr. P. Jil Daniel Thangaraj Tamil
- 3 Ms. L. Hemalatha English
- 4 Mr. M. Josiah Immanuel English
- 5 Ms. V. Sharon Susannah English
- 6 Ms. O. Alisha English
- 7 Ms. S. Jemima Rubavathy English
- 8 Ms. K. Jasmine Jeba Malar English
- 9 Ms. K. Aishwarya English
- 10 Mr. J. John Paul English (Satellite Campus)
- 11 Mr. R. Shiloh Jeya Jeevan English (Satellite Campus)
- 12 Ms. S.Nagini Priya French
- 13 Mr. B. Robin Rudolf French
- 14 Mr. G. Rajesh Kannan Hindi

15	Mr. A.S.V. Vimal	Mathematics
16	Dr. A. Yuvarani	Mathematics (Satellite Campus)
17	Mr. S. Vigneshwaran	Mathematics (Satellite Campus)
18	Dr. P. Aristotle	Mathematics
19	Dr. G. Arockia Prabakar	Mathematics
20	Ms. G. K. Priya Merline	Physics
21	Dr. R. A. J. R. Sheeba	Physics (Satellite Campus)
22	Ms. S. Sharmila Ruth Ebenezar	Physics
23	Dr. S. Johnson Raja	Chemistry
24	Dr. N. Dhanasekaran	Botany
25	Dr. M. Gnanamani	Economics
26	Dr. B. Ussaima	Commerce
27	Ms. C.K. Thivia	Commerce (Satellite Campus)
28	Dr. R. Arun Sunil Kawaskar	Commerce
29	Dr. V. Julian Singh	BBA
30	Mr. J. Christopher	BBA
31	Ms. J. Josephine Alice Mary	BBA (satellite campus)
32	Ms. A. Manohari	BBA (satellite campus)
33	Dr. Shourini Banerjee	Visual Communication
34	Ms. M. Lydia PackiamMettilda	Computer Science
35	Ms. C. Sulochana	Computer Science
36	Dr. A. John Sanjeev Kumar	BCA
37	Dr. S. Pandikumar	Computer Science (Satellite Campus)
38	Dr. J. Gracia	Food Science
39	Dr. S. Priyadharshini	Food Science
40	Mrs. C. Nalini	Food Science
41	Dr. K. Nithya	Food Science
42	Ms. M. Neena	Food Science
43	Ms. D. Pearlene Helen Mary	Psychology

44	Ms. D. Simona	Psychology
45	Mr. Alan Potter	MSW
46	Dr. M. Ramanathan	Physical Education
47	Dr. A. Mathan	Physical Education
48	Dr. P. Chandrasekar	Physical Education
49	Dr. A. Surendar	Physical Education
50	Dr. J. AngelinThangakani	Chemistry
51	Ms. M. Jasmine Isaac	English
52	Ms. R. Abinaya	English (Satellite Campus)
53	Ms. S. JemmimaRajam	English
54	Dr. J. Victor Charles	BBA
55	Dr. M. Muthuchitra	BBA
56	Dr. N. Kavitha	Physics (Satellite Campus)
57	Dr. S. Nambi Devi	Commerce

Orientation & Refresher Programmes

The college always encourages its faculty to update themselves by attending UGC sponsored refresher courses and orientation programmes.

Besides, the following 19 Assistant professors have attended Orientation Programmes at the University:

1	Dr. M.Sheela	Economics
2	Dr. T. Angeline	Zoology
3	Mrs. P. Gunasundari	Botany
4	Dr. M.A. Shahul Hameed	RPS
5	Mr.A.David Antony Raj	Zoology
6	Ms. J. Nithya Kamalam	Botany
7	Dr.R.Jasmine	Economics
8	Mr.M.Meenakshi Sundaram,	Tamil
9	Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratinam	Zoology
10	Dr. A. Amutha	Maths

11	Mrs. A. Vinitha mala	Maths
12	Dr.R.Murugan	Economics
13	Mr.K.J. Dhananjeyan	Zoology
14	Dr. A. Selvan	Chemistry
15	Dr.P.Dailiah Roopha	Zoology
16	Dr.Y.Brightson Arul Jacob	Chemistry
17	Mrs. J. Stella Mary	Zoology
18	Mr. M. Yesurajan	Economics
19	Dr. Preethi Jonita	English

The following 12 Assistant Professors from different departments attended refresher courses at the University:

1	Dr. M. Vathanaruba	Chemistry
2	Dr. B. Kirthika rani	Chemistry
3	Mr. A. Chellaram Malaravan	Maths
4	Dr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian	French
5	Dr. D. David Jebaraj	Physics
6	Dr. N. Rajkumar	Physics
7	Mr. S. T. Jacob Ponraj	Economics
8	Mr. B. Rajesh	Physics
9	Dr. Safarama	Hindi
10	Dr. Joy Sharmila	Zoology
11	Dr. Balakrishanan	Tamil
12	Dr. Meenakshi Sundaram	Tamil

Award of PhD to the Faculty Members

The following faculty members have been awarded PhD:

1	Dr. S. Ruby in Physics
2	Dr. C. Antony Mary Vinothini in commerce
3	Ms.S. Jemmima Rajan in English

- 4 Dr.G.K.Priya Merline in Physics
- 5 Dr.N.Kavitha in Physics
- 6 Dr..Shourini Banerjee n Vis.Com
- 7 Dr.T.Christopher Jeyakumar in Chemistry
- 8 Dr.A.Rajan in Tamil
- 9 Dr.C.Mohan in BCA
- 10 Mr. Ritchie Richardson in COM
- 12 Dr.S.Pandikumar in BCS

Faculty members who have NET/SET Cleared

The following faculty members cleared SET/NET during the period since May 2020:

- 1 Mr. A. Samuel Raj in Commerce
- 2 Mrs.P.Margret Sangeetha in MIM
- 3 Mr. J. Immanuel Suresh in MIM
- 4 Dr. M. Andrew Pradeep in MIM
- 5 Ms.K.Aishwarya in English
- 6 Ms.K.Jasmine Jeba Malar in English
- 7 Mr.J.John steward Raj in English
- 8 Ms.A.Angel Sahaya Ajitha in French
- 9 Mr.P.Jill Daniel Thangaraj in Tamil
- 10 Ms.R.Abinaya in English
- 11 Mrs.Parvathi in BBA

Campus Infrastructure

Paver Block Pavement

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

Conference, Symposium, Workshop, and Awareness Programs

1. An international seminar on “Globalization of English and Changing Definitions of Proficiency” is jointly organised by The Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai and Department of English, Anna University, Chennai on 03 rd June 2019.
2. A special lecture on “Importance of Collocational Research and Knowledge in L2 Acquisition” was organised on 09 th August 2019 with Dr. Esaya Britto from Jazan University as a guest speaker.
3. The Department of English has organized a special lecture on “Toni Morrison” on 16 th August 2019 with Dr. Nancy Ellen Batty from Canada as guest speaker.
4. A one-day international conference on “Asian Literatures in English as an Asian Language” was jointly organised by The Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai and L’Ordine Nuovo Publication, Tamil Nadu on 23 rd January 2020 with Dr.Achmad Munjid, Gadjah Mada University (UGM), Indonesia, Dr. Mahendran Maniam, Associate Professor, Department of English Language, Sultan Idris Education University, Malaysia and Dr. Widyastuti Purbani, Associate Professor, Faculty of Language and Arts, Yogyakarta State University, Indonesia as resource persons.
5. The Department of MCA has organized a webinar on the topic, “Search Engine and Open Source Cloud” on 27/07/19 where Mr.Jeeva Velumani, Senior Systems Manager, Leidos Corporation,Texas acted as the resource person.
6. The Department of MCA has organized a webinar on the topic, “Data Science an Introduction” on 29/02/2020 where Mr.G.Christopher Jaisundar, Senior Technical Director NIC, New Delhi acted as the resource person.
7. The Department of MCA has organized a webinar on the topic, “Digital Transformation” on 5/3/20 & 6/3/20 where Dr. Simon Attfield, Associate Professor, Interaction design center, Department of Computer Science and Technology, Middlesex University, London, UK acted as the resource person.
8. SLP has organized an orientation programme for the academic year 2019 – 20 on 02 August 2019
9. SLP has conducted a general awareness programme on the role of students in village Ecology on 31 August 2019

10. SLP has conducted a Napkin Making programme exclusively for the women students on 20 September 2019
11. SLP has organized a visit to Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai to observe the Rose Day on 23 September 2019
12. SLP has conducted Cancer Awareness visit to Government Rajaji Hospital on 24 September 2019
13. SLP has organized an Eye Camp Orientation programme to students of SLP on 18 October 2019
14. SLP has conducted Free Eye Camp for Senior Citizens at Erampatti Village, Madurai on 30 November 2019
15. SLP has conducted a Village Visit orientation to Valasai on 10 January 2020 and visited the same on 11 January 2020
16. SLP has conducted a Orientation programme to IQ testing on 23 and 24 January 2020
17. SLP has organized an Awareness Programme on Leprosy on 30 January 2020
18. SLP has organized a Sensitization program on cancer and corona virus on 08 February 2020
19. SLP has organized a Women Improvisation programme to women students of SLP on 14 February 2020
20. SLP has Organized a Poster Making Competition on TB awareness on 6 March 2020
21. SLP has organized The service learning programme Village ecology Action on Health organized a Medical Camp at Arasampatti village on 14 March 2020
22. The American college Rotaract club organised blood donation camp in association with the government hospital and rotary club of Madurai west.
23. The Department of Mathematics has organized a one day seminar on “Emerging Trends In Graph Theory” on Aug 8th 2019.
24. The Department of Mathematics has organized a one day seminar on “Mathematics Role In Satellite Image Processing” on 16th Aug 2019.
25. The Department of Mathematics conducted a one day Workshop on “Functions of Complex Variables And Its Applications” on 29th September 2019.

26. The Department of Mathematics conducted two days workshop on “NET preparation” on 6th & 7th March 2020.
27. The Department of Data Science (B.Voc.) has conducted a webinar on “Data Science” on 21.10.2020. Resource Person: Mr. Ramesh Manickavel, Program Management Lead, Identity and Access Management @Broadcom, Hyderabad.
28. The IQAC conducted a National Conference on Quality Enhancement & Sustenance in Higher Education on 06.03.2020. Faculty members from all over the state participated.
29. IQAC conducted a Faculty Orientation Programme on 27.09.2019 for the newly recruited faculty members of the college. 169 faculty members attended the orientation programme
30. The Department of BIT has organized an Introductory seminar on Android app development for II year BIT Students on 09.12.2019.
31. The Department of BIT has organized Python programming language seminar for III year BIT Students by Mr. C. Chellapalani, WINWAYS Pvt. Ltd on 03.12.2019.
32. The Department of Tamil has conducted a five - day seminar, a one - day workshop, and a two - day International Conference.
33. The Department of Hindi has organized a One Day National Workshop. Topic: Multilingual computing application, on 18.09.2019
34. The Department of Hindi has Organized One Day International Seminar on Hindi ka Vaishvik Paridrushya on 22.11.2019
35. The Department of French has organised a special lecture on « La Musique française » on 14th August 2019 given by Dr. Santo Micheline Sangeetha, Assistant Professor, Lady Doak college, Madurai.
36. An Alumni of PG Department of Chemistry organized a one day on “Recent trends in Chemistry” on 12 March 2020
37. The Department of Chemistry has organized an “International conference on Frontier Areas in Chemistry” was organized by the department on 5th July 2019.
38. American College Chemistry Webinar Series – I & II and International Webinar on Chemistry were organised on 15-16, 22 and 29 May 2020 respectively through Zoom platform, by the department of Chemistry.

39. Association activities were inaugurated with Ms. J.Nithya kamalam, Mrs.P.Gunasundari, and Dr.R.Sanjay taking charge as the PLASCIA, PG Association and PG colloquium Presidents by the department of Botany.
40. The Department of Botany has arranged PLASCIA 2019 Seminar and intercollegiate fest on emerging trends in artificial intelligence in life sciences organized by department of Botany – 27 FEBRUARY 2020
41. The Department of Botany has arranged Personality Development talk delivered by Dr.M.Lawrence associate professor, Department of English organized by PG Association of Botany Department on 03.02.2020
42. Experiencing Quantum Nature talk delivered by Dr.K.Gnanasekar UG head, Department of Physics, The American College organized by PG Association of Botany Department on 12.12.2019.
43. Inaugural Lecture on lead talk delivered by Mr.D.Bojaraj, (CoFounder & Executive Director, TOPKIDS & Consultant Counsellor & Psychotherapist) organized by UG Association Botany Department on 01.10.2019.
44. Ms. Madhiroja, P.S (18PGB07) of MSc (Iyr) delivered a talk titled ‘ O2’ on Thursday the 19th of December 2019, organized by PG Colloquium Botany Department on 19.12.2019.
45. Ms. PriyaDharshini, K.D (19PGB15) of MSc (Iyr) gave a talk titled ‘The Secret Life of Ants’ on Tuesday the 3rd of March 2020 organized by PG Colloquium Botany Department on 03.03.2020
46. A Guest lecture on “ International Business & Exports ” was conducted and the speaker was Mr. A.V.Andrews, AV Sea Food Exports by the MBA department.
47. A lecture on Short-term and long-term Goal was conducted by Mr. Sathish Kumar of MBA department.
48. A session on English for Career Development was conducted by Dr. S. Stanley MohanDoss Stephen by the MBA department.
49. Guest lecture on interview tips and etiquettes by Ms. Abirami, RJ, All India Radio by the department of MBA
50. Workshop on SPSS conducted by Dr. Mumtaj Begum S., Controller of Examinations, Lady Doak College by the department of MBA.

51. The Physical Education Department has successfully conducted 26th Thiru N. Muthiah Ambalam memorial volley Ball tournament at the state level during the 2nd week of August. Sixteen teams all over Tamil Nadu participated in this tournament.
52. The Physical Education Department has conducted VIIth Bishop. Dr. A.Christopher Asir Memorial state level Hockey tournament in the 2nd week of March. Twelve teams all over Tamil Nadu participated in this VII inter - collegiate state level tournament.
53. Department of Physical Education conducted second year inter department men kabaddi and women throw ball tournament in the third week of February 2020. Twenty two teams participated in this tournament.
54. The department of physical education has successfully conducted one- day state level workshop on training methods in physical education and sports in the first week of March 2020.
55. The Commerce department has organized a conference on GST with V.Pandiraja,IRS Joint commissioner O/o Joint commissioner of GST & Central Excise, Madurai CA.S Saravanankumar, CA.J.Balasubramanian K.Baskaran Superintendent of GST& CE as resource persons.
56. The Commerce department has organized a conference on DEVELOPMENT OF WEBSITE with I.J.K.Deepak Keynes Team Lead Blaze Web Services Pvt.Ltd. Madurai ass resource person.
57. The Commerce department has organized a workshop on SUSTAINABILITY, TRANSFORMATION, DEVELOPMENT IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT with Dr. Vinitha Guptan Deputy Vice-Chancellor Saito University College, Malaysia Ms. Vichitra Rajasingh CEO, BELL Hotels Private Ltd. & Puppy's Bakery, Madurai Dr. Vignesh Ilavarasan, Professor, Department of Management Studies, IIT, New Delhi. Mr. Fleming Sampson Manager, Global Corporate HR, HCL, Chennai. Dr. Amalanathan Head, Department of Management Studies, CHRIST University, Bangalore Dr. Nagendrakumar Nagalingam Head of Department of Information Management and Coordinator

- MBA programme. Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology ,Malabe Campus, New Kandy Road, Malabe.
58. The Commerce department has organized a workshop on Entrepreneur Dexterity Evolvement with Mr. N.Sreedhar Regional Sales Manager & Core Member, Dairy Classic Ice Creams Pvt.ltd. Mr. V. Anandan Head, Regional Appraisal Cell, TIIC,Madurai,Mr. K.K.Muthu Founder& CEO, Kamalam Infotech, Manageing Director, Tone Dealings Chairman, Digitall india .Mrs. Sharmila Devi CEO, Founder, &clover services Mr. C.M. Faizal Ahamed Founder,Suxus , Meanswear,Ms.Rachana Binani Director, Kidss Talk Mr.Harsh Garg Executives Director, Jiwan Residency Pvt.Ltd. Mr. Shenher Lal Properietors, L.S.Firewoods Chi-Yuva, Yi Maduraias resource persons.
 59. The Department of Social Work in collaboration with Trans Resource Centre, Madurai, organized a two days state level conference on LGBTQI+ and Indian Media – Indian Media beyond Gender & Sexuality on September 5th & 6th, 2019.
 60. The Department of Social Work in association with the Student Service Committee (SSC) organized and conducted events as a part of the vigilance awareness month. More than seven colleges in and around Madurai participated.
 61. The Department of Social Work in collaboration with Shakthi Vidiyal organized a one day workshop on Child Rights for the I & II MSW students on 29th November 2020. Mr. Jim Jesudas, Executive Director, Vidiyal and his team gave orientation towards the aspects of child rights and its importance.
 62. The Department of Social Work organized a one day workshop on Child Protection for the I & II MSW students in January 2020. Dr. V. M. Vijayasaravan. Chairperson, Madurai District Child Welfare Committee, Madurai and his team gave orientation towards the aspects of child welfare and Child Protection.
 63. The Department of Social work conducted one workshop on Research Methodology for year II MSW students. Dr Kannan, Director for Research, MS Chellamuthu Research Foundation acted as the resource person
 64. An introductory seminar on Android app development has been conducted for II year BIT Students on 09.12.2019 by the BIT department.

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66. Mr.Balamurugan, Director and CEO, WINWAYS Pvt.Ltd gave motivational speech on “importance of learning supportive add-on courses” for I year BIT Students on 09.12.2019 by the department of BIT.
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72. The Department of Tamil organized a five - day seminar, a one - day workshop, and a two - day International Conference

Awards

1. Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus has received Outstanding Contribution to Science Award-2019 for contribution to Environmental Sciences, Biotechnology & Toxicology on 17 November 2019 by Dr.B.Vasantharaj David Foundation, Chennai.

2. Dr.A.Joseph Thatheyus has received Lifetime Achievement Award for the contribution and honourable achievement in innovative research during 1st International Research Awards on Science, Health and Engineering 11-12 January 2020, Chennai by Science Father of Scifax company, Approved by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India.
3. Dr.A.Joseph Thatheyus has been awarded Best Senior Faculty Award presented by Novel Research Academy, Puducherry, India (2019-2020).
4. Dr. E. Joy Sharmila Received grant from TNSCST of RS 3.65 lakhs in November 2019 for the project “Study on the diversity of Butterflies of Sirumalai hills Eastern Ghats Tamil Nadu”
5. Dr. T. Angeline has received grant from TNSCST of Rs. 7,500 for the project “Analysis of genetic variations by DNA barcoding in stripped Murrel fish at three districts of south Tamil Nadu”
6. Dr.T.Angeline has received Best oral presentation award in International Conference on Obesity, Diabetes and Cardiology-Trends in Genomics and Proteomics in Biosciences.in Madurai Kamaraj University, 25-26,February,2020.
7. Dr. T.Angeline has received Best woman Scientist award by Novel research academy, Puducherry,November,2019.
8. Dr.S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan of Commerce department has received Best Senior Faculty Award- 2019 from Novel Research Academy, Pudhuchery.
9. Dr.S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan of Commerce department has received Socialist Award-
High- Flyer 2020 Achievers Award from Madurai Gandhi N.M.R Subburaman College, Madurai.
10. Librarian Received the “National Best Librarian Award-2019” by Madras Library Association (Estd.1928) on the occasion of 127th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Padmashree Dr. S.R. Ranganathan held on 12th August 2019.
11. The Department of Computer Science has Conducted a seminar about Exploring IOT on 26th feb,2020 by S.Sivaranjani Head & Associate Professor, Sethu Institute of Technology. Madurai.

12. The Department of Computer Science has Conducted a seminar about Exploring Software project development lab on 28th feb,2020 by J.Aruna devi Assistant Professor, Raja Duraisingam Govt Arts college, Sivagangai.
13. The Department of Computer Science has Conducted a workshop about Soft Skill Training on 2nd mar 2020 by M.Lawrence Associate Professor, The American College, Madurai.
14. The Department of Computer Science has Conducted a seminar about insight in to data science on 29th feb,2020 by G.C. Jaisundar, Senior Technical Director, National informative Centre.
15. Dr. R.Jeyapandi received 'Best Senior Faculty Award' from Novel Research Academy.
16. Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran of Food Science Department has received Best faculty Award 2020 by Science Father
17. Dr.J.Gracia of Food Science Department has received Young Scientist Award Identification Number: 1063 Certificate of Excellence, 2 nd International Research Awards on Science, Health and Engineering, Chennai, India by Science FatherDr.S.Priyadarshini of Food Science Department has received Young Scientist award 2019 (Indian Association of Applied Microbiology) "Best Women Young Scientist Award in Microbiology 2019 (Pearl Foundation Educational Excellence awards)
18. Dr.K.Nithya of Food Science Department has received Young Scientist Award received from Science Father, 2 nd International Research Awards on Science, Health and Engineering, 18-19 April 2020.
19. M. Andrew Pradeep of Microbiology Department has received "Best Young Faculty Award - 2019" from Novel Research Academy, Puducherry.
20. M. Andrew Pradeep of Microbiology Department has received "Best Assistant Professor Award in Immunology and Microbiology" PEARL Foundation Educational Excellence Awards to Higher Education in India 2018 & 2019, Bangalore.
21. J. Immanuel Suresh of Microbiology Department has received "Best Young Faculty Award - 2019" from Novel Research Academy, Puducherry.

22. NSS Received an Appreciation Award from Blood Donors Club, Madurai Medical College for donating highest number of blood units to Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai Region.
23. NSS Received an Appreciation Award as best College in conducting Climate Campaign Programme, organized by Madurai Kamaraj University on 27.02.2020 & 28.02.2020.
24. NSS Received Appreciation Award for Music Therapy / Volunteer Work for Cancer patients in Madurai Government Rajaji Hospital from The Aswin Maharaj Foundation, Chennai on March 2020.

Government Scholarships

337 BC & MBC students received Rs.7,22,002/- as scholarships from the government of Tamil Nadu. 233 SC & ST students received their scholarships amount Rs.14,10,544/- from the state government and also Rs.4,12,500/- minority scholarships received from government of Tamil Nadu.

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.

Tamil

On behalf of our department, an international journal was published on BODHI at The American College. Our faculties had presented and published papers in various national seminars, international seminars & journals. Dr. R. Prabakar Vedamanickam, Dr. R. Stalin and Dr. B. Aribabu published books. Our students, Mr. Manikanda Prabhu (18PGT07) cleared JRF & Mr. Srithar (18RTA02) cleared NET. Our students participate in various competitions and won prizes.

Hindi

Dr. Saframma acted as a resource person in conferences, as a member of BOS in Hindi and attended refresher courses. B. Kannammal Devi published three articles in national and international journals. Dr. Saframma and Ms. M.N.S.Jeyanthi have presented papers in conferences. D.Jelastine Irudayaraj and G. Rajesh Kannan acted as the member of the jury and participated in the national workshop. .Jelastine Irudayaraj and G. Rajesh Kannan presented papers in seminars.

French

Mr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian has acted as chief guest for the french Inaugural club, LDC and has attended a refresher course.

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 Jiresh 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.

Mathematics

Department of Mathematics conducted the AXIOMATICA, inter collegiate competition on 25th Feb, 2020 with a new record of 286 participants from 22 colleges Mr. A. Chellaram Malaravan and Mr. A. David Christopher published one paper each in International Journals. Prof. A.Yuvarani has participated in NPTEL-AICTE and completed a course.

Physics

The Physics department of Satellite Campus has had an Inaugural of new lab and Eva Swift Hall. The department has conducted pongaland christmas celebrations. Dr. A.J.R. Sheeba has published papers in International journals.

Chemistry

Dr. T. Christopher Jeyakumar, Assistant Professor was awarded PhD. Dr. C. D. Sheela, Dr. B. Kirthika Rani, Dr. K. Karthick Kumar, Dr. A. Selvan, Dr. Y. Brightson Arul Jacob, Dr. T Christopher Jeyakumar, Dr. A Jancirani, Dr. Nazeera Banu, Dr. J. Dhaveethu Raja and Dr. S. Johnson Raja published their research findings in reputed national and international Journals. Dr. A. Selvan and Dr. Y. Brightson Arul Jacob participated in UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme. Dr. M. Vathanaruba, and Dr. B. Kirthika Rani participated in Refresher course. Dr. M. Vathanaruba, Dr. V. R. Nazeera Banu, participated in Faculty development Programme. Dr. C. D. Sheela, Dr. M. Vathanaruba, Dr. B. Kirthika Rani, Dr. T Christopher Jeyakumar, Dr. V. R. Nazeera Banu, Dr. A Jancirani, Dr. J. Dhaveethu Raja and Dr. S. Johnson Raja Presented papers/poster in national and International seminars/ Conferences. Dr. TKG, Dr.KJA, Dr.S.P, Dr.CDS, Dr. SJ, Dr.MVR and Dr.BKR served as resource persons in the webinars organised during May 2020. During Covid-19 pandemic to meet out the demand of public faculty of Chemistry prepared hand sanitizer based on WHO standard and distributed to the faculty and public. B. Prabukumar of II M.Sc Chemistry qualified Gate 2020. K. Vignesh and V. Hilary Ebinesar of III B.Sc Chemistry were qualified JAM 2020.

Botany

Mohan,S., N. Chithambaranathan , G. Grace Lydia Pushpalatha, M.Dhanasekaran and G.C. Abraham, Anusha. P and Rajkumar Immanuel.S have published papers in journals. J.NithyaKamalam, A.Balamurugan, J.Thambiraj and K.C.M. Esther Rani have participated in FDPs. DR GC Abraham has given guest lecture in national conference. Ragul. R, J. Nithyakamalam, S.Mohan and G.C.Abraham, Satheshkumar C., Bharathiraja M. Mohan, S., V.M. Eswaran, S. Shanmugam, Dr. Stephen, Dr.R. Sanjay and

Dr.J.Ebenezar Immanuel have presented papers in conferences and symposiums. Gokila Lakshmi, S.. GC. Abraham, Mohan S. and G. Grace Lydial Pushpalatha have presented papers in international conferences. R.Sanjay, Shameem Banu, Guna Sundari, J.Nithya Kamalam, K.C.M. Esther Rani, A. Balamurugan, J.Thambiraj and M.Dhanasekaran have participated in webinars.

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.

Economics

Dr.G.Kannbiran,Dr.S,Jeyarani, Dr.J.Jebaraj, Dr.K.Usha, Dr. T.Selvakumar, Dr.S.Vanitha, Dr.M.Sheela, DrR.Jasmine, Dr,R,Murugan, Prof.M.Yesurajan and Dr,M.Ganamani have attended workshops and conferences. Dr.T.Selvakumar has acted as resource person. Dr. T. Selvakumar has presented papers in conferences and workshops. Dr.T.Selvakumar has attended FDP. Prof.S.T.Jacob Ponraj has attended a refresher course. Dr.M.Sheela, Dr.R.Jasmine, Dr.R.Murgan and Prof.M.Yesurajan have attended Orientation programmes.

Commerce

Dr. S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan, Dr. P.Mangayarkarasi, S.Mohamed Hussain, Dr. D. Jebaselvi Anitha, R.Beulah, C.Joselyn Nithya, Sally M., Dr. R. Manikandan and N.Vivek presented papers in National conferences. Dr. S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan, Dr. D.Kanakavalli, Dr. C.Antony Mary Vinothini, Dr. P.Mangayarkarasi, R.Sundareswaran, Dr. D.Jebaselvi Anita, R.Beulah, S.Mohamed Hussain, Dr. B.Ussaima, Dr. Arun Sunil

Gawaskar, Joselyn Nithya, Jameslyn Vidya, Sally M., Dr.T.Gnana Gowsalya, E. Keren Judi have presented papers in International conferences. The department faculty have contributed 22 articles to International and 23 articles to National journals. Dr. S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan has given a keynote address at Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi. Dr. S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan, S.Mohamed Hussain, Dr. Arun Sunilkawaskar have chaired technical sessions. 8 faculty members have attended refresher course, FDPs and Orientation Programmes. The faculty members of the department have attended various workshops. The department has conducted a cultural festival COMMAS 2020 – 7&8 of February 2020.

RPS

Dr. C. Premkumar Immanuel, Dr. P. Arulappan, DR .P. M. Anurama, Dr. M. A. Shahul Hameed, Dr. H. Lourduraj, Mr. W. Prince Earnest and Dr. V. Krishna Jothi attended conferences, workshops, webinars, presented research papers and published articles in international journals.

Physical Education

The students of the department have won awards and medals at the University level in Table Tennis, Tennis, Badminton, Ball Badminton, Hand Ball, Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Hockey, Chess, Basketball, Kho Kho and kabaddi. The students also have represented the state in Football, Table tennis and Athletics.

Daniel Poor Memorial Library

4461 new books were added and accessed this year. Subscription renewed for 52 journals and magazines were renewed. E-Resources: Inlibnet, an on-line E-Resources is provided to our faculty members. These resources include more than 31,35,000+ e-books and 6000+ e-journals. Username and password were provided to the faculty members for the access of these resources. Research Section: Number of M.Phil & Ph.D thesis added to research section is 40. Users: 36649 footfalls among the library users were recorded during the calendar year (2019). Transactions: In 2019, a total of 4738 books transactions were made in the form of Issue, Return and Renewal of books. Earn while learn scheme: 8 students are engaged in the library as part of this scheme. Orientation: Orientation

programmes were conducted by the Library for the UG, PG students and Research Scholars. Browsing Centre: Internet browsing centre is open to the users at free of cost. E-Group: e-group mailing service continued to faculty members (dpmlibrary@googlegroups.com). Whatsapp Group: The library has a WhatsApp group named DPM Library which is functioning from 6 December 2015. Currently there are 235 teachers who are members of the group. The librarian and teachers share library, college and student related information in the group. Extension Activities: In 2019-20, 529 Students got Indian Passport through the DPM Library's Extension Activity.

Reprography Facility: Extension service – Rs.30,082/- collected as charges for photocopy. Newly Added: One New Computer server & 3 Computers for library and 26 computers for Internet Lab at library.

Computer Science

M. Girija has presented and published papers and articles in national and international journals and conferences. Mr.C.Mohan, Mr. C.B.Sudhersun, J.Reena Julie, R. Catherine Junia, M.Lydia Packiam Mettilda, J. Mary Monica, Mrs.C.Sulochana and R. Prabha have attended workshops and conferences. The faculty have also presented and published papers and articles in national and international journals.

Biochemistry

The association of our department BIOCHEMICA was inaugurated by Dr. S. Alagu Ganesh, Consultant surgical Oncologist, Vadamalayan Hospitals, Madurai on 12 September 2019. The department association "BIOCHEMICA" conducted a Interdepartmental Cultural meet on 11 March 2020. 20 departments of various disciplines of The American College participated in 12 academic and non academic competitions. C. Caleb Johnson Paranjoth, Dr. R.Jeyapandi & J.Renuka participated in UBCHEA sponsored Faculty Development Programs and training. Dr. R.Jeyapandi participated in 'Self Empowerment for Excellence in Social Service'' organized by Rajyoga Education & Research Foundation (Education Wing) Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu. J.Renuka and A. Helen Febia participated in international symposium, seminars and national conferences.

BBA

Faculties have published articles in a journal and two international conferences. Six of the faculty members participated in the faculty orientation program. A total of 9 guest lectures were conducted in the department for the betterment of the students, which includes soft skill training, knowledge about competitive exams, job opportunities in various fields etc. A team of students from the department won the overall championship in the state level inter collegiate culturals held at Lady Doak College, Madurai. Another team of students won the overall runner Trophy in the inter collegiate competition held at Madonna College of Arts and Science, Madurai. The third year students attended an international workshop and a national seminar to get more knowledge from experts.

MBA

Mr. M.Vignesh, Dr. Vijay Mallik Raj have presented papers in national and international conferences and participated in FDPs. Ms. Josephine Alice Mary and Ms. Nancy Immanuel have attended workshops.

Microbiology & Immunology

M. Andrew Pradeep, J. Immanuel Suresh, Sangeetha, D.Ramya and A.J.Thatheyyus have published papers in International journals. 11 students have attended workshops/internships and training programmes

Food Science

The Department has organized INAUGURATION OF THE SALUBRIOUS ASSOCIATION, Industrial Visit, Nutritional week celebration, Teacher's day, World food day, Christmas celebration, arranged a guest lecture for PG students on the topic, "Microbial fermentation kinetics", International virtual conference. Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran, Dr. J.Gracia and Dr.S.Priyadarshini have presented papers in International conferences. Dr. K. Nithya has published papers in journals. Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran and Dr.S.Priyadarshini have published papers in UGC Care Listed journals. 42 students have presented and participated in international conference. Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran, Mrs. G.P. Soumini, Dr.J.Gracia, Mrs.C.Nalini, and Dr.K.Nithya have participated in International conferences. Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran, Mrs. G.P. Soumini, Dr.J. Gracia,

Mrs.C.Nalini, Dr.K.Nithya, Ms.M.Neena, Ms. C.Angelin Monica.Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran has served as the subject expert in the BoS of Subbalakshmi Lakshmipathy College of Science (SLCS). Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran has given guest lectures and acted as resource persons for seminars and conferences

BCA

Mr. M. Martin Porus, Dr. N. Ravia Shabnam Parveen, Mr. K. Britto Alex, Dr. A. John Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. A. John Sanjeev Kumar, Mrs. G. Pauline Pershyl, Ms. P. Luna Jebasri have presented papers in national and international conferences.

Dr. N. Ravia Shabnam Parveen, Dr. A. John Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. N. Ravia Shabnam Parveen have given guest lectures.

Information Technology

Dr. J. Frank Ruban Jebaraj, J. Christy Jeeva Ratna Devi, N. Gayathri, R.Ruth Belina and J.S John Gladson Prabhu have presents and published in internationalconferences. Dr.J. Frank Ruban Jebaraj, J. Christy Jeeva Ratna Devi, N. Gayathri, R. Ruth Belina, J.S John Gladson Prabhu have participated in FDPs. Dr.J. Frank Ruban Jebaraj, J. Christy Jeeva Ratna Devi, N. Gayathri, R. Ruth Belina, J.S John Gladson Prabhu have participated in national and international webinars.

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.

T. Suganya published an article. 84 new books were bought. 3 students got placement.

MSW

The department faculry members have published 12 papers in the national and international journals.

NCC Army

The Cadets have celebrated Kargil Vijay Diwas. The Unit has organized a special event on International Yoga Day. Mega Swachhta Pakhwada was organized by the NCC army. The cadets actively took part in the independence day and republic day parades. NCC cadets were actively giving their support to the society at times of the pandemic.

NCC Navy

The Navy unit of NCC has arranged several Yoga Day camps, rallies and awareness camps. 11 students have won gold, silver and bronze medals from the government of India.

NSS

This year our college NSS has successfully organized Four blood donation camps. Donated 1733 units of blood to the Blood Bank of Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai. About 125 Units of blood were donated to the Blood Bank of Government Rajaji and other Private Hospitals, Madurai for emergency purposes. Conducted various awareness programmes for students. The volunteers have involved in Cleaning activities (Vaigai River). NSS has Organized Rallies, Pledge and Campaigns. students have participated in camps and training programmes. Dr.M.A. Shahul Hameed and Prof. M. Meenakshi Sundarem have participated in camps and training programmes.

Retirements

The following members of the faculty and non-teaching staff members are retiring this year after a long-dedicated service to the college:

1. Dr. R. Anandaraj, Associate Professor in Economics
2. Dr. P. Glory Ponmozhi , Associate Professor in Tamil
3. Dr. J. Rajkumar, Associate Professor in English
4. Dr. T. K. Ganesan, Associate Professor in Chemistry
5. Dr. R. Albert Christpherdhas, Associate Professor in Economics

6. Mr. J.D. Rajasekaran, OS.

7. Mr. S. Rajendran, Lab Assistant in Chemistry

Deaths

I am extremely sad to share with you a few deaths that happened in the college family. Prof. A. Winfred, Retired Professor and Head, Dept. of Zoology, Prof. P.T. Chellappa, former Principal, Mr. B. Theodore, former Ground Superintendent, Prof. A. Kumaresan, Retired Professor of Botany , Prof. Abraham S. Rajendran, Retired Professor of Chemistry and Mr. A. Dinakar, Assistant Professor of English. May their souls rest in peace and may the Lord console the bereaved families!

Conclusion

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. “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.

All the best for the next academic year.

God bless!