**WALK WITH A SCHOLAR (WWS) 2014 – 2015,**

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, EDATHUA.**

**FIRST YEAR STATUS REPORT**

Walk With a Scholar (WWS) is a new initiative of the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala with an aim to support a student in his/her developmental aspects such as cognitive, mental, emotional, behavioral, and social for bringing out a best citizen. The concept of ‘mentoring’ is the key idea behind the WWS.

Mentoring is a cosmopolitan concept for helping an individual for achieving his maximum potential. In mentoring, the person who is helping another person is called as the mentor and the person who is being helped as the mentee. Mentor is a friend, guide and philosopher to the mentee. The various life experience and academic knowledge of the mentor enables him to transform an average person to the best. In educational system, mentoring helps a student to develop various life skills and also for identify his/her future career.

This year onwards (2014-2015), our College is organizing WWS with the above mentioned objectives.

Any 1st year undergraduate student having at least 60% mark in the qualifying examination is eligible for applying the programme. Maximum of 30 students can be selected. In this programme, five internal mentors (efficient teachers from the parent institution and one external mentor (competent person outside from parent institution are selected under the leadership of Programme Coordinator and College Council. To each mentor, six mentees were allotted and each mentor is given with free will for supporting his/her mentee. Both the internal and external mentors should be interacted with their mentees for at least 15 hours an year.

**Faculty in Charge of WWS (for the year 2014-2015)**

1. **Dr. Shibu George** (Co-ordinator)

**Internal Mentors** (from the College)

1. **Dr. N Suja ,**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology

1. **Prof. Gem Cherian**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of English

1. **Prof. Jijo Joy**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics

1. **Prof. Stefy K Jose**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce

1. **Dr. Vinu T Vadakel**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics

**External Mentors** (identified by the College Council)

1. **Sri. Binu Kannanthanam**, HRD & Police Trainer.
2. **Dr. Nisha R.S., Additional Professor in Community Medicine, Govt. Medical College, Alappuzha.**
3. **Dr. Varghese Mathew, Senior Visiting Faculty, Department of Physics, Cochin University College of Engineering Kuttanad, Pulinkunnu, Alappuzha.**

**ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AS A PART OF WWS PROGRAMME IN THE YEAR 2014-2015.**

1. **Orientation Class on WWS for selecting 30 students**:- 60 top students (based on HSS mark) of the College was selected and an orientation session was given to them on WWS programme on 21-10-2014. Principal, **Dr. P.C. Aniyankunju** was the chief motivator. **Dr. Shibu Gorge**, Coordinator gave a briefing on WWS.
2. **Screening of students by the selection committee**: An interview was conducted for selecting 30 eligible students from the 60 on 06-11-2014. Selection committee was constituted by all the 5 internal mentors and Coordinator.
3. **Christmas Gathering**: A Christmas get-together was arranged for the mentees and mentors on 19-12-2014. **Dr. P.C. Aniyankunju**, Principal gave the X’mas message and cut the cake. **Dr. Shibu George**, coordinator welcomed the audience and **Prof.Stefy K Jose** extended X’mas message. Mr. Mathew Abraham (mentee) extended vote of thanks.
4. **Hand book on mentoring**: WWS team of the college has published a book titled ‘**For the higher prospects**’. The book covers 10 chapter on education and its aims, life skills, life style, personality development, computer literacy, fundamentals of physics, mathematics, life science, commerce etc. The first copy of the book was released by **Dr. P.C. Aniyankunju** (Principal) by hand overing it to **Sri. Binu Kannanthanam**, Police Officer Trainer on 15-01-2015. The book is given to students and mentors of WWS with free of cost.
5. **Inauguration of WWS activities & External Mentoring: Sri. Binu Kannanthanam,** Police Trainer, inaugurated the official activities of the WWS for the year 2014-2015 on 22-01-2015, at 10 am. In the inaugural ceremony, **Dr. Shibu George**, Coordinator proposed welcome to the delegates and **Dr. P.C. Aniyankunju**, Principal extended the presidential address. Sri. **Binu Kannanthanam**, inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. Dr. N. Suja, representative of external mentor proposed felicitation and Mathew Abraham Varghese, student representative proposed vote of thanks. After the tea break, **Sri Binu Kannanthanam** served as the external mentor (FOR 5 HOURS, from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm) on the topic “how to succeed in the life?” All the 30 students and 5 internal mentors were attended the session.
6. **External Mentoring: Session 2 by Dr. Nisha R.S., Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, T. D. Govt. Medical College, Alappuzha.**

Dr. Nisha R.S. was served as the second external mentor on 19-02-2015; 10.am to 4.00 pm (for 5 hours). She presented a talk on the topic **‘Health and Life Style Diseases**’. All the 30 students and 5 internal mentors attended the session.

1. **External Mentoring: Session 3 by Dr. Varghese Mathew, Senior Visiting Faculty, Department of Physics, Cochin University College of Engineering Kuttanad, Pulinkunnu, Alappuzha.**

Dr. Varghese Mathew was the resource person for the 3rd external mentoring session. He gave an orientation to students on the topic **‘Family Values’** on 10-03-2015, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (for 5 hours). All the 30 students and 5 internal mentors attended the session.

1. **Internal Mentoring:**  All the 5 internal mentors took 15 hours of mentoring sessions to their mentees on their convenient time. Attendance of the students were recorded. All the mentors tried their level best for motivating the students. After the completion of their internal mentoring, a report on their activities was submitted to the coordinator.

Therefore, through the 15 hours of external and 15 hours of internal mentoring, the activities of the WWS Programme during the academic year 2014-15 has come to an end.

I take this opportunity to thank the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala for providing financial support for organizing the programme. I am also acknowledging the co operations and support given by the Principal, External and Internal mentors, for the smooth functioning of the WWS programme.

**Dr. Shibu George**

Coordinator, WWS