



UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUVA NEWSLETTER 2015

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Principal's Message

Messages are customary. And yet customs need a scrutiny that gels with the contexts of our times. Hence these thoughts of mine...

The country is preparing the new educational policy to meet the challenges of the emerging knowledge society and we often hear about the rolling back of the state and the ushering in of self-sufficiency and academic self-empowerment. We are entering one of the most dramatic instances of the democratization of access to higher education in human (and Indian) history, because millions of families are sending children to colleges for the first time. This calls for a review of the existing structures and networks of higher education; one has to keep in mind the need to ensure the imparting of quality in education via the institutions of higher learning.

Moreover, the public expenditure of higher education is falling in relation to the societal demands for the same, especially from the weaker and marginalized sections of society. The scenario in Kerala is also witnessing drastic social changes which can substantially impact equity and excellence in higher education. It may be observed that the growth and maintenance of public-funded institutions are not properly taken care of in terms of the quality of programmes offered by them.

Even in such adverse circumstances Union Christian College, which has all along influenced the higher education scenario in the state and has shaped the destiny of several generations of students, is trying to reconcile the objectives of equity and excellence in higher education with the emergent challenges posed by the crass commercialization in higher



education. In this context, the college has to reaffirm and reposition itself in the new situation while upholding its time tested educational values and commitment to the Christian principles of holistic education and secular humanism.

This requires the support of all the sections of the U.C. College family – which includes the active participation of the students, the alumni, the faculty members and the administrative personnel. In fact, there is a need for a genuine democratization of the traditional ethos of UCC, wherein the academic structures in the college, especially the department councils are strengthened and made more proactive.

As teachers all of us take pride in viewing our engagements here more as a vocation and less as work. In this vein I urge all the constituencies to join hands and with the grace of God, let us make Union Christian College not just eminently functional, but aptly relevant for our times, the spirit of our times.

Dr. P. Thomas Mathew

OLD STUDENTS' REUNION DAY

Union Christian College invites all its alumni to be a part of this year's Reunion Day Celebrations on
Saturday, 14th November 2015

PROGRAMME

9.00 am	:	Registration
9.30 -9.45 am	:	Thanksgiving Service in the College Chapel
10.00-11.00 am	:	Inaugural Meeting Chief Guest: Dr. Michael Tharakan, (Former Vice Chancellor, Kannur University)
11-12.30 pm	:	Reminiscences
1.00 pm	:	Lunch
2.00 pm	:	Business Meeting

Founders' Day Address on 11.11.2015 at 11 am by
Dr. Rajan Gurukkal (Former Vice Chancellor, MG University)

Seminar on Value Education

Committed to upholding values in the face of a rapidly changing world, the college organized a half day programme for both the teachers and students in September 2015. "Value Education: Innovative Teaching Methods" was a session conducted by Dr. Jayakar Chellaraj, former Principal of Bishop Heber College, Thiruchirapalli for the teachers. Simultaneous sessions on value and ethics in education and life were led by Dr. Jayagopal Menon, Prof. P.V Joseph and Mr. Sooraj Abraham, for the students.



Kids' Dale



A long cherished dream of the college community has now been realized with the opening of a day care centre on the campus. Set up on the ground floor of Holland Quarters, it has proved to be a boon for the faculty since its dedication in August 2015. Sporting colourfully painted walls and a welcoming atmosphere, it functions from 9 am to 5 pm, on all days except Sunday.

Student Exchange Programmes

UCC NCC in the Limelight

The Youth Exchange Programme of NCC this year will have three of our young cadets, Mohammed Irfan, Athira Nair and Meera Jacob, visiting Russia, Singapore and Bhutan respectively.

Between Tokyo and UCC

As a part of the student exchange programme between UCC and International Christian University (ICU), Japan, Rahul R, a third semester B.A History student is at ICU. Besides taking classes in anthropology, culture and eastern art, he will also be joining a palaeolithic site excavation there.

Four students Lissa Fulimoto, Lisuke Matsuda, Kose Veno and Nobayano Kobayashi spent one month in our college interacting with students and getting involved in the community life of the college. They fulfilled their service learning course requirements by working at nearby community and blind schools.

BLISS in UCC

The Department of Psychology has revamped its counselling centre to broaden its outreach to those in need. The Basic Life Skills Service Centre (BLISS) is getting equipped to provide counselling facilities for the college community two days a week. In addition, the centre aims to provide skill training programmes for students. Rev. Fr. Thomas John and Dr. K. E. Leelamma, former heads of the department, have volunteered their services towards this much needed initiative.

Challenges and Prospects

The college organized two programmes to equip faculty to face the new challenges in higher education. The first, a seminar, was led by Dr. T.P. Sreenivasan, vice chairman and executive head of the Kerala State Higher Education Council. The second was a workshop on 'Strategic Planning', by Mr. Johny K. Joseph, a Bengaluru based H.R trainer.

At the Threshold and Beyond...

UCC arranged an orientation programme for first year under graduate and graduate students in August 2015. Similarly, career guidance programmes were organized for the final year UG and PG students. Various departments invited eminent resource persons in their respective fields, for the same.

IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of UCC conducted a seminar on "Relativity in Research" in September 2015. Dr. R. Mahalakshmi, from the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, addressed the faculty and students.



Gurudakshina

The library of the Physics Department has been renovated into a library cum state-of-the-art seminar room in loving memory of Late Smt. Leela Menon, Pamadath house, Desom who was an alumna of the department (MSc, 1959-61 batch). This renovation project was a gracious gesture made by her children.



In Memorium



The family of late Professor Aravamuda Iyengar (former faculty, Dept of English) instituted endowments of Rupees one lakh each for the departments of English and Economics and two lakhs as endowments for needy students. At the behest of the family, the college hosted a reunion for them with old friends of the UCC community, on the 80th birthday of Iyengar sir's daughter Smt. Sharathamma. It was a rare occasion when those gathered fondly relived past times.

UCCAANA update

We are proud to report that UCCAANA (U C College Alumni Association of North America) continues to assist UCC students through scholarships. Recently they established the T. O. Abdulla Endowment of 5000 USD to organise a lecture series on "Promoting and Nurturing an Ethical Environment in the Global Workplace of Tomorrow". As part of strengthening ties with the alma mater, UCCAANA Treasurer Dr. Thomas P. Mathew (Ohio), visited UCC in December 2014. He promised continued efforts to attract more alumni in USA and Canada, to contribute to the Educational Endowment Project.

Moving Ahead with FLAIR



Dr. Reshmi R. (Dept. of Physics) had the rare distinction of being chosen to participate in the international internship programme sponsored by the Government of Kerala at Durham University, UK for a month, this year. The FLAIR programme was introduced by the government to infuse new vigour in the higher education sector by mentoring young faculty members and thereby to foster a new academic culture in educational institutions.

United Board Training Abroad

United Board fellows, Dr. M.I. Punnoose and Dr. Mini Alice from the Department of Malayalam participated in four month leadership training programmes, at St. Olaf College, Minnesota, U.S and Silliman University, Philippines respectively.



Dr. Jenee Peter, Department of History was awarded a travel grant by the UBCHEA in Asia to attend a three week training programme on Religious Studies and Peace Building at the Mindanao Peace Building Institute, Philippines in May-June 2015



JUBILEES GALORE

Botany

His Grace Rt. Rev. Zacharias MarTheophilus, Suffragan Metropolitan of Marthoma Church led the Thanksgiving Service and inaugurated the celebrations of Golden Jubilee year of M.Sc. Botany Programme (1965-2015) and Diamond Jubilee year of B.Sc. Botany Programme on 19th September 2015



Mathematics

Having started functioning with a B.Sc. Programme in the year 1924 - 25, the Department of Mathematics upgraded itself into a Post Graduate Department in 1965. The Department is celebrating the Navathy year of its inception and Golden Jubilee year of the P.G. Course. Prof. K.P.Mathew, former HOD, formally inaugurated the year long activities and celebrations. This was followed by an Old Students and Teachers Reunion Day in February 2015.



Psychology

The Department of Psychology celebrated its Golden Jubilee year with a series of talks by eminent old students and visiting international faculty, surveys, field visits and the highlight being the Dr. V. K. Alexander Memorial Golden Jubilee Seminar, "Psychology for Harmonious Living" in January 2015.

Seminar cum Cultural Fest



Gaddika was celebrated for the third consecutive year with its usual fervour and fanfare in February 2015. The fest was inaugurated by a distinguished alumnus of the department, Dr. M.G.Sarnadharan. Famous dramatist, film scriptwriter and actor, P. Balachandran inaugurated Vidvan P G Nair Seminar on the theme "Malayala Nadakam Samepanangalum, Sadhyathakalum".

Gandhi Smrithi



This year, the college commemorates the 90th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's original visit to the campus. The mango tree planted by him on the occasion, fondly referred to as "Gandhi Maavu", continues to evoke memories of the historical 1925 visit. The yearlong celebration of the Navathy, was inaugurated with a talk on 'Ethics in Public Life' by eminent literary critic Prof. Thomas Mathew, in March.



Smrithi Sayahnam

Smrithi Sayahnam, a memorial gathering in honour of the late Prof. K.K. Abraham was organized by the Department of Malayalam in December 2014. *Kaiyoppukal*, a collection of his articles was released on the occasion by Benyamin, the renowned novelist.

Seminars/ Workshops/ Lectures



Physics

Dr. T. K. Avirah Endowment Lecture was delivered by Prof. P.B. Sunilkumar, Director, IIT, Palakkad, on the inter-disciplinary topic “Physics of Soft and Biological Matter” on 29/10/2015 which was attended by teachers and students from all life science departments. A two day workshop on “Tensor Analysis” led by Dr.S.V.M Satyanarayana, from Pondicherry Central University ,was organised for college teachers in association with the Academy of Physics Teachers in February. A seminar on “Up Conversion Phosphors for Solar Cell Application” was sponsored by UBCHEA in June. Prof. M. K Jayaraj, CUSAT delivered the keynote address. Dr.Jeevan Job Thomas gave a lecture on “Searching Reality through Physics”.

Malayalam

The one day ‘C.N. Sreekandan Nair-Ponjikkara Rafi’ seminar in association with the Kendra Sahitya Akademi, was inaugurated by writer Sethu in November,2014. In collaboration with Kochi FM, a *Kaviyarangu* was organized and the department had the privilege of hosting stalwarts like Chemmanam Chacko and N. K. Desom.

Chemistry

Prof. T. Anantharaman Memorial and Dr. A.M. Chacko endowment seminars were conducted in January 2015. Dr. Dona Mathew from VSSC spoke on “Non Metallic Materials for Space Applications” and Dr. Suresh Mathew, Director, School of Chemical Sciences, M.G.University, spoke on “Photocatalysis”.

Zoology

A lecture on “Smart Study Skills for Higher Education” was delivered by Dr. T.Thomas Philip, former Principal, in July 2015.

Psychology

Students and faculty of the department went on a field study from Kasargode to Thiruvananthapuram to examine the diversity of religious practices and quality of interreligious interactions as part of UBCHEA sponsored project undertaken by Ms. Syna Soosan Abraham. A seminar sponsored by UBCHEA on the “Prospects of Religious Pluralism in the Current Socio-Political Environment” was conducted in July.

Botany

Dr. V.K.Sathish, Scientist TBGRI Palode , Thiruvananthapuram, gave a lecture on “Orchids of Western Ghats”.Dr. Mohan Kumar, Director,Molecular Biology division, SCMS Ernakulam spoke on “Career Opportunities in Life sciences”. Mr. M.R.K Menon led a seminar on soft skill development.

Electronics and Computer Maintenance

A five day training programme on “AVR ATMega 32 Microcontroller and Simulation in Proteus and Embedded C” was organised in February 2015.



English

Prof. Susan Thomas Memorial Lecture was delivered by Ms. Summer Dunsmore from University of California, Berkeley. Her talk on “Representation of Human Values in American Films”, was followed by deliberations on “Gender in the Film Industry”. Renowned Kannada poet and critic Dr. Mamta Sagar visited the department and lectured on “Performance Poetry: My Time, My Writing”.

Economics

UGC sponsored seminar on “Secularism and Religions in the context of Human Rights”, in August 2015, was inaugurated by Justice K.T. Thomas. Dr. Sebastian Paul delivered the key note address. The world renowned demographer Prof. Irudaya Rajan, Centre for Development Studies, Tvm, delivered a lecture on “Emerging Demographic Scenario in Kerala” in July 2015.



Seminars/Workshops/ Lectures

History

The UGC sponsored national seminar on “Swami Vivekananda: Contemporary and Beyond” was organized in association with the department of Malayalam and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society in February, 2015. The 14th Dr. A.K. Baby Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. R. Mahalakshmi, Jawaharlal Nehru University on ‘The Early South Indian Visual Cultures: Multivocal and Polysemic Traditions’ in September 2015. Prof. K. Krishnan from Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda and Prof. Sadasibha Pradhan, from Utkal University, Odisha gave talks on Archaeology on two other occasions.



MCA

The three day inter-collegiate technical cum cultural festival **rITika'15** was inaugurated by Prince Joseph, Senior Scientist, NPOL in February, 2015. Sunil Balakrishnan, Global Head for Center Operations, UST Global, was the Chief Guest. Nearly 500 Students from various other institutions participated in the Fest.

MBA

On 5th August, Aumen CEO, Mr. Akshay Agarwal inaugurated the function to mark the beginning of this year's academic activities. The department is providing Certificate programmes in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and in NISM by National Stock Exchange.

UCC welcomes to its fold...



Dr. Ann George
(Dept. of Economics)



Dr. Madhu K.
(Dept. of Physics)



Dr. Shinoj V.K.
(Dept. of Physics)



Ms. Elizabeth. V. Mathew
(Dept. of Zoology)

Kudos to faculty...

Captain K.S. Narayanan, NCC Officer and Associate Professor in Sanskrit, has received the Director General's Commendation for his sincere and outstanding service in the National Cadet Corps. He received it from Lt. General Aniruddha Chakravarthy, VSM, Director General, NCC.



Dr. Ruby Elsa Jacob
(Dept. of Hindi)
was awarded *Sahitya Puraskar 2015*
for her research work.

Dr. Sibu M. Eapen (Dept. of Malayalam)
received the prestigious
U.G.C. Research Award under
the Post - Doctoral Fellowship programme.



Greater Heights

It is a matter of pride that two young faculty from the college have been conferred doctorates in their respective disciplines.



Dr. Vidhu Narayan, faculty of Malayalam, was awarded Ph.D. for his research on “Tribal Songs of Kerala: A Cultural and Linguistic Study” under the guidance of Prof. Desamangalam Ramakrishnan, by the University of Kerala.

Dr. Sareen Sarah John, faculty of Biotechnology has been awarded PhD for her thesis titled “Bioprocess Optimization and Characterization of Phytase from an Environmental Isolate Bacillus MCCB 242” by CUSAT.



Broadening Horizons

While the Department of Psychology has been upgraded to a research centre, Mahatma Gandhi University, has approved the guideship of the following faculty members.

Dr. Jacob George (Dept. of English), Dr. Seena Mathai, Dr. Neelima Ranjith and Dr. Vidhya Ravindranadhan (Dept. of Psychology)

Tourism Club

Two of our students, Joseph Varghese (BSc Maths) and Sreedevi.S (BA English) underwent 3 months training for Tourism Desk Operator at District Tourism Promotion Council, Ernakulam. Dr. David Saj Mathew continues to serve as the co-ordinator of the club.



Bhoomi Malayalam, the journal published by Department of Malayalam has been assigned ISSN No.2394-9791

Research Projects

Dr. E.I Anila, (Dept. of Physics) was sanctioned a project worth Rs. 22.67 lakhs by the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences, Dept. of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India on “Transparent Conducting Oxide Thin Films for Optoelectronic Applications”.

Dr. Rachel Reena Philip, (Dept. of Physics) was granted a project under Collaborative Research Scheme by UGC- DAE Consortium for Scientific Research.

A two year multi-disciplinary collaborative project titled “Documentation of Rock Art of Kerala and Associated Landscapes” was sanctioned by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi with **Dr. Jenee Peter** (Dept. of History) as the state coordinator.

WOMAN SCIENTIST AWARD



Mrs. Sreeja V.G. currently pursuing her PhD with Dr. E. I. Anila, has been sanctioned a project worth Rs. 19.85 lakhs under the Women Scientist Scheme by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.

Digital India Week

Digital India Week was observed in August 2015. A seminar which was jointly organized by the departments of Computer Science and MCA was inaugurated by the Principal. Photography, poster designing and a quiz competition on Information Technology were conducted for the students. An exhibition demonstrating the visual effects of film making and recent mobile applications was also arranged throughout the day in Varkey Memorial Hall.

Walk with a Scholar Programme

The college has entered into the second year of the *Walk with a Scholar Programme*, where thirty 1st year Undergraduate Students, selected on the basis of merit, would be assigned to a three programme. This government initiative aims to provide them additional mentorship in academic activities and life in general. Dr. Sebastian Joseph is the co-ordinator of the programme.

United Board Projects

“Eye Openers: A Service Learning Initiative with the Blind” a three year project’s first phase worth 8700 USD, was initiated in August 2015. **Dr. Justin R. Nayagam** (Dept. of Botany) leads this project which is in partnership with the School for the Blind, Keezhmad and NSS unit of the college. The project aims at training students of the college to help create a better world for the differently-abled.



Dr. Reshmi R., (Dept. of Physics) was sanctioned an UBCHEA project worth 1500 USD on “A Simple and Efficient Portable Setup for Water Purification Using Nano Metal Oxides and Sunlight”.

NSS

The National Service Scheme of the College organized *Harithasparsham*, a one day camp on organic farming. An organic farm and a medical garden were set up by the volunteers on the campus. 'Pusthaka Petti', a newly launched project, was initiated to collect books in order to set up libraries in rural places. NSS volunteers observed World Peace Day and World Literacy Day.



NCC

The National Cadet Corps unit of the College observed World Environment Day, World AIDS Day and International Anti Narcotics/Drugs Day. The unit organized a visit to the Police Women Cell, Aluva. They attended a seminar on Trauma Care held at Anwar Hospital. A National Integration Rally was organised as part of NCC Day celebrations. Mohammed Irfaan, Akhil Alias, Jayalakshmi M.P., Aathira Nair and Meera Jacob participated in the Republic Day Parade. Ajith Jayashankar participated in Thal Sainik Camp held in Delhi. All India Best Cadet Silver medal was bagged by Mohammad Irfaan.



Student Christian Fellowship

The activities of the Student Christian Fellowship (SCF) included a two day camp in Aeli Hills, near Keezhmadu, with the theme "Let Your Light Shine". A leadership training camp was also held on the campus. The students observed World Environment Day and a vegetable farming initiative named 'Haritham' was taken up by students.

SCF in association with NCC, NSS and UNI-Y observed the International Day against Drug and Illicit Trafficking on June 26. A large number of students took part in the rally organised that day. The Principal led the oath against drug abuse and also sensitised the students to its hazards. The day's activities included a poster designing competition in the VMA hall. A poster and painting exhibition was also organized.



Premam in UCC – UCC in Premam

While the blockbuster *Premam* continued its victorious stride at the box office, the charm of the UCC campus became the talk of the town. Applause and brickbats aside, the presence of many of our students in the film, added to its UCC appeal.



ASAP

Additional Skills Acquisition Training Programme, a venture of the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala was conducted by the English Department for three weeks in June, 2015. The training aims to equip college students with soft skills and technological know-how, to complement their formal education. Twenty nine participants from all over the state took part in the programme.

One Touch- Pain and Palliative Care Unit

The unit aims at reaching out to people with special needs, taking assistance from district hospital staff. In addition to fund raising campaigns, student volunteers spend their free time helping to organise camps for hemiparaplegia patients. In the past year, four wheel chairs were handed over to those in need and financial aid was arranged for their physiotherapy. Students set up stalls for selling products made by patients.



On The Run...

The year 2014-15 saw a rich crop of trophies and shields being harvested by our players and athletes. UCC won 6 Trophies, contributed 54 players to the University and 11 players represented Kerala in the various national championships. The strong presence of five of our players in the Kerala contingent, made a big difference at the 35th National Games held in Kerala, this year.

National Games



At the National Games held in Trivandrum Josemon.P.P, Sam Mathew and Maryn P. Jose won the bronze medal in Netball.

Sanu Sam and Davood Aboobecker were members of the Kerala State Hockey men's team.

Representations in National Championships

Josemon.P.P also secured a bronze medal in Netball in the Senior National Championship held in New Delhi. Pratheesha and Mrithulaj represented Kerala in the National Women's hockey championship. Anoop.T.S represented Kerala in the senior National Softball Championship held at Nagpur in January 2015. Ashik M Anil represented Kerala in the senior National Softball Championship held at Nagpur in January 2015. Rojan Roy represented Kerala in the senior National Baseball Championship held in Goa in January 2015. Cinta Varghese represented Kerala in the senior National Judo Championship held at Harithwar, Utharakand in January 2015. Ashik M Anil represented Kerala in the senior National Throw ball Championship held in Kerala in January 2015 and secured third position.

Aquatic Wonder



Jiya Joseph of III BSc Psychology has emerged as the individual champion in the MG University Aquatics Championship, held at M.A.College Kothamangalam. She is the proud winner of one silver and five gold medals in various events.

National Conference

Recognising the significance of a healthy lifestyle to promote healthy living, the Department of Physical Education organised a three day National Conference on "Health and Lifestyle" in March 2015.

University Champions

Our Hockey Women's team, Men's Baseball, Hockey, Netball and Softball teams were University level winners.



Camps, Championships and Tournaments Organised

- Kerala State Senior Hockey Championship for men and women.
- 35th National Games first phase camps for Hockey Men's and Women's section.
- MG University men's Hockey Championship.
- MG University Judo Championship for men and women.
- PYYKA Block tournament – Hockey.
- YMCA inter school football tournament.
- Run Kerala Run – January 20th 2015.
- Ernakulam District Senior, Junior and Sub Junior Netball Championship
- Kochi Marathon- deepasikha rally.
- MG University Basketball Women's Championship.

Trophy Instituted

The BA Malayalam 2011-14 batch instituted the Ajas Memorial ever-rolling trophy in memory of their friend Ajas.C.A for the winning team of the annual interdepartmental cricket tournament

From Theory to Practice ...

Daily Aerobics and Yoga sessions were initiated for the women staff of the college from July 2015 at the Ladies Rest Room under the guidance of Dr.Bindu.M of the Physical Education Department.

Swaralaya Cultural Club



Since its inception in 2013, the Swaralaya Cultural Club has continued providing a platform for the performing arts. One of the attractions this year was a Kathakali performance by renowned Kathakali maestro, Kalamandalam Manojkumar. The function was organized by the enthusiastic student volunteers with the support of Staff Advisor, Dr. Muse Mary George. The first segment consisted of a demonstration of basic Kathakali mudras to create better understanding among the audience. This was followed by the actual performance of *Kiratham*. Our students, Jishnu K. Manoj (Psychology), Jithin K. Manoj (Malayalam) and Parvathy Sankar (Physics) were also a part of the act.

Swachh UC

UCC has ever kept the torch of eco-consciousness burning high. Joining the Swachh Bharat commitment and World Environment Day celebrated on 5th June, the entire UCCian community took to cleaning and greening the campus. An entire afternoon saw the staff, teaching and nonteaching, and students toiling hard to spruce up their much loved haunts. Extending their commitment to the world outside UCC, a group of students volunteered to clean up the expansive Manappuram at Periyar.



Abode of Peace

On all working days, the gentle morning prayers that rise from the college chapel continue to lend the campus a spiritual hue. Dr V G Thampi, writer and former faculty of Sri Kerala Varma College, Thrissur rendered the Christmas message on the evening of the carol service which was marked by the peace, piety and mirth of the Christmas season. Rev. Dr. Malhia Joshua, the college chaplain led the choir.



Home Away



One men's hostel and six women's hostels of UCC continue to enrich the college community life. While the "Westies" celebrated the golden jubilee of their hostel, East hostel has proudly marched into its 75th year.

Shining Stars

While many prizes were won at the MG Youth Festival, the following first prizes were bagged by our students



Anandu Suresh

(BA English) - English Story Writing



Aparna S

(BSc, Physics) - Kavyakeli

UGC Minor Projects Initiated

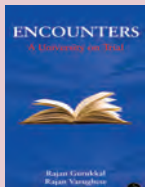
- Dr. Manu Punnan John (Physics)
- Rakhy Raphael (Physics)
- Smitha Roy (Chemistry)
- Dr. Simi Pushpan.K (Chemistry)
- Cijin Paul (Computer Science)
- Juby John (History)
- Shyam Mohan (Bioinformatics)



Neenu Rajeev

(MA, Malayalam) - Mono Act

Ideas Imprinted..



Encounters : A University on Trial-
 authored by
**Dr.Rajan Varughese and
 Dr.Rajan Gurukkal**

*Keralathile Juthar : Verukal,
 Vazhikal* authored by
Dr. Aju K. Narayanan



*Swayambharana College :
 Sankalpam, Yadhardhyam* edited
 by
**Dr.Rajan Varughese and
 Dr.Aju K.Narayanan**

Bringing home Accolades

UC College has a long tradition of grooming students to achieve academic excellence. Our students continue to prove their mettle.

INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

Aparna S - Physics
 Arya V S - Physics
 Nayana Narayanan - Physics
 Emy Rose Peter - Physics
 Vimal Aravind - Physics
 Nasrin Kabir - Chemistry
 Anna Jose - Chemistry

UGC/NET 2014-15

Saranya Sasi --Physics
 Anjaly Rahel --Physics
 Anila Harilal T--Psychology
 Swathy M -- Psychology
 Neena Rafeeqe--Psychology
 Riya Rafeeqe.....Psychology
 Rose Kooran.....Botany
 Unda Joseph..... English
 Asmin A.....English
 Muhsina Noohu--- History
 Ponnunol A.V- Malayalam - JRF
 Priyanka B.V- Malayalam

GATE

Anjaly Rahel --- Physics

MAULANA AZAD RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Saifeera T A --Physics

Obituaries

*May their souls
 rest in peace*



Dr. O. M. Mathen
 (Former Principal and
 HoD, Dept of Botany)



Sri John Varghese
 (Rtd.Lab Assistant)



Sri T C Ravi
 (Rtd.UD Clerk)

Celebrating a National Heritage



September 14th being 'Hindi Day' the Hindi Department conducted literary and cultural competitions in Hindi and Principal Dr.P. Thomas Mathew released the manuscript magazine "Dastak".

Young achievers



Ms. Sreelakshmi V. R's M.A. Malayalam dissertation, was chosen as the second best dissertation by the M. P. Paul Award committee, instituted by the M.G.University to select the best post-graduate dissertation.

Ms. Parvathy R, PhD student (Dept. of Physics) got best paper award for her work "Structural and Photoluminescence Characterisation of Dye Doped Polymethyl Methacrylate Microfibers" presented at the National Conference on Innovative Engineering, held at Holy Grace Academy of Engineering, Mala,

Going Places



We are proud that as part of the campus recruitment organized by the placement cell of the college, ninety four students from various departments got placed in ten different firms like Infosys, Wipro, TCS, UST Global and Tech Mahindra. A job fair "Niyukthi" was organised by Employment Exchange Mobility Centre on the college campus in September. Of the 1612 students from different parts of Kerala who participated in the fair, attended by 25 companies, 713 students found placement in top companies.

Empowering Them Young.



A self defence training programme for girl students is being conducted by the Women's Cell and Dept. of Physical Education. Rinshi V A Nazeer, All India Chief Instructor of Kyudokan Karate Federation of India and his team are the trainers for this programme.

Filming a History

Renowned film director Blessey, with his crew was on the campus to capture scenes for his upcoming documentary on one of the most beloved alumni of the college, His Grace the Most Rev Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom, Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan. Thirumeni was his jovial self as he recollected with childlike delight the days he spent on the campus.



Retirements

Remembering with gratitude their services to the institution...



Dr. A Benny Cherian
Former Principal
(Dept. of Chemistry)



Dr. Lopez Mathew
(Dept. of Chemistry)



Prof. Suja K Lukose
(Dept. of Zoology)



Smt. Mariam P J
(Lab Assistant)

