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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Lords Universal College of Education Alumni Association (LUCEAA) started in 2010. It is started with the following objectives.

Objectives of LUCEAA:

- 1. To provide a forum for members of the LUCE Alumni Association to interact and sustain a sense of belonging through mutually beneficial relationship between the college and the global alumni.
- 2. To act as a bridge between college and the industries for interaction on new developments in different disciplines of education.
- 3. To create and maintain a pool of alumni who can function as mentors/role models to encourage the current student teachers of LUCE and help in their learning by sharing their knowledge and expertise towards improvement for their all-round development.

Procedure:

At the end of the academic year all the students-teachers of current batch voluntarily register themselves as members of the alumni association with minimum registration fees.

The Alumni committee is formed consisting of principal, two faculty members and past students who elect two members for the post of president and secretary. The student members are added after every academic year.

Two meetings per year are held at regular interval. In the beginning of the term, the meeting is focused on the year planning for various activities throughout the year and second meeting at the end to take the stock of the foregoing activities under Alumni Association. If necessary more meetings can be held anytime during the term.

The activities conducted under Alumni Association:

- Inviting past students for demonstration lessons, content enrichment programme and other academic activities
- Gust lectures by and also for past students who hold respectable posts in the society

- Organization of competitions for school teachers or other outside stakeholders and also judging the competitions
- Celebration of National and International days
- Social networking between past students spread all over the world on especially designated Facebook

Activities conducted for Past students 2015-2017

Talk by experts

- □ Dr. Arun G. Jogdeo on "A non-medical approach to a healthy life.",
- Dr. Meenakshi R Ingole on "Thinking about Thinking"
- Discussion on topics (Right to Education, Human Rights, Non-violence)
- Current trends in Teaching Learning (Models of Teaching)
- Highlight the important days of the year like 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekenanda, 150th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, India's Success of Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM).
- Brainstorming as a technique to solve the challenges faced by in service teachers.

Activities conducted by Past Students:

- Demonstrations of lessons in different methods and strategies.
- Content enrichment for students of current batches by past students who are working as teachers in schools.

Professional career of the past students:

Many past students are placed in good positions in schools and colleges from Mumbai and other cities.

The Institution has started Facebook dedicated to alumni for social networking in order to build up the past students community. This would also help in getting information about their professional growth at different levels and in different career paths.

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Report on Alumni Association Activities 2017-18

Extempore Essay Competition:

This was the initiative of National Council of Teacher Education – a governing body of UGC to create awareness and develop good habits of personal and environmental hygiene in students. In accordance to the circular from NCTE this Extempore Essay competition was organized for grade VIII students on 3rd October 2017 by Alumni in their schools. Topic for the essay was 'My Idea of Clean Classroom'. Following criteria were given to write an essay.

- Neatness handwriting and drawing
- Organization of thoughts and ideas
- Innovative and feasible ideas
- Overall impact

School wise first prize was given because there were different board's students took part in the competition and their abilities were different as per their boards. Different alumni conducted the competition in their school and along with that S.Y.B.Ed. students conducted the competition in BMC schools.

Following school took part in the competition:

- D.G. International School, Malad
- Poorna Projana High School, Dahisar
- St. Bless High School, Andheri
- BMC Schools

TET Orientation:

Teacher Eligibility Test is very difficult to clear for the teachers. Therefore Alumni Association committee members thought of conducting the sessions for Alumni in order to guide them to clear the test. It was conducted on $24^{\text{th}} - 25^{\text{th}}$ November, 2017.

Poster Competition:

Poster Competition was conducted on 13th January, 2018 sponsored by Alumni Association. There were 16 students from F.Y and S.Y.B.Ed. participated. Alumni Mrs. Dipti Vishvakarma and Mrs. Priya Arahna were called for the judging the posters.

Workshop on Drama and Art:

There was a workshop on drama and art sponsored by Alumni Association organized on 10th March, 2018. Mr. Parmesh Gadgil was the resource person for the workshop. His session was on Elements of Drama and Stage Etiquettes. Alumni were also invited for the session. It was beneficial to the F.Y and S.Y.B.Ed. students as it is the part of the Audit course for F.Y.B.Ed. and EPC- 3 for S.Y.B.Ed. students. These students in their third semester, will be preparing the

street play on the social issues and making lesson plan on that and implemented in the school during their internship.

Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony:

The Lords Universal College of Education had organized Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony on 20th March, 2018 at 4.00pm in college auditorium. Dr. Sunita Magre, Head of the Education Department, University of Mumbai was invited as a chief guest to award degree certificate. The students on this event also performed small street play on Social Inclusion of Women in the Society.

Report on Alumni Association Activities

2018-19

Essay Competition

Essay competition sponsored by LUCEAA conducted on 'Gandhiji's belief and its relevance in the present scenario' during the first week of October 2018. Alumni working in school conducted Essay Competition for Grade 8th Students. Alumni working in the different schools conducted Essay competition in their respective school for Grade 8th Students. Following schools took part in this competition:

- · Kapol Vidyanidhi International School, Kandivali
- · Gundecha Education Academy, Kandivali
- Poorna Prajna Education Centre, Dahisar
- · Sanskar Dham Vidyalaya, Goregaon
- · Mount Mary High School, Malad
- St. Sebastians English School, Malad
- · Siddharth Nagar BMC School, Goregaon

Students were from different board therefore school wise first prize given to the students. Along with that participation certificate was given to all students who took part in the competitions and appreciate Alumni and their student's efforts LUCE had organized prize distribution ceremony was organized on 10th January 2019.

Alumni as Judge:

LUCE organized many co-curricular activities. Along with that college organized many intra collegiate competitions for student-teachers. LUCE had tradition to call Alumni for judging those competitions for unbiased results and transparency.

- Meera Shah, Ajay Vyas were called for judging Dandiya & Graba Competition.
- Rupa Doshi & Daniel Khatiwada called for Carol singing competitions, Sugary Bite during Christmas Celebration

Alumni Invited for sharing of experiences before Campus Placement.

LUCE had two months long training before students facing interview. During that time Alumni called to share their experiences with S.Y. Students so that they can be mentally prepared for those and of questions. Haroon Khan, Kavita Chaudhary and Sneha Ash invited to share their experiences with students.

TET and CTET:

LUCEAA organizes orientation for TET for Alumni and current S.Y. students. This orientation basically involves paper patterns, solving of papers and techniques to solve such a difficult eligibility test. This year Mr. Sandeep Shah Alumnus of LUCE batch 2015-17 was invited for orienting students on 6th May, 2019. He successfully cleared TET and CTET in his first attempt.

Degree Distribution Ceremony for the batch 2016-18

The Convocation ceremony commemorates the precious moments of the student's life, and offers an opportunity to celebrate the culmination of their college years and the beginning of new experiences to come. The Lords Universal College of Education, Malad – East, conducted convocation ceremony for B.Ed. batch of 2016-18 on 23rd March 2019 (Saturday) at The Universal High School, Malad – East. Student-teachers turned teachers received their B.Ed. degree after having completed over 2 years of rigorous training in the area of education.

The ceremony began as per the tradition of LUCE by remembering the almighty with Sarvadharma prayer. The event presided over by Dr. Ratnaprabha N. Rajmane madam, Principal, Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan's, Smt. Surajba college of Education, Juhu, Mumbai. The principal of LUCE, Dr. Savita Manchekar madam welcomed and introduced the eminent guest. As the graduates were eagerly waiting to take their degrees, Honorable Chief Guest handed over the degrees to them with best wishes. The ceremony continued with Chief Guest Dr. Rajmane madam addressed the gathering. During the keynote address, she began with a quote given by Harry and Rosemary Wong, "Teachers are not in private practice. We are in the helping and caring profession, a service profession to help students to enhance the quality of their lives."

She motivated the students to not to forget their value systems, work ethics and humanity. She emphasized on 'Professional maturity' in the field of education, to be followed by teachers and various aspects related to that were addressed. She mentioned, 'Building professional maturity in the workplace will not only lead to fulfilling career success, it will lead to better self-reflection. Once you have improved your self-reflection, you will be able to more accurately identify your desired goals, understand your character and motives which drive your actions!' Finally she concluded by giving 'Oath for Student Teachers' which added more value to the event. The students shared their experiences of college and current professional life. The sense of achievement was getting reflected through that. Later, three times award winning, exhilarating Street play was presented by current batch students which added to the glory of the event.

The ceremony closed with all singing the national anthem and all the graduates went back home with flying colors.