



### Aloysian Exemplar

The department takes pride in the achievement of Ms. Devika V. of III BA English who won the 'Aloysian Exemplar' 2019 contest, a title considered the most prestigious for the outgoing students in the college. She was selected, along with four other outgoing students, on the basis of successful performances in various rounds as the preliminary, group discussion and stage performance-cum-interaction with the jury.

### Inter collegiate competitions

In loving memory of the late professors of the department of English Prof. Oommen Mathew and Prof. Sebastian Joseph, the department conducts inter-collegiate recitation and debate competitions annually. This academic year, they were conducted on 16 January 2019. For the Prof. Oommen Mathew memorial recitation competition, the first prize and ever rolling trophy was secured by Ms. Lekshmi Abhirami. P. Iyer of St. Joseph's college for Women, Alappuzha. Ms. Kiran Theresa Mathew of St. Aloysius College, Edathua secured second place. Ms. Farsana. U. of St. Joseph's college for Women, Alappuzha secured the third prize.



Prof. Sebastian Joseph memorial debate competition was also conducted on the same day. The first prize and trophy of the competition was secured by Anu Augustine and Alka Maria Simon of Alphonsa College, Pala. Jacqueline Johnson and Annette Theresa Benny of Assumption College, Changanacherry secured the second prize while the third place was given to Akhila Nath T.R and Athulya Rajesh of D.B. Pampa College, Parumala.

### Valedictory function of the English Association

On 26th February 2019 the valedictory function of the Literary Association of the department of English was conducted, with the then principal Dr. Saban K.V as the chief guest. He also delivered the valedictory message. As the Principal was retiring the department used this occasion to bid a warm farewell to him. On the same day the manuscript magazine RHYTHMS was released by the principal Dr. Saban K.V. He expressed his admiration and congratulations on completing the hand written magazine. The principal also took the time to read the magazine and recite from it some poems and articles written by the students.

### FAREWELL



The final year students of 2016-2019 batch were given a loving and memorable farewell on 26th February 2019 at Fr. Punnappadom hall. The junior students and senior students along with the teachers shared their memories. The outgoing students were given love, affection and blessings from every person in the department as they said good bye to the college.



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### Principal's Message

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."  
-Mother Teresa



It gives me great pleasure on the release of the newsletter of the Department of English for the academic year 2018-19. The department has worked tirelessly, since its inception, in the coordination of activities for the overall development of its pupils. The trajectory of its growth has undoubtedly been soaring heights and this has played its role in imparting exposure and excellence for its students, whether it be through drama club or literary club or any other programmes overseen by the department. The newsletter released every year, which is a report of the activities done on the academic year, is evident enough for this innumerable number of undertakings.

The department has been instrumental in pruning a generation of students who occupy themselves in positions of eminence and repute. It is extremely motivating to realise that it has played its stage well in cementing the vision of our college: "the formation of global citizens with academic excellence and integrity of character who can champion the cause of a Just Society." The stellar efforts of the department in taking forward this aspiration continues. I congratulate the department in your endeavour to publishing the newsletter. I wish you all the blessings of the Almighty and let the divine light always guide you.

Dr. Jochan Joseph



### Message from the Head of the Department

Yet another year, another bunch of memories that are string of pearls to the legacy of our department. It gives me great pleasure, despite the busy schedule of the academic calendar, that our department has taken the effort to publish the newsletter. It aims to ensure that we archive the creative involvement of our students and faculty in the various literary activities of the academic year.



We have conducted various programmes including literary discussions, an intercollegiate debate competition, and a Shakespearean drama performance among others. A student support programme was organised as part of flood relief by doling out text books for the needy and deserving. This magnanimous gesture continues in other realms of activities as well. This would not have been possible without the strong bond of fellowship among the faculty and the support of the management. God has abundantly blessed us in all our undertakings, for which I feel most humble. Innovative events are to be organised for the new academic year including English literary club activities, creative corner, drama performances and the list continues. It gives me great pleasure to watch the students take part in every programme enthusiastically.

I am much reminded of Shakespeare in his saying "Things won are done; joy's soul lies in the doing." We have done tasks after tasks meticulously, with lots of dedication and persistence and it is inspiring to do more with the same unity that led us so far. It is, I feel, this harmony which is the hallmark to all our enterprises that leads us forward.

Prof. Varghese P.J

### From the Editor's Desk

Salman Rushdie wrote: "Memory's truth, because memory has its own special kind. It selects, eliminates, alters, exaggerates, minimizes, glorifies and vilifies also, but in the end it creates its own reality". This newsletter attempts to serve the greater truth, by creating our own montage of events that have painted the walls of our department in vivid hues this academic year. A word of heartfelt thanks to the college management, Principal, Head of the department Prof. Varghese P. J., teachers and the vibrant student enthusiasts of our college for the support lent to all the activities of our department.



Mrs. Gem Cherian

### English Association Inauguration



The inauguration of the activities of the English Association was conducted on 11th October 2018 at Fr. Punnappadom Hall in the presence of all the students and teachers with the blessings of the then principal Dr. Saban K.V. The ceremony was inaugurated by Dr. Gigy Joseph, the eminent academician and former faculty member of S.B. College, Changanacherry. Dr. Gigy Joseph talked about film studies which caught the interest of students and teachers alike. His talk on spatial analysis and concepts of point of view were well appreciated by the students.

### FRESHERS DAY

The batch of 2018-2021 was given a very warm welcome on 11th October 2018 at Fr. Punnappadom Hall. Shedding off fears and anxiety, the fresh men quickly bonded with the staff and students. Inspired by their seniors and teachers, they easily became part of the English family.

### R.E.L.P (Rural English Literacy Programme)

Aimed at promoting English literacy in the rural neighborhood of St. Aloysius College, Edathua, R.E.L.P is the mouth piece of the extension activities of dept of English. The department commits itself to the social duty of extending English language education to the people of the locality of Kuttanad. The department conducts a certificate course namely 'Open School for Better English' for the first year students on basic grammar and communication skills. This year, the course was officially inaugurated by the Head of the Department Prof. Varghese P.J. on 30th January 2019. 27 students registered for the course and successfully completed the same. The programme helped the participant students to gain proficiency in English and be more confident of their language. Mrs. Gem Cherian serves as the co-ordinator of RELP



### The department stages Hamlet on World Theatre Day



As part of World Theatre Day celebrations, the department of English staged William Shakespeare's Hamlet, on 27th March 2019 at Mar Kavukattu Hall. With only weeks to adapt the script and rehearsals, it was monumental when the students who had very less or no previous experience in theater gave an awe inspiring performance in the college campus, giving glory to the department. Winning the hearts of the audience from in and out of the campus, the department and crew consisting of over 20 amateur artists secured praise and appreciation. This humble effort from the department also inspired more students from various departments to the world of literature and theatre. Also, we happily remember the endless support extended to us from the then Principal Dr. Saban K. V. Ms. Gem Cherian (Asst Professor, Department of English) and Mr. Rahul Raj (2nd B.A. English) were the directors. S. Lt. Paul Jacob served as the co-ordinator of the event.



### Study tour of 2016-2019 batch

### Vegetable Garden

Being literature students and teachers no one in the department can keep away from an opportunity to bond with nature as it provides much needed relaxation and a boost in creativity. So when the Bhoomitrasena Club announced an inter-departmental bio farming competition, all hands were on deck from day one, and it paid off when the department of English was awarded second place in the competition. Since day one, teachers along with students rolled up their sleeves and worked side by side. The collective efforts of the department were fruitful in many ways, as it helped the students and teachers to bond, and to understand the value of manual labor as well. The fresh vegetables, cultivated without any chemical aid, were sold to the community. The endeavor was more than a success; it was a matter of joy and pride to the students and teachers.



### Achievements

The department of English has no shortage of talent and this is evident in the excellent performance of our students in the various competitions held by the Arts Club and Debating Club during the college youth festival.

1. Ms. Pooja Subhash of II BA English secured second prize for English essay writing competition
2. Mr. Alan Kuriakose Thomas of II BA English secured third prize for English essay writing competition
3. Mr. Alan Kuriakose Thomas of I BA English also secured the second place for Hindi essay writing competition
4. Mr. Alan Kuriakose Thomas of I BA English secured first prize for both Hindi and English short story writing
5. Jopy George Sunny of I BA English secured first prize in English elocution competition
6. Ashlin Joison of I BA English secured third place in elocution competition
7. Jopy George Sunny of I BA English also secured first prize in Malayalam elocution competition

### Other achievements:

- ▶ Alan Kuriakose Thomas of I BA English secured the first prize in the A.D. Sherroff Memorial English Elocution competition
- ▶ Devika. V of III BA English won the second prize in the event Soliloquy as part of the All Kerala inter-collegiate fest held at Assumption College Autonomous, Changanacherry held on 10th August 2018
- ▶ Ribin Varghese of II BA English won the best camper award for his exceptional dedication and performance in the National Service Scheme (NSS) camp conducted through 21 to 27 of December 2018.
- ▶ Anantha Kumar. A of II BA English won third place in MG University Taekwondo Championship 2018-19 spreading the name of the department and the college across the university.