



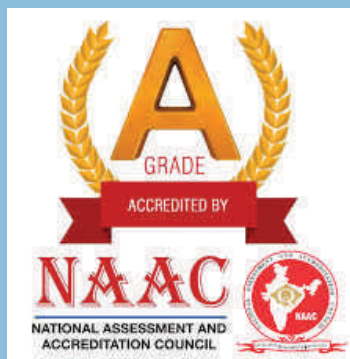
UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, ALUVA

Newsletter 2017

Conviction Rewarded NAAC 'A' Grade for UCC

UCC has maintained the A grade in the NAAC accreditation process. To be specific, we have improved our performance index and come out with a CGPA of 3.45. Indeed it is a worthy feel, and it is time for a fraternal 'thank you' for the untiring, meticulous and coordinated effort put in by the IQAC, the staff, alumni and students of UCC.

And yet, let us not merely rest on this laurel in a congratulatory mode. Let us sustain this tempo and ensure that UCC scales ever higher heights of academic excellence. That is the essential commitment of the hour and the days to come. Anyways, we just did it!



Principal's Message



Greetings to one and all. Yet once more the time has come for our annual alumni meet. And on looking back at the activities of our college in the last one year, I feel all the more convinced and happy about the unique legacy that UCC has in the social history of Kerala. Perhaps it is the value systems that are innate in UCC's way of functioning that sets it apart from most other colleges of our state.

Ours is a vision where the wards

are oriented to do away with the 'slumber' that often accompany an undergraduate program; also, at the postgraduate level the onus is on an awakening that goes well beyond mere textbook cramming. Arguably we can assure ourselves that our concept of merit is a differently-abled one, and UCC has to carry on with the value system that sees higher education not in terms of gathering information and developing soft skills but in terms of nurturing a social ethos that fosters knowledge and wisdom.

On a personal note, let me put on record that this is my last year in UCC. And as I reflect upon the days I spent here, the one 'event' that is deeply imprinted in me is the NAAC accreditation process. Indeed, we have put up an incredible show, and I take this opportunity to thank the entire UCC fraternity for coming together with a synergy that is laudable. I wish that this spirit will be carried on in the years to come. Also, I am confident that UCC will soar ever higher with its inimitable prestige and quality intact, especially in an era where the total privatization of the higher education sector is wrecking havoc. Let me sign off thus: I have always been proud to have been a part of UCC. That is one emotion that will be everlasting. Thank you all once again.

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, 11 November 2017

9.00 AM	: Registration
9.15 - 9.45 AM	: Thanks giving Service in the College Chapel
10.00 - 11.00 AM	: Inaugural Meeting
Chief Guest	: Dr D Babu Paul IAS (Distinguished Alumnus of UC College and former Chief Secretary of Kerala)
11.00 AM - 12.00 PM	: Reminiscences
12.00 - 1.00 PM	: Cultural Programmes by Old Students
1.00 PM	: Lunch
2.00 - 3.00 PM	: Business Meeting

OSA Meet 2016

On 12 November 2016, the college community celebrated the Old Students' Reunion Day. Dr. Jacob Thomas IPS, former Director of Vigilance & Anti-corruption Beureau of Kerala inaugurated the meeting. The founder's day address was delivered by the famous environmentalist and former Director, ANERT, Dr RVG Menon.

UNITED BOARD PROGRAMMES


An international seminar was organized by the United Board on Chinese Studies held at AIACHE, Delhi during January 18-20, 2017. Dr M.I.Punnoose presented a paper on Envisioning China Studies in Indian Higher Education for the next Decade.



Dr Thara.K.Simon and Dr Jenee Peter attended a week long Advanced Leadership Seminar at the Christ University Lavasa Campus in April 2017, organised by the United Board to address the current challenges in higher education in India through its partner institutions. Dr Sunil Abraham Thomas and Dr Justin Nayagam prepared 'A learner Centered Instructional Manual for Environmental Education' in the United Board sponsored program on 'Promoting Student Centric Learning of Environment in India' organized by the Centre for Environmental Studies, Lady Doak College, Madurai.

UNITED BOARD PROJECTS

Eye openers: A Service Learning Initiative With the Blind

 The UB funded Service-Learning project of Dr. Justin R Nayagam entitled "Eye Openers: A Service Learning Initiative With the Blind" Phase III is in progress. Major achievements include installation of a herbal garden in the blind school premises and installation of "Talking Books Centre", library centre for the blinds in UCC library with an



initial collection of 146 Malayalam novels and subject books. Mr Kevin Henderson (Program Officer, UBCHEA) inaugurated the herbal garden and the Principal handed over the talking books collection to the Librarian.

Embracing Technology: Inclining Prudent Minds for Knowledge Enrichment is a project by Mr Cijin K. Paul and Dr Jenee Peter funded by the United Board. A basic digital literacy programme with practical sessions for MA History students was initiated.

"Effective Course Delivery using MOODLE", a two day training programme held this year introduced various features of MOODLE which included attendance marking, assignments, online tests, teaching notes creation and uploading, auto-evaluation of tests, creating progress reports etc. The sessions were attended by teachers from various departments.



The project 'Identification of Risk Factors and Psychological Correlates of Substance Abuse: A Service Learning Initiative' was sanctioned to Dr Malini R., Department of Psychology.

Other projects awarded by the United Board for its institutional grant for the year 2017-18 are "Let There Be Light: Implementation of Instructional Console(s) for the Differently Aabled" submitted by Dr Jacob George C(Co-ordinator), Ms Asha Baby Mathews and Ms. Akhila Narayanan and "Peacemaker: Designing Curriculum and Methodology in Peace Studies" submitted by Dr Jenee Peter.

CSRS

The Centre for the Study of Religion and Society (CSRS) with C.P.Mathew Chair was awarded an institutional project, 'Understanding Alternative Lives: Equipping Students for a Peaceful Co-existence', by the UBCHEA in July 2016.

A three day workshop on the project theme and interview skills was organized to make students understand the different dimensions of the concept and to improve their



research and interviewing skills outside the campus at AELI (Aluva English Learning Institute) hills from November 4-6, 2016.

Interviews with ten alternative lives from various walks of life as part of the interview were executed. Three mock interviews were conducted and five little magazines were published. The personalities who were interviewed by



the team are Dayabai, Fr. Bobby Jose Kattikkad, Smt. A.K. Rajamma, Sri. Shaji and Smt. Shiji, Sri. C.K. Saseendran, Smt. Sreeja Arangottukara, Sri.Santhosh George Kulangara, Sri. N.V. Thomas, Dr. Haripriya Namboothiri and Sri. James Joseph.

As part of the project, the CSRS team visited institutions such as Anjappam, Akasapparavakal and carried out activities such as music therapy, hands on training on sowing of germinated paddy seeds and kathakali demonstration.

CSRS also organised three T.O Abdulla Endowment lectures; the speakers were Prof. Dr. Sunil P. Ilayidom, Sri. V.K. Sreeraman and Sri. Santhosh George Kulangara.

SEMINARS / LECTURES / WORKSHOPS

Foray into translation

The first year undergraduate students of the college had a wonderful opportunity to interact with and listen to a talk by Dr Prameela K. P, Professor and Coordinator, Department of Translation Studies, Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady. This was on the occasion of the inauguration of the activities of the Department of Hindi in connection with International Mother Language Day.



CHEMISTRY

The Department of Chemistry organised Prof. T.R Anantharaman Memorial and Dr A M Chacko Endowment Lectures on 20 January 2017. Prof. T.R.Anantharaman Memorial Lecture was given by Dr K.P

Unnikrishnan, Associate Professor Retd, Department of Chemistry, UC College, Aluva on the topic "Food-What and What not". Dr Ramakrishnan S, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, S.H College, Thevara delivered a talk on the topic "Porphyrins- The Pigments of Life" in the afternoon session. Students from our college and nearby colleges participated in the seminar.

On Post Colonialism

Renowned environmentalist, Claude Alwares visited UC College as chief guest in the national seminar organized by the Department of Malayalam, under Vidwan PG Nair Research Foundation. Following the inauguration, he gave a lecture on the topic "Kolaniyanantharavadam- Veekshanangalum Prayogasadhyathakalum". The seminar was held from 8-10 February 2017.



MALAYALAM

The Department of Malayalam celebrated Vayanavaram on 15 June 2017. KC Narayanan (editor of Bhashaposhini) inaugurated the session and S Rameshan (five-time Kerala Sahitya Academy award winning poet) delivered the message.

As a part of Vidwan PG Nair foundation, Department of Malayalam organized a competition of "Aksharasloka" on 7 February 2017. On the occasion, a CD comprising selected poems of Naduvath AchanNamboothiri, Mahan Namboothiri and Vidwan P G Nair was released by Manager, Rev. Thomas John. The key note was delivered by renowned poet and alumnus Sri N K Desom.



BOTANY

Forum for Life Science, started in November 2016 in association with Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, and Zoology Departments was inaugurated by Dr C. Mohan Kumar, Director, SCMS Biotechnology Division. It is a platform for the PG and research scholars in Biological Science for sharing and imparting information among these Departments. Four brainstorming sessions have been conducted so far.

Towards Health and Wellness

The Department of Zoology organized a one-day UGC-Sponsored National Seminar, 'The Immune System: In Health and Disease', with the aim of introducing the present challenges of immunology to young minds. Dr T. Thomas Philip, former Principal and Head of the Department of Zoology of U C. College and Dr Jacob Baby M. D. DTCD, MRCP (UK) Consultant Pulmonologist and Immunologist, Aster Medcity, Kochi were the distinguished resource personnel.



Eco-friendly move....

The Department of Zoology organized a Seminar on Environment Consciousness by Prof. S. Sitaraman, President, All Kerala River Protection Council, and a Workshop on 'Plastic Recycling and Upcycling' in

association with Plan@Earth for students of the college in 2017. An exhibition of recycled plastic products was also organized in the campus. The Department also hosted a KSCSTE sponsored one day seminar on the topic 'Wetlands for Disaster Risk Reduction' in February 2017. Dr. K.A. Sreejith, Scientist, KFRI, Peechi was the resource person.

M E Mathew Memorial Colloquium

Department of English inaugurated M E Mathew Memorial Colloquium on 23 January 2017. Series 1 was conducted on the same day which was devoted to the theme: Travel as Writing. The one day



lecture cum interactive session had two components: First one was led by Mr Shoukath Sahajotsu, a spiritual practitioner, travel writer and winner of Sahitya Academy Award. The second session: 'Why you should be out there...Now!' was led by Mr Thommen Jose, communication consultant, corporate film maker, adventurer, biker, creator of wanderlink.com (winner of one of the top ten travel blogs) and travel writer.

Department of English commemorated the Martyr's Day on January 30, 2017. Dr K. P. Shankaran, a renowned scholar on the philosophy of Gandhi gave a lecture followed by an interactive session captioned: "Placing Gandhi in Current Times." The talk given Dr Shankaran was part of M. E. Mathew Memorial Colloquium: Series 2.

Susan Thomas Memorial Lecture Series 4

Susan Memorial Lecture Series 4 was conducted by the Department of English on 10 August 2017. Prof C. S. Jayaram (Professor, Department of Visual Media and Communication, Amrita University, Kochi) gave a talk on "Representation of Violence in Visual Arts."



PSYCHOLOGY

Department of Psychology in association with Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists (IACP) Kerala Chapter, conducted a National seminar on "Assessment and Management of Intellectual, Learning, and Developmental Disabilities" from 9-10 February 2017. Dr Bhasi Sukumaran, former Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Psychology at Sri Ramachandra University, Dr Sany Varghese, Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Health Services, Govt. of Kerala and Dr Bindiya Shajith, Director of MITR Consultative Services, Bengaluru were the resource persons.

A three day workshop on 'Life Skills for College Students' was conducted by the Department of Psychology in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development(RGNYD) from 6-8 March 2017.



Dr M.V Kurien Commemorative Lecture

The Department of Economics, organized Dr M.V Kurien Commemorative Lecture on 21 February, 2017. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Vinoj Abraham (Associate Professor, Centre for Development Studies (CDS) Thiruvananthapuram) on the topic 'Eroding Foothold of Labour in the Indian Manufacturing Sector'



The Research and Post Graduate Department of Economics organised a lecture on 'Demonetization, Causes, Concerns and Consequences' on January 18, 2017. Dr. Martin Patrick, Chief Economist, Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR) Kochi, was the main speaker.



Economics Association organized a lecture on Union Budget 2017- Prospects and Problems on 18 February 2017. Mr. R Mohan, Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals), (Retired) delivered the keynote address.

BIOTECH

A ten day workshop on Molecular Biology Laboratory Tools and Preparatory Techniques was conducted in collaboration with Kerala Biotechnology Commission of Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment, Thiruvananthapuram in July 2017 at the Department of Biotechnology. This workshop provided a platform to interact with the experts in Molecular Biology and to have hands-on training on state-of-the-art techniques. Around twenty participants (faculty & research scholars) from colleges and universities across Kerala attended the training programme. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr G.M. Nair (Advisor, Kerala Biotechnology Commission).



ARCHAEOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES

The Department of History and UCC Archaeological Museum organized the fifth lecture in the Archaeology Seminar Series on Indus Bead Making Technology and Trade: Historic Implications, in September 2017. Dr A. Uesugi from Kansai University, Japan was the key note speaker.

COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce conducted a seminar on Goods and Services Tax on 4 August, 2017. The program began with an inaugural session headed by Head of the Department Prof. P.G Thomas and a speech by Dr Thara K.Simon. Reputed Chartered Accountant C M Cheriyan delivered the talk.



EXHIBITIONS

MYALO 2017

A two-day exhibition, 'MYALO' was organized by the Department of Psychology from 9-10 February, 2017. It was open to educational institutions in Aluva and the general public. The exhibition showcased demonstrations of psychological concepts through interactive games to assess motor and cognitive skills. It also helped students to educate visitors on the importance of mental health and how to distinguish it from superstitious beliefs.



Ins π ire 2017

The Mathematics Association conducted 'Ins π ire 2017', an exhibition, from 14 to 15 February 2017. The main theme of the exhibition was the 'Seven Bridges of Konigsberg' which was the origin of the branch of Mathematics called 'Graph Theory'.



REACHING OUT

The students of the Department of Zoology undertook activities aimed at community welfare along environment conservation lines. Health surveys were conducted to combat monsoon epidemic diseases in nearby communities. They got engaged in a service learning programme where they visited homes in nearby Veliyathunad Harijan Colony and surveyed the health status, potable water quality, waste management strategies adopted and diseases encountered. The water quality samples were taken and tested by students in the Department laboratory. The students educated the families towards good hygiene practices so as to avoid monsoon epidemic diseases and other water borne sicknesses.



The Department of Psychology initiated an extension programme 'Enabling the Enablers' for members of Sasthra Sahithya Parishath (SSP) with the intention of identifying and helping those in need of mental health services in the community. The faculty members of the Department engaged classes on mental health issues to enable the members of the SSP gain awareness regarding the chief mental health concerns of the society and the need to seek appropriate intervention at the earliest.

Classes for NGPE are conducted by the faculty of the Department of Physics with the support of Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT), outside the working hours (saturdays and holidays) for UG students of our college and neighboring colleges. Interactive workshops are held by the faculty of the Department for teachers from other colleges in selected topics of theoretical physics. An Interactive workshop for higher secondary school teachers in Physics was also held in July 2017.

Students of the Department of Economics visited old age home run by Welfare Association Trust, Veliyathunadu on 2 October, 2016 and distributed new cloths worth ₹ 15,000.00.

INTER SCHOOL/INTER COLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS

The Department of English conducted Prof. Aravamudha Iyengar Memorial Shakespeare Drama Competition on 9 December 2016 as part of Quadricentennial Shakespearean Celebrations organized by the Department in honour of Prof. Aravamudha Iyengar, a great scholar and teacher of William Shakespeare's plays.

The 13th Inter school quiz competition "CIPHER" was conducted by the Department of Mathematics for Prof. K.P. Mathew Endowment Ever Rolling Trophy on 29 October 2016.

The 3rd Thasnim Memorial Inter Collegiate Seminar Competition was also conducted by the Department of Mathematics on the same day.

The Mathematics Association conducted an intercollegiate fest "AXIOM - 2017", as part of the intercollegiate fest "IDAM 2017" organized by the

College Students' Union. Competitions were held on events such as Rubik's cube solving, π - Value Competition and Math teaching.

Intercollegiate Quiz Competition was organized by the Department of Chemistry on January 27, 2017. Prof. Dr P V Sreenivasan was the Quiz master. U. C College team (Ms.Akhila S S and Ms.Sadiya P.S) secured the first place. A valedictory function was organised after the quiz competition. Prizes were distributed by the Principal during the function. The Jubilee Ever-rolling Trophy was handed over by the Principal to the winners.

A KSCSTE sponsored Intercollegiate Poster Competition on the topic 'Wetlands for disaster risk reduction' was conducted by the Department of Zoology with the aim of focusing on various strategies for the conservation of wetlands.

PUBLICATIONS

MALAYALAM

Celebrated poet, Balachandran Chulikkad inaugurated the wall magazine Chuvarezhuthu brought out by the students of the Department of Malayalam on 9 August 2017. Students had an interactive session with the poet.



HINDI

DASTAK- '16 - The Manuscript Magazine of the Department of Hindi was released by the Principal Dr. P. Thomas Mathew in Feb.2017.

ZOOLOGY

Proceedings of the UGC sponsored National Seminar on "The Immune System : In Health and Disease" was edited by Dr Shirley Thomas and published by the Department of Zoology.

"Mercury"- A compilation of 24 notable articles by Muse Mary George which discuss and evaluate the cultural and social life of Malayalees.

Liberative Reflections - A post-theological response to contemporary culture and politics using continental Philosophy - by Mr. Alwin Alexander, Assistant Professor, Department of English.

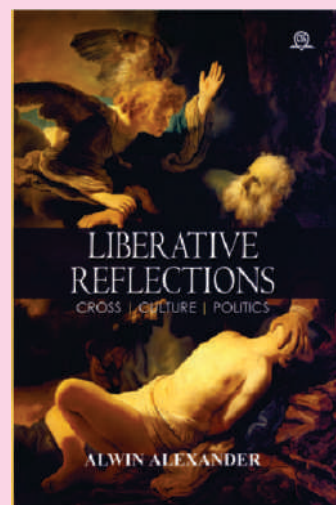


THAKKOL VAKKUKAL

The Department of Malayalam released Bhoomi Malayalam research journal named Thakkol Vakkukal edited by Dr.Aju K. Narayanan.

Cepantia

Department of Biotechnology published Cepantia, a collection of articles, drawings etc by the students of the department.



UCC HOSTS THE KERALA HISTORY CONGRESS...

The Department of History, Union Christian College organised the Second Annual Session of the Kerala History Congress in December 2016. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Harbans Mukhia of JNU which was presided over by Prof. K. N. Panikkar, President of Kerala History Congress. Around one thousand participants and erudite scholars from across the country participated in the three day deliberations on varied facets of Kerala life and History. As a continuation of the session, a one week programme for College teachers and researchers in Historical Research Methodology was also organized. Dr. Sebastian Joseph served as the Local Secretary and Coordinator of the programme.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Justin R. Nayagam and **Dr. Jenish Paul** attended 6th Asia- Pacific Regional Conference on Service Learning at Petra Christian University, Surabaya, Indonesia from 28 May to 2 June 2017 and presented papers.



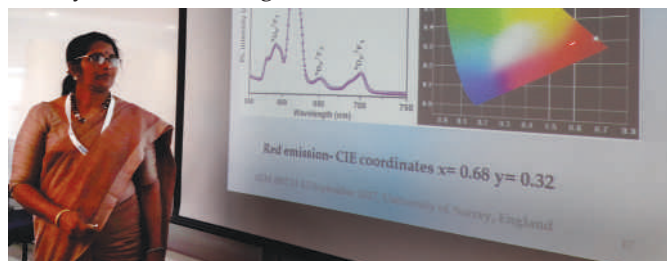
Lt. Dr. G. Geethika (Associate NCC Officer) was awarded gold medal for standing first in Order of Merit in the Refresher Course 2017 held at NCC Officers Training Academy, Gwalior.



Dr. Shinoj V. K., Assistant Professor, Department of Physics received 2017 Early Career Research Award from the Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, to further his research work on biomedical optics.



Dr. Anila E. I., Associate professor, Department of Physics presented a paper and chaired a session in the International Conference on Advanced Energy Materials held from 11 -13 September 2017 at the University of Surrey, Guildford, England.



COMMENDATION

NCC Officer **Capt. K. S. Narayanan** secured the prestigious Commendation from Director General, NCC, New Delhi for his outstanding performance in NCC for the last fourteen years.



In a colourful function held at 22 K Bn NCC Eloor, the Certificate of Commendation signed by Lt. Gen. Vinod Vasisht, DG NCC and medal were presented to Capt. K S Narayanan by Lt. Col. P RajNarayan, Commanding Officer, 22K Bn NCC in the presence of Col. H. Padmanabhan, Former Commanding Officer, 22 K Bn NCC and Commanding Officer of 7 K Girls Bn NCC at present.

KERALA STATE FILM AWARD

Cheri Jacob K., Assistant Professor, Department of English, co-authored the book: 'Cinema Muthal Cinema Varae' which won the State Award for the Best Book on Cinema in 2016. He had won the award for the best article on cinema in 2012 as well.



DALIT SAHITHYA ACADEMY AWARD

Dr Muse Mary George was honored with the prestigious Babu Jagjeevan Ram Award by the Bharatiya Dalit Sahithya Academy, recognising her literary activities related to the upliftment of the downtrodden and backward people in India and abroad.



Dr Sareen Sarah John, Department of Biotechnology served as the advisor and resource person in the International Conference on Current Trends in Biosciences (CTBio 2017) conducted by Scire Science Pvt. Ltd. from 21-23 August 2017.

Dr. Simi Pushpan K., Assistant Professor, the Department Chemistry was appointed member of American Chemical Society in July 2017.

Mr. Akhil T.V., Assistant Professor, Department of E & CM obtained Master of Computer Application (MCA) degree from IGNOU.

PAIN & PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT

ORMA 2K17, a camp for hemiparaplegia and cancer patients was organized by the UC College unit on 31 January 2017. 120 paraplegia patients and 30 cancer patients from Kottayam, Alappuzha, Idukki, Ernakulam and Thrissur districts participated. Financial aid for medicines and chemotherapy was provided. Grocery kits were distributed to the participants.



A training programme for students on "Emergency Medicine" was conducted in association with Aster Medcity on 5 August 2017. The unit provided treatment aid for patients with intrapulmonary tuberculosis and hemiparaplegia. Books for the present academic year were provided to a fellow student.

CPSD

A necessary initiative during troubled times, the Centre for Peace Studies and Dialogue was established in March, 2017 with funding from the United Board. The CPSD is a collective venture by the faculty trained in peace building at the Mindanao Peace Building Institute, Philippines. The Centre has received funding for designing curriculum and methodology for Peace Studies from the United Board.

SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Science day was celebrated by the Department of Botany on 17 February 2017. Prof. Dr Denis Thomas, Head and Dean, School of Science, Department of Plant Science, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod.

National science day celebrations were conducted on 10 February 2017 by the Physics Association in collaboration with the Departments of Botany and MCA utilizing funds provided by KSCSTE and DST. Dr Babu Jospeh, former Vice Chancellor of CUSAT inaugurated the function and delivered a talk on Newtonian Mechanics. This was followed by a talk on Evolution of Raman Spectroscopy by Dr. Unnikrishnan Nayar, visiting faculty, IISER, Trivandrum and a seminar competition on Innovative Technology for the graduate students of the Department. Both Dr Babu Joseph and Dr Unnikrishnan Nayar are distinguished alumni of the Department of Physics



NEW INITIATIVES

Encouraging Entrepreneurship

Union Christian College has been recognized as an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre by the Kerala Startup Mission in September 2017. The objective of the IEDC is to enable students to start their own entrepreneurial ventures. Under the guidance of nodal officer, Mr Jibin Jose Mathew (Department of E & CM) the college plans to organize activities that will help students acquire and hone the skills so as to equip them towards initiating new entrepreneurial ventures.

Go Green..

As a step towards engendering a green environment and healthy lifestyle, the Department of Zoology initiated organic farming using vermicompost and organic manures. The students cultivated vegetables which were harvested periodically.



THE NEW UPCOMING BUTTERFLY GARDEN IN THE COLLEGE CAMPUS BY DEPT OF ZOOLOGY

BUTTERFLY GARDEN INSTALLATION



A visitors counter using PIR sensor has been installed in the main library to count the number of persons entering the library. It was designed and constructed by Mr Jibin Jose Mathew, Department of E & CM



Training Programmes

Department of English conducted the second Communicative English Trainer Programme during April- May, 2017. Thirty participants from all over Kerala State attended the residential programme under the sponsorship of the Higher Education Department & ASAP Secretariat. Dr Jacob George, Mr Cijin Paul, Mr Alwin Alexander, Ms Deepa Jose and Ms Akhila Narayanan, were the faculty members of the programme.



Students of II Year E & CM attended 'On the Job Training at SMEC ,Kaloor in January 2017 . They were given 40 hours of training sessions on networking , CCTV & solar panel installation. An Orientation Program ' Realize Yourself ' was arranged for First Year E&CM students in August 2017. Mr. Sandeep.K. was the main speaker.



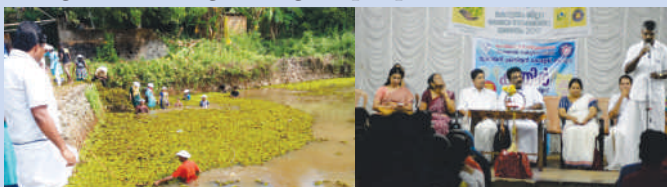
National Service Scheme

The NSS unit of the College conducted a seven-day special camp 'Thenvarikka' in collaboration with Rayamangalam Grama Panchayat from 23 to 29 December 2016 at M. G. M. Higher Secondary School, Kuruppampady. The major highlights of the camp were personality development programmes, social awareness seminars and orientation classes, performance of street plays, promotion of organic farming, Kuruppampady Police Station cleaning, Keezhillam Library renovation, and Public pond cleaning.



Back to Nature

'Kathir', a seven day camp in collaboration with Kooroppada Grama Panchayat, Kottayam was conducted in August 2017 at N.S.S. High School, Kothala. NSS volunteers visited 3,726 houses in Kooroppada Panchayat and gave an orientation about the importance of organic farming among the people.



DOCTORAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Ms. Geethika G, Assistant Professor (Political Science), Department of Economics was awarded Ph.D by M.G.University for the thesis 'Intellectual Property Rights , International Conventions and TRIPS: The Indian Experience in the Realm of Public Health'.

Mr. Anil Thomas Koshy, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Physical Education was awarded Ph.D by M.G.University for the thesis 'Perception of Body Image, Social Physique Anxiety, Self-Esteem and Body Fat: A Comparison between Exercising and Non-Exercising Adolescent Girls'.



NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Department of Physics has embarked upon expansion of the research facilities by setting up a new research lab "Optics and Spectroscopy and Theoretical division" and acquiring new equipments through major research funding from National and State funding agencies. The Department has been sanctioned 3 major projects, 1 major project under the Women Scientist Scheme of DST and four Student Projects funded by KSCSTE.

1. A major project on 'Investigation into a portable, quantitative, multimodal, optical fiber probe-based spectroscopic tool for skin tissue analysis' is sanctioned to Dr Shinoj V K by the Department of Science and Technology. Sanctioned amount: Rs.26,99,653/-
2. A major project on 'Microwave synthesis and characterization of zinc aluminate based nanophosphors for display and biomedical applications' is sanctioned to Dr E I Anila by DST SERB. Sanctioned amount : Rs.20,95,000/-
3. A project on 'Cu based and Ag-based delafossites for transparent electronics, photovoltaic and capacitance electrode applications' is sanctioned to Dr Rachel Reena Philip by the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.. Sanctioned amount:Rs.18,62,000/-
4. A major project on "Fabrication and Characterization of Iron Oxide nanostructures for gas sensing and DSSC applications" under Women Scientist Scheme is sanctioned by the Department of Science and Technology to Ms. Julie Ann Joseph for her pursuit of research. Scientist Mentor: Dr Rachel Reena Philip. sanctioned amount: Rs.17,50,000/-+travel& contingencies.

Student Christian Fellowship

The Student Christian Fellowship of Union Christian College meets on Fridays. Innovative programmes including debates on issues of contemporary relevance, discussions on vital issues and seminars are part of the regular activities of the SCF.

SCF programmes for 2016-'17 started with the observance of Hiroshima day on 8 August 2016. The Annual Area Committee of SCM was conducted at SCM Centre, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram from 16 to 17 September 2017. Our Unit members, Mr. Binil Yeldho and Ms. Saino Susan Zachariah were elected as Social Justice Commission Convenor and Women Commission Convenor respectively.

The SCF hosted Women's Conference of Kerala Council of Churches on 19 November 2016.

The Annual SCF camp 'S. E. L. F.' (Seeking Life in its Fullness) was conducted from 3 to 5 February 2017 at AELI Hills, Aluva. The camp organized open discussions, interactive sessions, short film screening and Nature Worship, which was a unique experience.

A two-day National Seminar was held at Bangalore in March 2017 on the topic 'Be No Longer Silent Bearers'. Union Christian College unit members Ms. Sarah Sathish, Ms. Sarah Saji, Ms. Vishnupriya S., Ms. Shikha Paul and Ms. Susanah Saji attended the seminar and were congratulated for their active participation.

Towards a Healthy Lifestyle

The benefits of Yoga in contributing to the holistic well being and upliftment of the individual is now recognized the world over. In keeping with UC College's tradition of moulding healthy, enthusiastic students, International Yoga Day was observed in July 2017. A yoga mass drill was jointly organized by the Department Physical Education, NCC and NSS units of the college, in collaboration with 22 (K) Bn, Eloor.



The NCC sub units of Union Christian College has had another meritorious year in 2016-'17, giving opportunity to serve the college and the community. The NCC units participated actively in various programmes organized by the college including observation of International Yoga Day, Swatch Bharath Abhiyan, Independence Day, Republic Day, National Integration Run etc.

22 Kerala Bn. NCC, Eloor

The NCC Sub Unit of U.C.College, Aluva conducted many activities during this academic year. In addition to regular parades, NCC has organised programmes like rallies, seminars, debates etc., in connection with World Environment Day, Anti-Narcotic Day, NCC Day, AIDS awareness etc. Independence Day and Republic Day were celebrated with ceremonial parades.



Senior Under Officer Sandeep Shenoy (Pre-RDC) attended the Advanced Leadership Camp (ALC) at IIT, Gorakhpur, West Bengal and at Officer's Training Academy (OTA), Kamptee, Nagpur. CSM Jithin K Manoj attended the All India Trekking Camp at Maharashtra in December 2016. CQMS Abhishek J Cherian, CPL Vishnu K M and Cdt Ajesh Mohanan attended the Army Attachment Camp at Trivandrum in February 2017.

7 (K) Girls Bn., NCC- Thrissur

Cadet Appointments : SUO Sefi George, JUO Sreelekshmi Krishnadas, JUO Reshma Sunilkumar, CSM Sruthy Sreedharan and CQMS Reshma R.



This year we got the prestigious opportunity to host the Combined Annual Training Camp of 7 Kerala Girls Bn., during Onam holidays. About 750 cadets from 18 institutions and 40 officials attended the camp. Our girl cadets won the overall championship by putting forth best performance in drill competition, line area competition, individual competitions etc.

The unit also organized visits to old age home and the special school of Welfare Trust Association and blind school at Keezhmadu, trekking trip to Vazhachal, poster designing competition on the theme "save water, save life", poster exhibition on human rights etc.

Achievements



1. SUO Sefi George (III BA Economics) participated in Youth Exchange Programme, Srilanka in October 2016 and was selected as the Best Foreign Cadet.



2. SUO Sarah Sathish (III BA English): represented Kerala & Lakshadweep Contingent as Best Cadet at Republic Day Parade, New Delhi, 2017.



3. JUO Fatima Rose D. (III BSc Psychology): represented Kerala & Lakshadweep Contingent at Republic Day Parade, New Delhi, 2017 and participated in Youth Exchange Programme, Srilanka in October 2017.



4. JUO Hindhya Shabu (III BSc Physics) participated in the Advance Leadership Camp 2017 held in West Bengal.



5. CSM Layapriya Suresh (III BSc Physics): participated in the Special National Integration Camp 2017 held in Lakshadweep.



6. CQMS Navya George (III BSc Psychology) participated in the Advance Leadership Camp 2017 held in West Bengal.

New President for UCCAANA



Dr. Thomas P. Mathew (Ohio), one of the founding members of the Union Christian College Alumni Association of North America (UCCAANA), has taken charge from Dr. Simon Thomas as President of UCCAANA. During his tenure as treasurer, Dr. Mathew was instrumental in instituting the UCCAANA endowment scholarship which now amounts to Rs 20 Lakhs. He also worked with Dr Alfredo Gonzales of Hope College, USA in enhancing the UCC-Hope partnership and faculty exchange programme. We thank Dr. Simon Thomas for his encouragement and assistance and we wish Dr. Mathew in future endeavours.

Laudable Achievements

Ruth Maria Abraham, a student of the Biotech Department was granted a KSCSTE student project titled 'Production of Bioethanol from Myristica Fragrans' during the period 2016-17.

Ashika Raveendran, a II M Sc. Biotech student won the best paper award for her paper titled 'Production of Biodegradable Plastic by Polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB) Accumulating Bacteria Isolated from Municipal Solid Wastes' in the International Conference on Current Trends in Biosciences in August 2017. Mr. Umeshkumar K. U., a II M Sc. Student, received the Young Innovative Researcher Award for his paper titled 'Rhizoremediation of Plastic by Colocasia Esculenta' at the same conference.

Three students of B. Sc. Zoology Bibiya Varghese, Diana Renzil and Paul Thomas bagged the Summer Fellowship awarded by JNCASR, Bangalore.

Sruthy H. R, of III B. Sc. Psychology, was granted the Pratibha Scholarship at the five-day camp conducted by CSIR and IIST.

Open course students of the Department of Physical Education, Nimisha Vincent and Savithiri T. N. won the first prize in an intercollegiate quiz competition organized by St. Paul's College, Kalamassery for Physical Education Open Course students in September 2017.

Anson Thampi, B.Sc. Physics student of 2014-17 Batch, secured 540th rank in IIT JAM 2016 Examination.

Anson G. Thampi and Abhiram Nirmal, B.Sc. Physics students of 2014-17 Batch, were the state toppers in National Graduate Physics Exam 2017.

Nayeem N. E., Riju Roy, George Jose and Don P. Benny of III B. Sc. Physics are awarded SPYTiS fellowship from KSCSTE with Dr Alex Mathew and Dr Reshmi R. as Teacher Supervisors.

Jyothis John, Eega Mariya George, Feba Lal and Sanya P. V. of M. Sc. Physics 2015-'17 batch were awarded student project fellowships with Dr. Reshmi R. and Dr. Rakhy Raphael as Teacher Supervisors.

M.V. Keerthi and Athira Johny of III B.Sc. Mathematics attended the Summer School in Mathematics 'Nurture - 2017' programme organized by National Board of Higher

Mathematics and Thiruvalluvar Govt. Arts and Science College, Tamil Nadu in August 2017.

The team of Anand O. and Vivek S., of II B.Sc. Mathematics participated and won first prize in six intercollegiate quiz competitions held at various colleges in Kerala.

Devi Vandana G., Pooja K. S., Merly Eldhose, and Liteena Varkey of the Department of English bagged the Ever Rolling Trophy in Literary Fest-2016 held at Marian College, Kuttikanam.

Ashna Abi of the Department of English won third prize for Paper Presentation in 'Yuga- 2017' held at Devagiri College, Calicut.

Shivam Tripathi of the Department of Chemistry won the third place in the Intercollegiate Elocution Competition held at Sree Sankara College, Kalady in September 2017.

Sanjay Sunil Kumar and Mr. Shivam Tripathi of the Department of Chemistry secured third place in Product Launch Competition in Intercollegiate Fest Versatalia 2K17 held at Abdulla Memorial College, Kunnukara in January 2017.

Thomas George, Raina Francis and Anju Mohan of the Department of Chemistry were short listed for the DST-Inspire Fellowship in December 2016.

Nayanthara Krishnan, Agnes Divya Jose, Liya Johnson, Nivya Suresh of the Department of Chemistry were selected for the Govt. of Kerala Higher Education Scholarship.

Aswathy S. S. and Nesrin Rasak of the Department of Chemistry were selected for the Central Sector Scholarship.

Sharaisha Fidha of II year M. Sc. Bioinformatics was selected for Summer Research Fellowship Programme sponsored by IASc, INSA and NASJ during April-June 2017 and successfully completed a research project in Bioinformatics.

The students of the Department of Economics, Thasni Navas, Anoop T S and Alfiya P A won the National Eligibility Test (UGC)

UC Ente Snehatheeram' A Walk through College Nostalgia

This year, UC alumni welcomed all the UCians for the grand reunion connecting the 1960-2016 UCians on 7 and 8 July 2017. This grand celebration which is called as 'UC Ente Snehatheeram' was notable with its chief guest Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysosthem Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan, a distinguished alumnus of our college, who is celebrating his centenary. His bosom friend and hostel room mate Mr C S Philip was also honoured in the function. The ex-UCians joined with their families at the UC College campus to walk down the memory lane once again and relived the good old times. Though the alumni

meets happen every year, a grand reunion connecting generations of students happened after 20 years.



Centenary Celebration of Mar Chrysostham Thirumeni



Yet another memorable page was added to the annals of Union Christian College, Aluva when bishop Mar Chrysostham visited the college on the occasion of his centenary year. He chose to spend the day with the staff, alumni and students of his alma mater sharing his joy on the occasion and savouring his bygone days in the college. Thirumeni responded to questions from the audience with characteristic wit and wisdom doused in crackling humour. Thirumeni's anecdotes and stories often left blanks for audience to fill, upon reflection. Thirumeni's willingness to critically examine oneself before others, was a sharp reminder of a quality fast disappearing in a world that is perennially caught in the vicious cycle of blame game.

Celebrating Centenary



Former Senior Superintendent of our college K K Annamma is celebrating her centenary year. The college community remembers her services to the college with gratitude and offers thanks and prayers to the Lord.

ICF Retreat



Inter Church Fellowship conducted a one day retreat on 28 October 2017 with the theme "Called to be Teachers" at Santhigiri Ashram with associate members also actively participating in it. Rev. Fr. Mothy Varkey, Vicar, St. Stephen's Marthoma Church, Vadavathoor led the group to the spiritual rejuvenation and motivated them to realize their true calling.

Thank You.....

Mrs. Shanti Chacko and Mr Graig Weisbart's generous contribution to Dr. KC Chacko Endowment facilitated



the purchase of a Carl Zeiss phase contrast microscope. An epifluorescent attachment was bought with the funds Prof.

Alfredo Gonzales, Hope College, USA had donated as a token of his appreciation to the United Board Service Learning initiatives of Ms. Rima Joseph, Assistant Professor in Zoology and the team of students from Centre for Environmental Studies. The College community

expresses gratitude to Carl Zeiss Germany for donating a CMOs camera and Labmate Asia for accessories, together worth Rs. 2.1 Lakhs.

SPORTS

In the period 2016-17, 42 students represented MG University in the various All India Inter University championship and 14 students represented Kerala state in the various national championships. Students became winners in Hockey women, Hockey Men, Hockey 5'S Men, Runners up in Fencing women, Softball Men and Hockey'5's Women.

Abhijith Gagarin, Ist BSc Computer Science won the title of the fastest swimmer in M.G University Aquatics Championship held at M A College, Kothamangalam from 22-23 September 2017.

Abhijith Gagarin, Roshan.T.S and Jiya Joseph became individual medal winners in MG University Aquatics.

National Championships

Ashik M. Anil, Adish .A. Soman and Abilash Kunjappan represented M G University in the All India Inter University Softball Championship held at U C College from 25 to 31 January 2017 and secured gold medal.

Saranya Sreekala Nair of BSc Psychology represented Kerala State in the Under-23 National Fencing Championship and secured gold in the foil team event and she also secured bronze medal in Epee team event in the All India Inter University Fencing Championship held at Amritsar from 21-24 January 2017.

Sefi George, III BA Economics, represented Kerala State in the 34th Senior National Netball Championship held at Delhi from 31 December -3 January 2017 and won bronze medal.

Tournaments Organized



Union Christian College, Aluva hosted yet another grand sporting activity – the All India Inter University Softball (M/W) Championship from 25-31 January 2017 under the auspices of M. G. University, Kottayam and recognized by the Association of Indian Universities. Total number of teams reported were 48 in women section and 68 in men's section from various universities in India.



Zone Hockey tournament from 15 to 17 February 2017. The winners were:

Men's section: Union Christian College (winners); Physical Education College, Calicut (runner up)

Women section, St. Mary College, Thrissur (winners); Union Christian College (runner up)

The Department of Physical Education organized following sports and Games championship and camps during the year 2016-17;

1. MG University Hockey Men Championship, Hockey5's Men & Women
2. MG University Hockey Men & women camp
3. MGU Netball Men and Women Championship
4. Table Tennis North Zone Men Championship
5. MGU Baseball Men and Women Championship
6. Ernakulam District Netball Championship

Trophies Instituted

Tresiamma Varghese Memorial trophy was instituted by Dr. Muse Mary George for the winning team in the Dr A. K. Baby Memorial South Zone Hockey Tournament in women's section from 2016-17 onwards.

Inspire

Inspire is a special Orientation-Cum-Training Programme aimed at integrating students coming from schools and stepping into the higher education scenario, into the academic culture of college life. The programme avails of free hours arising due to the absence of teachers who are assigned first year hours according to the timetable. The interdisciplinary nature of the programme familiarizes students with the various departments and faculty belonging to other departments.

The basic aims of Inspire include introducing research possibilities in higher education, imparting value education, improving student-teacher relationships, fostering healthy friendships on campus, introducing different departments in the college, identifying and encouraging the creative talents of students etc. This is an academic programme exclusively for first year students, reserved only for the duration of the first semester.



May their souls rest in peace.



Dr. Susan George, former faculty member of the Department of Zoology, left for heavenly abode on 21 January 2017.

Dr. Susan George joined UC College as a lecturer in the Department of Zoology on 24 November 1979 and retired from the Dept of Zoology on 31 May 2005 after 26 years of dedicated service.



Dr. Abraham C. Kulangara (92) passed away in June 2017 in Virginia, USA. He studied at UCC from 1942 - 1944 for his Intermediate. He had instituted fifteen scholarships for graduate and post graduate students at UCC since 2005, and visited UCC

often. He visited UCC in 2012 and added Rs. five lakhs to the Abraham C Kulangara Scholarship, and in 2013 he added Rs. three lakhs. We thank him, and would always keep him in prayers. Our College was represented at his funeral by a UCCAANA Board member.



Smt. P J Sosamma
Former Clerk



Mr. K. O. Idiculla
Former Lab Assistant

NEW APPOINTMENTS - NON TEACHING STAFF



Bino Baby
Office Attendant



Rahul Raj
Office Attendant



Alex M. Kuriakose
Tech. Asst. Computer Science



Shainy T.
Office Attendant



Sangeetha G
Office Attendant



Shibu Philip
Office Attendant



Poul Avarachan
Office Attendant



Jipin K. J.
Office Attendant

FAREWELL Teaching Staff



Ms. Suja K. Sam
Dept. of History



Dr. P. V. Sreenivasan
Dept. of Chemistry

Non Teaching Staff



Mr. K C Paulose
Jr. Supdt.



Mr. P K Rajan
Lab Asst.



Mr. V C Manoharan
Herbarium Keeper



Mr. Baby Thomas
Lab Asst.

NEW APPOINTMENTS - TEACHING STAFF



Dr. Revathy V. S.
Dept. of Zoology



Ms. Neethumol Varghese
Dept. of Chemistry



Dr. Nelson Joseph
Dept. of Chemistry



Dr. Ajalesh B. Nair
Dept. of Chemistry

CLUBS

Nature Club

Nature club organized a two day nature study camp at Kakkadam Poyil from 16 -17 September 2017 and participated in Pokkali paddy harvesting on 18 October 2017. There was also an invited talk by Dr G.D.Martin, Scientist, KUFOS, Kochi on 13 October 2017.



The Perfect Shot- Photography Club

The appeal of images is undeniable and capturing a perfect image is a dream most youngsters cherish. The Photography Club was started in February 2017 under the initiative of Mr Jibin Jose Mathew (Department of E & CM) to enhance skills in photography among the students of the college.



Youth Inspire Club

The Youth Inspire Club and NCC jointly organized a career guidance session in collaboration with the Indian Air Force, Ministry of Defense in November 2016. The college had the privilege of being selected as one of the venues for the IAF exhibition, with Capt. K. S. Narayanan and Mr Jibin Jose Mathew as Nodal Co-ordinators. Students interacted with Air Force personnel, led by Wing Cdr C. B. Varghese, and experienced first hand thrill of flight simulation. They also learnt about the procedures for joining the Air Force to serve the nation as a Gazetted Grade I Defence Officer.



Uni Y Unit

Uni Y Unit of the college conducted a social activity titled HARITHAM-2017, an environmental awareness programme on 12 August 2017. The team cleaned the premises of Aluva Govt. Ayurveda hospital and planted tree saplings.



Uni-Y unit of Union Christian

College and the Department of Psychology initiated an Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign 'Bodhanam-2017' on World Mental Health Day (October 10), by joining hands with Aluva Municipality, YMCA Alangad and Elders



Association of the college. The programme began with a rally flagged off by the Principal, followed by a drug abuse awareness talk by Sri. V. T. Job, Civil Officer, Department of Excise, Aluva.

Entrepreneurship Development Club

Entrepreneurship Development Club sponsored by the Department of Industries, Government of Kerala has started its activities in the college. District Industries Officer inaugurated the activities of the club in the presence of Dr



Thomas Mathew, Principal and Dr Sunil Abraham Thomas, Staff Advisor, EDC club. 55 students registered as active

members. The club in association with the District Industries office organized an Entrepreneurship Development Seminar on 27 February 2017.

Debate Club

Ms Esa Maria Sebastian and Mr Joseph secured third position in Rev.Dr Francis Kanikkal Memorial Debate Competition organised by Vidyanikethan College in December 2016.



Media Club

The activities of the media club this year included the screening of five movies, Children of Heaven, Shok, Vicky,Piper and The Bear Story. Four students- George Jose, Jishnu K.Manoj, Muhammed Fazil and Binjuse T.P, attended the three- day workshop on film making "Thirakkala" held at the School of Letters, MG University from 6-8 January 2017, jointly organized by Bhashaposhini and M G University. George Jose, II BSc. Physics was elected as the Secretary of the club. Dr Alex Mathew continues to serve as the Staff Advisor of the club.



INTERNATIONAL VISITS

Ms. KatarzynaArtemiuk, an intercultural trainer from Poland gave a talk in the Department of Psychology on Terrorism, Ethnic Violence and Integration of Refugees on 3 January 2017. Scientist, Ms. Jenin Ferbinteanu, from State University of New York, Downstate Medical Centre, gave a lecture titled "From Mind to Brain and Back" on experimental studies in the field of cognitive psychology.

Two faculty members from the Fu Jen Catholic University, Dr. Chwo Miao-Ju, Director of Service Learning Center and Dr Dawn visited UCC from 10 - 17 February, 2017 as a part of the Faculty Exchange



Programme. The visit of Dr. M.I Punnoose to the Fu Jen University had opened the opportunity for co-operation between the two institutions. UCC has signed an MOU with Fu Jen University in the Faculty and Student Exchange Programmes.

Prof. Hiroshi Suzuki, Director, Service learning, International Christian University, Japan visited the college and blind school in July 2017.



KID'S DALE

Kid's Dale celebrated its first anniversary on 9 March 2017. Our little ones performed wonderfully well and they were cherished with small gifts. Parents, grandparents and teachers adored them. A sports evening was also conducted during which kids participated in various games. The Kid's Dale staff and parents are deeply appreciated for their dedicated effort in carrying out everything gracefully.



RANK HOLDERS

Three students of Psychology - Nikitha Annie Byju, Christine Mariam Chacko and Shahina H, secured the first three ranks respectively for M Sc Psychology for the MG University examinations. (March 2017)



The Pride of UCC



UCC students put up a good show at the M. G. University Youth Festival, 'Noopura, 2017'.

Malavika Vasudevan of II B. A. Economics bagged the second prize for Mono Act.

An eight member team led by Malavika Vasudevan secured the second prize in the Skit competition.

Sreelakshmi S. and team won the second prize for Oppana.

Sivam Tripadi of I B. Sc. Chemistry won the third prize for Hindi Elocution.

Anandu Suresh of III B A English was awarded the first prize in Short Story Writing.

Dona Achamma Ninan of III B A English represented MG University at the National University Youth Festival and won the second prize for Western Vocal.



Skit competition

Sivam Tripadi

MBA



Dr Padmaja Devi joined as Director of MBA Department on 20 February 2017.

An oath taking function was organised on 23 February 2017 for creating a society free from gender biased atmosphere.

Vidhyarambam

The fifth batch of MBA was started on 28 July 2017. The programme was inaugurated by Rev Thomas John and chief guest Merin Joseph IPS gave the inaugural address.



Student Achievements

Third Semester students Rani Maria Paul, Jithin A, Lakshmi Surendran, Anju A won first prize in the Finance game contest held at Holy grace Institute of Management Studies, Mala.

Nithin Paul, Sherin Anna Thomas, Gopikrishnan of First Semester bagged First Prize in the Treasure Hunt event in the management fest organized by Vidyabharathi Institute, Kalamassery

Faculty Achievements

Mr Suraj E S received best paper award in the International RDA Conference, Goa. Ms. Sneha Rose George & Mr Rahul Lexman attended a one week FDP programme (Research Methodology) at IIT Madras. One book was published with ISBN - "Business Ethics and Corporate Governance" by Suraj ES, Rahul Lexman and Premuja M.

Workshop organised by the Department

Aswathy Ashokan & Ashwin Balinga from IIT Madras conducted a two day workshop on "Project training & tools through SPSS"

MCA

Training & Placement Cell of the Department of MCA conducted a workshop on Cloud Computing for MCA students on 5 November, 2016. Prof. Dr Mendus Jacob, CEO, IPSR Solutions Ltd, handled a session on "New & Emerging Careers in IT". The afternoon session was a hands-on experience with Cloud Computing handled by Mr Szen John Providence, Corporate Trainer from IPSR Solutions Ltd.



The Department of MCA organized a workshop for the BSc Physics (final year) students on "C++ Programming- Application in Physics" aimed at writing C++ programs. A total of 39 students attended the training program.

Training & Placement Cell of the Department arranged a one week C-DAC certified course on "Asynchronous Web Technology using Node JS" for MCA students from 9-13 January, 2017 at the MCA lab. The class was handled by Mr Rishi Anandan, Senior Engineer (CDAC, TVM).

Training & Placement Cell of the Department arranged a two week certified programme "Training Programme on Android" (2016 admission lateral students) from 9-13 January, 2017 at the MCA lab. The classes were handled by group experts from IPSR Ltd, Kottayam.

The Outreach & Women Empowerment Cell conducted a self defence training programme for girl students of MCA from February 27 2017 onwards. The objective of the programme was to enable them to defend any type of physical assault. The training programme was handled by Renshi Nazir, Karate Master.

The Outreach & Women Empowerment Cell of the Department conducted a "Computer Awareness & Digital Payment" class for Kudumbasree members on 31 May - 1 June, 2017 at the MCA Lab. A total of 13 women attended the classes.



Hearty Congrats..



Dr. P. Thomas Mathew, Principal, U. C. College has been nominated to the Syndicate of M G University as Principal Nominee. The College community heartily congratulate and wish him all the best on his new achievement.

Kudos to Faculty...

The following teachers have been nominated as the members of various faculties of M. G. University



Dr. E. S. Jeevanand
Faculty of Science



Dr. Shirley Thomas
Faculty of Science



Dr. V. P. Markose
Faculty of Language
and Literature



Dr. Sebastian Joseph
Faculty of
Social Sciences



Dr. Neelima Ranjith
Faculty of
Behavioural Sciences

UCC secures Five Stars

U C College (*Departments of English and Computer Science) was awarded Five Stars (the highest grade) by the Higher Education of Kerala in 2016 for its performance in the conduct of ASAP. The criteria for selection included quality of instruction, professional excellence in material production and infrastructure; and impressive performance of the participant group. UCC had won the same distinction in 2015 also. Dr Jacob George, Mr Cijin Paul, Mr Alwin Alexander, Ms Deepa Jose and Ms Akhila Narayanan, were the members of the award winning faculty group.



NAAC PEER TEAM VISIT



NAAC Peer Team visited the college as part of the 4th cycle of assessment for the accreditation from 22-23 September, 2017. The team members comprised Prof. B A Prajapathi (Chairperson), Vice-Chancellor, Hemchandracharya, North Gujarat University, Gujarat, India; Dr K. N. Guruprasad (Member Co-ordinator), Professor of Life Science at DAVV and Director, Institute of Science at Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore; and Smt. Pushpa Kuttanna (Member), Former Principal, Field Marshal K M Cariyappa College, Cauvery Campus, Madikere, Kodagu District



STUDENTS EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Four students from the International Christian University (ICU), Tokyo visited U C Campus during July-August 2017 as part of service learning programme. Ms Soorya. T. Joy, a student of B.Sc. Physics is currently on a student exchange at ICU.

Sefi George attended the Youth Exchange Program of NCC held in Colombo, Srilanka in 2016. Atul Sanil Joseph spent a semester at International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan in 2016 and Gayathri R. participated in Scranton Scholars Leadership Program in South Korea in July 2017. All of them are students of the Department of Economics.

College Choir

CSRS in association with the College Choir organized a memorial song service in June 2016 to commemorate the contributions of the German missionary Volbrecht Nagel in bringing the Gospel to Kerala. During the service his songs were sung by Cochin Chorale, U.C. College Choir and Aluva Blind School Choir.