



Annual Report: College Day, March 7, 2020

Good evening. I'm delighted to welcome you all to the 73rd College Day celebrations. On this auspicious occasion, I am honoured and privileged to welcome Professor Gerald Pillay, Vice-Chancellor and Rector of Liverpool Hope University, UK, to Stella Maris.

Professor Pillay is no stranger to us. His association with Stella Maris goes back two decades, and our institutions have had many academic and cultural exchanges over the years. We are honoured to have you grace this occasion Professor Pillay. Thank you for taking time off to make this visit and preside over our annual College Day function. Let us welcome Professor Pillay with a round of applause.

I extend a warm welcome to Dr. Sr. Francisco Nirmala, Provincial, Chennai Province, Sr. Fatima Furtado, Superior, Stella Maris Convent, Sr. Susan, Secretary

of the College, Vice- Principals, Deans, faculty, members of the Governing Body, the Academic Council, administrative and support staff, retired faculty, parents, alumnae, benefactors, friends, FMM Sisters, Rev. Fathers, and you, my dear students.

On this occasion, I greet very specially the faculty members, administrative and support staff who will be retiring after several decades of dedicated service: Dr. Geradette Davey, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Botany, who retires after 31 years of service in the institution, Ms. S. Nalini, Assistant Professor and Dean of Student Affairs who retires after 28 years of service, Dr. Grace Paul, Associate Professor and former Head, Department of Commerce, Shift II, who retires after 27 years of service and Dr. Crystal David John, faculty and former Head, Department of Economics, who retires after 20 years of service in Stella Maris.

Mr. J. Bellarmin, Superintendent of the College Office retired after 33 years of service in February. Ms. Mary Clara Rani, Library Assistant retired in June 2019 after 32 years of service and Ms. Philomena, Laboratory Assistant, Department of Zoology, retires after 29 years of service to the institution.

On behalf of the College community, I thank you for your invaluable services to Stella Maris. You have been a vital part of our community, and have contributed in many ways to its growth. We pray that you may be blessed with happy and peaceful years in retirement.

Before I continue, I would like to place on record the sadness and grief of the College community at the passing away of members of the Stella Maris

Community. We mourn the demise of Ms. Rajalakshmi, former Head, Department of Botany, Dr. Mary John, former Head, Department of Social Work, Ms. Thara Mohan Rao, one of the oldest members of the AASMC and its first General Secretary, Sr. Kamala Philomena, former Hostel Warden, and Sr. Rosamma of the Stella Maris Convent who passed away at the age of 95. Sister was a gentle soul, prayerful, always cheerful and happy.

.Let us pause for a minute in silence and pray for the repose of their souls. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The academic year 2019-20 has been memorable and fulfilling. In seeking to offer whole person education through our curriculum, and extra-curricular activities and events, we have endeavoured to encompass the depth and range of Pope Francis's vision of education in today's world. Addressing the participants of the Plenary Congregation for Catholic Education, last month, he said, and I quote: "The aim [is] to revive the commitment for and with the younger generations, renewing the passion for a more open and inclusive education, capable of patient listening, constructive dialogue and mutual understanding." The educational pact, he underlined, needed to be "revolutionary". This view of inclusivity and a "fraternal humanity" is at the core of our mission objectives. In all that we do, we strive to build bonds, establish relationships, and create new avenues for interaction with communities.

It is now time for me to present a few highlights of our activities of this academic year.

Graduation Day which was held on February 11 this year, saw a record one thousand five-hundred and ninety-three graduands receive their diplomas in the presence of their parents and relatives and the College community.

Two awards in recognition of our services as an educational institution of repute were conferred on us this year. In July 2019, we received the Higher Education Excellence Award—2019 Arts and Science Colleges, Chennai, by Staffordshire University, UK, and Education Matters, and in September, the Sr. Hedwige Award for the Best College 2018-19 by the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Bangalore.

A policy decision has been taken with regard to providing seed money for research. Faculty received a total of Rs. 8, 12, 500/ in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Through improving the infrastructure to meet the growing demands of ever increasing cohorts of students, we were successful in setting up a new academic block, Sancta Sofia. The block houses classrooms, auditoriums, a lecture hall, a library, a faculty conference room, computer labs, AV rooms with recording and other state-of-the-art equipment.

The Facilitated Academic Resource and Research Centre (FARR) was instituted in September with the support of the Trinity Western University, Canada.

Under the DST-FIST programme, an e-learning recording room has been set up.

Two new laboratories have been set up for the B. Voc. Programmes in Sustainable Energy Management and Food Processing and Quality Control.

Since acquiring the status of Research Department last year, the Department of Biotechnology has set up a new state-of-the-art laboratory.

The SMC Fitness Centre, with high-end equipment has moved to its new, airy premises in the SS Block.

A student initiative, The Gender Centre, has been set up by the Department of Sociology under the guidance of Dr. Sasita, Head of Department. Three workshops and an intercollegiate panel discussion have been conducted this semester.

Stella Maris College has been recognised as a Tamil Nadu Open University Learner Support Centre. Nine departments of the College will offer assistance as academic counselors.

The Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development (SCEED) has been instituted this academic year with the objective of enhancing innovative and collaborative high quality education and institutional development. The Centre has taken up the UGC sponsored *Paramarsh* Scheme, for which Stella Maris has been selected as a mentor institution to advise institutions on achieving quality education standards as decided by NAAC. Six mentee institutions have signed MoUs with the College.

An Administrative Audit was conducted in the institution as a part of quality enhancement and sustenance measures. The specific objectives of the audit were to evaluate the adequacy of the management control framework as well as the degree to which the departments were in compliance with the applicable regulations, policies and standards, and to recommend some best practices. An Energy Audit was conducted by NIN Energy India Pvt. Limited. .

New programmes and courses are designed periodically to keep up-to-date with evolving trends and emergent fields. Two undergraduate Bachelor of Vocation programmes in Tourism and Hospitality, and Banking, Financial Services and Insurance, and a postgraduate programme in Physics have been introduced into the mainstream curriculum this year.

Outstanding services towards the cause of higher education by the Principal and faculty of the College have been recognised by various institutions. Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph fmm, Principal, has been recognised as one of the top twenty influential women educators in Tamil Nadu for the year 2019 by the Academic Council of uLektz.

Ten faculty members received their doctoral degrees recently: Ms. K. C. Sharmili, and Ms. I. Diana Judith of the Department of Computer Science, Ms. Nazneen Marshall of the Department of English, Ms. Mahalakshmi Murali, Librarian, Ms. Rebecca Abraham of the Department of Economics, Ms. Shanthi Ranjit and Ms. S. Deepa of the Department of Commerce Shift II, Ms. Annie Vinosha of the Department of Physics, Ms. Antony Rose Immaculate of the Department of Botany, and Ms. Divya Dovina of the Department of Psychology.

Dr. Aruna Sharmili, of the Department of Biotechnology has been selected as a doctoral supervisor by the University of Madras.

Several faculty have received awards for their scholarship and contribution to education. Dr. Srabani Bhattacharyya, faculty, Department of Hindi received the *Geetadevi Kishore Kabra Naari-Shakti* Award for her contribution towards

original writing in Hindi, the Sahitayakar Purna Samman 2019 Award of Excellence in the field of creative writing, the Shri Ranchorlal Thakkar Smriti *Samman* 2020, in January 2020 for meritorious service towards the cause of Hindi in a non-Hindi speaking Area.

Dr. Nirmala Alex, faculty, Department of Social Work and NSS Coordinator received the Teacher for Peace Award for promoting peace conferred by the Gandhi Peace Foundation in October 2019 and the *Narsamuga Semmal* Award at the twenty-third annual celebration of the Tamil Literature Council, Chennai in April 2019.

Dr. Crystal David John, faculty, Department of Economics received the Best Teacher Award 2019-20 from Lions Club International, Chennai, in September 2019 and the “ uLecktz Wall of Fame – Most promising Educators in Higher Education across India in December 2019.

Dr. A. Fathima, faculty, Department of Hindi was awarded the Sri Laxmi Devi Thakar Smiriti Samman 2020 for her work towards Hindi in a non-Hindi speaking Area.

Ms. I. Lakshmi, faculty, Department of Computer Science won the Best Researcher Award, Best Women Faculty Award and Award of Excellence in Research from the DK International Research Foundation June 2019.

Dr. Cinthia Jude, faculty, Department of History, was awarded the Dr. Radhakrishnan Best Teacher Award, by Uyir Thalir Research Foundation and Kamalayam Trust in October 2019.

Ms. K. Vijayalakshmi, faculty, Undergraduate Department of Social Work, was selected by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia to participate in the Annual Peace Building Training Workshop at Mindanao Peace Institute, Philippines, in May 2019.

Dr. Belina Xavier, Head, Department of Physics has been appointed as an external examiner for B.Ed. (Hons) at Mauritius Institute of Education, Mauritius.

Dr. Agnes Rozario, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce Shift I was elected to represent Stella Maris College at the Academic Council, University of Madras.

Dr. Rita Jayaraj, Head, Department of Zoology published her Ph. D. thesis in book format titled *Lesser known Embiids*.

Following the International Conference on Environmental Crime by the Department of Sociology, Dr. Sasitha was invited to contribute to the forthcoming Springer's book titled, *Crime Prevention and Justice in 2030 UN and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Essays in Honour of the United Nations*. As one of the contributors to the book, she has been invited to the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Kyoto, Japan, 20-27 April 2020.

The Joint Secretary of the AASMC Shivani Arora released her book *Where Kindness Spoke* which chronicles the work of the hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Dr Kiran Bedi in January.

A number of workshops, seminars, conferences, guest lectures, endowment lectures, scholar-in-residence programmes and interactive sessions with eminent

scholars and academicians were organised by departments for the benefit of both faculty and students in discipline specific areas and skills development.

International conferences by the SMICMR: The Fourth International Conference on Connecting Globally: Emerging Strategies in Glo/Cal Leadership (jointly hosted by Trinity Western University, Canada, and Stella Maris College in September 2019, the IQAC: International Conference—Shaping Women Leaders in collaboration (with the University of Melbourne, Research Centre, and Centre for Women’s Studies), the Department of Social Work: The Environment and Sustainable Futures, (in collaboration with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, University of Louisville, University of Alabama), Computer Science,: International Conference on Advancements in Computing Technologies), Chemistry: Recent Advances in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (in collaboration with IIT Madras), Sociology: Social Change and the Family: A Sociological Perspective on Family and Mate Selection in Contemporary India, Commerce Shift I: The Future of Work—Interrelated Dynamics of Work, Workforce and Workplace (in collaboration with RR Donnelley and Miles Education) Psychology: Seventh International and Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Indian Society of Victimology (in collaboration with the University of Madras), were held this academic year.

The Department of Fine Arts organised two international workshops in collaboration with the Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, USA, in June and July 2019. Workshops on Art Therapy and Process Painting were conducted by Dr. Jayashree George. Prof. Laura Strand served as resource person for a workshop on Textile Design. The U.S. Consulate General, Chennai, facilitated a workshop titled Making Abstractions about Place by Prof. Benjamin Moore,

Head, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, Luther College, Iowa, U.S.A.,
on 8 August 2019.

An International Workshop on Data Analytics and Matlab (IWDAM 2019) was
organised by the Department of Mathematics on 06 September 2020.

The Department of Public Relations organised a two-day International Scholar-
in-Residence Programme in September. Fulbright Scholar Dr. Sheila L. Tefft,
Professor of Journalism, Emory University, Atlanta, addressed the students and
faculty on Public Interest Communication.

The first batch of the Bachelor of Vocation of the Sustainable Energy and Food
Processing and Quality Control programmes, have graduated this year with
certification from the National Skills Development Corporation. The Department
works closely with industry for hands-on training and laboratory sessions. MoUs
have been signed with several new industries to promote internship and job
opportunities as well. The first batch of graduates of the Department of
Psychology passed out this year.

The Department of Commerce has initiated a CMA—Certified Management
Accountant professional certification programme in collaboration with Miles
Education Pvt. Ltd. —Learning Centre for US CMA, for students who wish to
pursue a global career in Management Accounting.

A number of training programmes have been organised for faculty and staff of the
College by the IQAC. Conferences and workshops have been conducted on a
regular basis on different areas of educational management and administration.

Administrative and support staff have received training on life skills and behavioral skills.

The many international collaborations established through MoUs have opened up opportunities for exchange programmes for both students and faculty. Following the success of workshops for students on leadership over the past few years, a two-year Masters in Leadership was inaugurated as the first joint academic programme between Stella Maris and Trinity Western University, Canada. The three-month course has been completed and the students will integrate into the postgraduate programme in Canada. The programme offers internship opportunities with stipends and work permits on completion of the programme. This is the second international programme offered by the College after the Postgraduate Certificate in International Business which leads to an International Masters in Business Administration from Liverpool Hope University, UK. An MoU has been signed with LHU and GITAA, an IIT incubation cell to introduce an M.Sc. degree in Data Science.

Faculty members have participated in various capacities at institutions abroad. Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy, Vice-Principal, and faculty, Department of Mathematics, was invited to Liverpool Hope University for their 175th Graduation Day ceremony held on 16 August 2019.

Dr. Sr. Lourthu Mary, Head, postgraduate Department of Social Work, was invited to present a paper at an international conference titled “Social Glocalisation” at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences, Cologne, Germany.

Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel, IQAC Coordinator and faculty, Department of Fine Arts, attended a Leadership Seminar at Singapore Management University as part of the UB Fellows Programme.

Students have been participants in academic and cultural exchange programmes at different universities across the globe. Evangeline Grace of second B.Com participated in the Student Christian Movement International cultural exchange programme in Germany, in June 2019 as a representative from Tamil Nadu.

Thirty-two students, accompanied by Dr. Nazneen Marshall and Ms. Ishleen Ahuja, faculty, Department of English travelled to Le Tourneau University, USA, for an academic visit in April 2019. The faculty conducted a workshop on Indian Picture books for the students of TWU.

Nine students of Stella Maris, accompanied by Dr. Millie Nihila, Head, Department of Economics, attended the Study Abroad Programme on “Student Leadership and Entrepreneurship” conducted by the Binary University, Malaysia, in June 2019.

Twenty-three students led by Dr. Dolly Thomas, Head, Department of History attended the Summer Study Programme on Leadership at Trinity Western University, Canada in June 2019.

Other achievers are:

Ms. Varshini of third B.A Economics who Represented India in the Youth Exchange programme in Bangladesh.

Ms. Vaishnavi V. of third year Economics who is the winner of the Young Tax Professional of the Year—India Finals Ernest and Young.

Ms. Mithrutha S. A. of the Department of Computer Science has been selected for the Global Entrepreneurship Programme in Mansoura, Egypt.

Ms. Delphina of the Department of Social Work received a scholarship for a research study on Domestic workers from PRIA, New Delhi.

Ms. Sowminy of third year Mathematics Shift II, cleared an NPTEL certificate course on Discrete Mathematics with an Elite Performance and won the Silver Medal.

BVA students Ms. Mrudula Maria Isaac, Ms. Sarrah Mustafa, Ms. Lipi Wadhawan, and Ms. Russati Murali interned for Gallery Veda at the India Art Fair 2020 held at New Delhi from 28 January to 3 February.

Ms. Ananya Chinni Krishnan of second M.Sc. Bioinformatics has been selected for the MS Programme in Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics at Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Buffalo. She also received an offer to pursue MS at the University of Leicester.

S. Balagowri, 3rd year BSW student received “You are a Gem” Award from United Way for her voluntary service.

Third year BSW students Ms. Raghavi, Ms. Balagowri, Ms. Tryphena Persis and Ms. Zerlin Cindrella were awarded “ Best Student Leadership Programme Mentor Award” by the Indian Development Foundation.

Ms. Keran C.E. of the MSW has received a scholarship from KatHo University, Germany.

Ms. Lavanya, Ms. Antonia and Ms. Darshini of the postgraduate Department of Chemistry interned at the College of Science and Engineering Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan last summer.

Ms. Dharshini Raghavan, third B. Sc. Chemistry, was selected for the National Initiative on Undergraduate Science (NIUS) programme in Chemistry at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education. Ms. Aksa Joseph of third BSc Chemistry

and Ms. Christa Treasa Thomas of second B. Sc. Chemistry have received the INSPIRE Scholarships of Rs. 60,000 per annum each for Higher Education.

Ms. Mariyam Fathima J., Ms. Reshma Bhandari, Ms. Pavithra S., Ms. Vinitha R. of M. Sc. Biotechnology received the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology Project under the Students Project Scheme.

In the ACCA Examinations held this academic year, Shivani M. of third B. Com. Shift II obtained the First Rank in India and the World Rank Eighth in Financial Management and the First Rank in India and World Rank Fourth in Advanced Financial Management. Bhavana Sridhar of third B. Com. Shift II is the first student to have become an ACCA Affiliate as a student by clearing all 13 papers offered at Stella Maris College in December 2019. Ms. Nimeshika Venkatesan, Ph.D. scholar, Department of English, won the DORA PLUS 2.0 Long Term Mobility Fellowship awarded by the Erasmus Foundation.

Forty students of the Department of English cleared the UGC-NET exams this year with seven of them being awarded the JRF.

Ms Mekha Maria Mathew and Ms. A. Ahalya of the Department of Chemistry and Ms. Ankita Antony of the Department of Commerce Shift II cleared their NET examinations this year.

Two interns from Canada and the US integrated into the academic and campus life at Stella Maris doing their University practicum and have now received their credits at their universities based on their learning experience at Stella Maris.

Professor Brenda Lee Sasaki, faculty from the Trinity Western University, in residence on campus from September to December, facilitated a faculty training programme on women's leadership.

KRIYA 2020, a national-level student seminar entirely conceptualised, organised and executed by the postgraduate students of the Department of International Studies was held in January on the theme Climate Change and Disaster Relief: Impact and Responses. The seminar received an overwhelming response with over 80 abstracts received for paper presentations. Students from different states and countries participated.

The Stella Maris Annual College Play, titled '*I*' of the *Beholder*, was performed at the Museum Theatre, Egmore on 21, 22 and 23 February, 2020. Scripted by a team of Stella Marians, the play was directed by Samyuktha P.C., a renowned playwright, stage manager and theatre director. The play was an entertaining, multilingual musical drama that explored what it meant to be born in a world of fixed identities, battle with social pressure and find a purpose in life.

The Students' Union was at the forefront of several student-centered activities in the College. In addition to annual events, they organised innovative programmes for the student community. They helped conduct International Yoga Day in collaboration with the Physical Education Department, a week-long Annual Club Fair, Dakshin Utsav, and Namaste North—Desi Dance Night.

The Union collaborated with the Dramatics Club and Classical Dance Club to commemorate Nelson Mandela Day on the birth anniversary of the renowned beacon of peace. In collaboration with the NSS, NCC and Physical Education departments, the Union commemorated National Sports Day on August 28, 2019. Club Day—Horizon, and Aquilae, the intercollegiate cultural competitions were celebrated in February.

The NSS and YRC units have been offering their services to various communities with dedication and commitment. In collaboration with Sankara Nethralaya, an event was organised to promote Eye Donation. Ms. Nirmala Kurian, daughter of Dr. Verghese Kurien, Father of the White Revolution, was the Chief Guest. She addressed the NSS and YRC volunteers on the significance of Eye Donation.

Ms. Linda Maan Gangmei of the Department of Sociology was selected to represent the NSS unit of Stella Maris College, in the Inter-state Tribal Youth exchange programme organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, from 2 to 8 March, 2020 at the Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati, Assam.

The *Swachh* Bharat campaign was conducted intensively from August 1 to 15, 2019 at various places like Egmore Railway Station in collaboration with Southern Railway.

In collaboration with the Institute of Mental Health, Anti-Drug Abuse Day was observed on July 26, 2019. The NSS and YRC volunteers performed a skit with a message about the importance of safeguarding physical and mental health.

The NSS and YRC Units were the recipients of the Dr. Radhakrishnan Rolling Trophy for mobilising the maximum number of blood donors among women's city colleges for the ninth consecutive year.

Ms. Dharshini, of second B.Com. was selected as an NSS volunteer to represent the University of Madras in the Pre-Republic Day Parade, New Delhi.

The performance of the members of the three NCC units has been outstanding.

Naval Cadet I Preeti Kumaran of second year B.Com Shift II was part of the Rajpath Contingent in January 2020.

Corporal Mary Stepheena D. S. of second year B.Com Shift II took part in the All India Guard of Honor as part of the PM's Rally on 28th January 2020.

Flight Cadet P.J. Roubel of second year Mathematics Shift I represented Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Directorate in the Republic Day Cultural Competitions held in New Delhi in January.

Corporal Angelin M. second year Mathematics Shift I took part in the Prime Minister's rally on 28th January in New Delhi.

Naval Cadet Sahana Samantha Rajesh second year Zoology represented Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Directorate as the Best Cadet at the All India Republic Day camp.

At the All India Nau Sainik Camp held at Viskhapatnam in the month of October, second year Naval Cadets— Falak Kochar, Department of Zoology and Daisy V. of the Department of History received gold medals for Boat Pulling and Naval Cadet Kaviselvi K. of B.Com Shift II received a gold for Boat Pulling and Contingent Drill. They were also part of the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman and Nicobar Directorate Contingent that won the overall championship.

Senior Cadet Captain Varshini V. of third BA Economics was selected to represent India as a Junior Ambassador in the Youth Exchange Programme in Bangladesh.

A ten member marching band has been formed in the College.

Students of the College demonstrated outstanding skills in sports and games at the national and regional levels. Ms. Surekha Ponmurugan, first B.Com. Shift II won the gold medal in the first All India Open Rural Games Archery Championship held at Mettur, Salem. She also won the gold medal at the Women's Archery Championship organised by the Sports Development Board of India at Jammu and Kashmir in July 2019, and in the senior category at Youth Games All India National championship held at Jaipur, Rajasthan. She won yet another Gold Medal in the All India Inter State Championship 2019-20 organised by the Sports Development Board India, in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ms. V. Hinduja, second B.A. History, won the gold medal in the Chennai District Fencing Championship in Epée. In the state fencing championship held at Tirupur in September 2019, she won the gold medal in Epée and silver medal in the team event. At the Under-twenty District Fencing Championship held in October 2019 she won the gold in Epée.

Ms. Sindhuja R. P. of third BA Sociology won the gold medal in long jump and the bronze medal in the triple jump at the Chennai District Athletics Meet held in July 2019. She was selected to participate in the Reliance Foundation Youth Sports National Athletics Championship held in Mumbai in January 2020.

Ms. Subali Ashok, second B.A. Economics, won the gold medal in air pistol, Junior Women's (team) at the forty-fifth Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship competitions held at Coimbatore.

Ms. Santra Teresa Martin, first B.A. History won the gold medal in 100 metres and the silver medal in 200 metres at the thirty-fourth Tamil Nadu Inter District Junior Athletic Meet held in August 2019. She also won the silver medal in 100 metres

and 200 metres at the Thirty-third Tamil Nadu State Junior Open Athletic Meet, in October, at Erode. In the 35th Junior National Athletic Championship held in November at Guntur, she won the Silver medal in 200 mts and the Bronze medal in 4 x 100 metres relay. At the University of Madras B Zone Inter collegiate tournament held on 27 January at Madras University Union, she won the Gold in 100 mts and in 4 x 100 mts relay.

At the 6th Federation Cup Youth rural games held in October at Goa, Lalithangi R. of first B.Com. won the Gold in 400 mts.

Ms. K. Anita, first M.Sc. Mathematics won the Silver medal in long jump at the fifty-second Dr. A. L. Mudaliar Athletic Meet held in October at the Nehru Stadium, Chennai. She also won the Gold in Long jump, Silver in 100 metres and Gold in 4 x 100 metres relay. She was selected to represent the University of Madras at the All India Inter University Athletic Championship held at Mangalore University in January 2020.

At the 30th Senior State Fencing Championship held at Madurai from 30 Nov 2019 to 1 Dec 2019, Maria Akshita, second BA History won the Gold in Foil and Silver in the Team event in Foil.

In Squash, Bhadra A. of second BA Sociology was selected to represent the University of Madras at the All India Inter University meet held at Mangalore and their team won the Winners' Title.

In Handball, J. Jothi, of second B.Com. (CS) was selected to represent the University of Madras for the South Zone Inter University Tournament held in

November at Calicut. She was also selected to represent the Tamil Nadu State in the Senior National Handball Championship held in December at New Delhi.

Ms. A. Ria Sharon of third B. Com. has represented Madras University in Basketball for all three years of her undergraduate programme.

Ms. Vridhi Kumari of third year Sociology won the gold at the Muay Thai (Mixed Martial Arts) India Pro National event in February. Ms. Nandika won the bronze.

Three students who took online courses through the NPTEL portal were All India toppers in their respective courses. The College was ranked among the top ten College users of N-List Programme for the 6th consecutive time among 3379 Govt./Govt.-aided colleges covered under the section 12B of UGC Act as well as Non-Aided colleges as on 5 February 2020.

The Department of Value Education conducted the Catholic Parents Meet for all first year Catholic students on July 13, 2019. A Catholic Youth Convention was organised on 8 February in collaboration with Catholic faculty of the College.

The Stellarchives held its first exhibition in September 2019.

As part of their CSR initiative, Bank of New York Mellon, in partnership with Stella Maris College and the International Association for Human Values (IAHV) inaugurated the SMCDRIVE Skills Development Centre on August 30, 2019. The beneficiaries will be final year undergraduate students from Stella Maris College and outsiders (NGOs, communities, vulnerable groups and school students). A session on *Poshan Abhiyaan*, launched by the Ministry of Women and Child

Development to “reduce stunting, under-nutrition, anemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and reduce low birth weight” was undertaken at the SMCDRIVE in collaboration with the Integrated Child Development Services in September 2019.

Campus recruitment this year began in August with companies like Deloitte, Ernst Young, KPMG, RBS, Barclays, Zoho, Zifo, CITI Bank and Mckinsey. The IT recruitment was led by CTS, TCS, and Wipro.

The College has disbursed Rs. 2,821,641 in Management Scholarships (Twenty-eight lakhs, twenty-one thousand, six-hundred and forty-one)

Rs. 3,770,550 in Private Scholarships (Thirty-seven lakhs, seventy thousand, five hundred and fifty)

Rs. 5,300,015 in Government Scholarships (Fifty-three lakhs and fifteen) nd

Rs 62,500 in Hostel Scholarships (Sixty-two thousand five hundred)

All run up to a grand total of 11,954,706/ (One crore, nineteen lakhs, fifty-four thousand, seven hundred and six).

As I conclude this report, I thank God Almighty for accompanying us through this eventful journey. My special thanks to Dr. Sr. Francisco Nirmala, Provincial, and to all the Sisters at Stella Maris.

As we forge ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and the continuing search for truth. I place on record the many organisations especially the UGC, DBT and DST, Government of India, the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, the University of Madras, and the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, for their support and encouragement. A

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I extend my gratitude to all those who have made our achievements possible. I am immensely grateful to the Vice Principals, Deans, Heads of Departments and faculty members, the Controller and Associate Controller of Examinations, the IQAC Coordinator, the NCC Coordinator, NSS Programme Officers, Director of Physical Education and the Sports Officer, the Librarian, Archivist, Director, SMCNC, Director SCEED, the Public Relations Officer, administrative and support staff. A special word of thanks to Sr. Hilda and Sr. Arul and the administrative and support staff. I thank Sr. Veera and her team for their meticulous management of finances.

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Thank you dear parents, benefactors and well-wishers for your interest, generosity and for your presence here this evening to participate in our celebration.

A special word of thanks and congratulations to Dr. Mary N. L., Dr. Millie Nihila, Dr. Shanthi Ranjit, and Dr. Sujitha who have organised the College Day celebrations this year. A big thank you to Dr. Margaret Thomas and Dr. Swapna Sathish of the Department of Fine Arts for putting together the PowerPoint Slides, Mr. Sridhar and Ms. M. Meenakshi, Department of Fine Arts, for the photographs.

May the Star of the Sea be the beacon that guides us as we explore new horizons in the future.

Thank you and God bless!