



St. Mary's College (Autonomous)
Reaccredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC (Cycle IV)
Thoothukudi



Criterion: V - Student Support and Progression
5.3 - Student Participation and Activities
Year: 2018-2023



5.3.2 Presence of an active Student Council & representation of students on academic & administrative bodies/Committees of the institution

Student Council Report 2021 - 2022

Orientation Program

The following are the activities organized by the Students Council. An Orientation Program was conducted on 9th August 2021 with the objective of 'Initiating with Inspiration'. The topic of the Orientation program being 'Online or Offline, We Shine', aimed at instilling a positive attitude in the minds of the students towards the entities of both online and offline learning. The meeting was held online. Rev. Dr. Sr. Kulandai Theres, Deputy Principal, delivered the welcome address. The speaker Rev. Fr. Dr. Thisai Gerry, the founder and director of QUANTID pro, rendered a constructive address on the designated topic, and guided the students towards a successful learning methodology.



Independence Day

The 75th Independence Day was commemorated on 15th August, 2021. Rev. Fr. P. Rayappan, the Correspondent of St. Thomas Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Thoothukudi, hoisted the National flag. The momentous event was followed by the proposal of the pledge by Rev. Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Principal. Sr. A. Maria Shanthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, St. Mary's College, delivered a special address on the role and responsibility of the citizens in sustaining a secular society. She laid emphasis on the sacrifices relinquished by the freedom fighters, and the transcendence of the ahimsa that played an instrumental role in attaining the freedom. In compliance with the Nationwide Campaign 'Fit India Freedom Run 2.0' launched by our honourable Prime Minister, the Japanese dance Tabata was performed by the students along with the traditional Bharatanatyam dance with patriotic theme. The function came to an end with the National Anthem.



Students Council Election Campaign

The Students Council Election Campaign was held on 25th August 2021 in the Zoom platform. The Second UG and the Final year students of both the streams attended the meeting. The nominated candidates delivered their persuasive speeches to canvass and solicit votes from the students. Students cast their e-votes on August 27th 2021 and the following students were elected as Office Bearers to the Students Council: Regular Stream - B. Antony Steniba III BA English, Varsha Antanitta. S III B.Sc Chemistry Selva Lakshmi@ Pavithra. B, III B. Com as President, Secretary and Vice President; SSC Stream -Veronic Zidonia. R, III B. Com, Arokiya Nithila J.R -III BA English Literature and Sherina. J - III B. Sc Microbiology as President, Secretary and Vice President respectively



Teacher's Day celebrations

The members of the Student's Union, along with the Union Council Advisors, coordinated the Teacher's Day celebrations on 4th September, 2021. The program started with a prayer song, followed by the felicitation of teachers and Bible reading. The choir performed a special song for the teachers. An expressive Tamil poem was dedicated to the Teachers by the students. The program came to an end with the Vote of Thanks and wishes from all the students. The campus was fully decorated with charts, balloons and rangoli, giving it a magnificent look. The non - teaching staff were presented with rose and sweets on behalf of the Student's Union Council. Every department had individually organised a basic and uncluttered celebration for their teachers. The day ended by celebrating these inspiring educators with a happy note.



Students Council Inaugural

The Holy Spirit Mass was celebrated on 1st October by Rev. David Valan from the Bishop's House. It was followed by the Students Council Inaugural in the auditorium. Dr. Joycelin Shermila, Principal of Annammal College of Education for Women, was the chief guest. The elected office bearers, assumed office in the investiture ceremony led by principal Dr. Sr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose. Representatives undertook pledge along with the secretaries of clubs and forums. Faith was showcased in a graceful dance and display of faith verses and quotes with a meaningful explanation was represented. Dr. Joycelin Shermila appreciated the display of faith and motivated students to forge ahead in facing challenges with fortitude, positivity and education



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

The Students Council Union, in association with the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), organized a one-day Leadership Training programme on 29th October, 2021. The Students Council Union representatives and the I, II, III UG and PG class representatives and

assistant representatives attended the Leadership Training Programme. The session started with the special address of Ms. M. Chandan, Founder, Gurukula Language School, Language and Soft-Skill Trainer, on the topic 'Essential Etiquettes for Personal Development'. It was followed by an interactive motivation by Mr. Ephrem Xavier, Alchemist Training- Chennai, International Trainer from the RYLA club. He trained the minds of the students through engaging activities and deliberation, to be better leaders in their social and academic lives.

Be Positive – An Interaction

The Students Council Union and Counselling Forum, organized a two days Student Supportive Programme “Be Positive” – An Interaction on 1st and 2nd December, 2021. Mr. Deek Parassini, founder of Life Is All Positive (LIAP) Foundation, Abu Dhabi, was the resource person. Rev. Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Principal, Rev. Dr. Sr. Kulandai Theres, Deputy Principal and Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director of the Self-Supporting Courses inaugurated the session. Mr. Deek Parassini interacted with the students in a question answer mode. Students raised queries related to their emotional well-being, personal and social problems like choosing careers, and issues related to life. He clarified their doubts, with positive responses and easy understanding of the students. The programme was organised under the guidance of the Students Council Advisor Dr. S. Sudha Rani, Counselling Forum Coordinator, Dr. Rohini and the committee members Dr. A.Sonal, Dr. Vimala, Ms. Sony Fdo., Ms.Adlin Vaz, Ms. Saranya, Ms. Lily Pushpam and Ms. Jeyabala. The interaction was divided into four sessions and 2073 students benefited from the programme.



Heralds of Joy – Carols 2021

The Students Union Council and Choir Committee jointly organised ‘Heralds of Joy – Carols 2021’ an Inter-departmental carols competition, on 22nd December at 2.00 pm, in the Auditorium. All the departments participated with enthusiasm, sounding the bells of

Christmas joy. Ms. Evangeline and Ms. Lolita of Holy Cross Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School were the judges. In her address Ms. Lolita appreciated the talent of Marian choristers and the harmony music and singing brings to one's life. The department of English bagged the first prize, followed by English SSC second and Physics third respectively. The organising of the event was led by Dr. S. Sudha Rani and Dr. F. Mary Joyce Baby and their team of Students Council and Choir Committee.

The Joy of Christmas was celebrated on 23rd December 2021, at 11.30 am in the college Auditorium. Rev. Fr. Starwin, Director and Coordinator of commissions, Good News Centre, Pathinathapuram, Thoothukudi honoured with his presence and delivered the Christmas message of Christ's love and the joy of sharing. Rev. Sr. Flora Mary, Rev. Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Principal, Rev. Dr. Sr. Kulandai Theres, Deputy Principal, Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director of the Self-Supporting Courses and Dr. Punitha Tharini, Controller of Examinations graced the occasion. A spectacular feat of nativity scene, classical, western and folk dance along with the joyous carols of the orchestra were presented. The celebration was made more meaningful with the loving sharing of Christmas gifts to the children of TMSS. The event was organised with the support of The Students Council, Choir committee, Orchestra and the Fine Arts committee, led by Dr. S. Sudha Rani, Dr. F. Mary Joyce Baby, Dr. Betsy and Ms. Jeyamary



Visit - Home for the Aged

On 23rd December evening the Students Council with the representatives Ms. Steniba, Ms. Selva Lakshmi, Ms. Veronic Zidonia and Staff Dr. Sr. Kulandai Theres Deputy Principal, Dr. S. Sudha Rani and Dr. A. Sonal, visited the Home for the Aged, Leprosy Home, Lucia Centre, the Carmel sisters convent, and Cloistered convent. Charity gift was made with the wholehearted contribution of the students of the college.



Republic Day

The 73rd Republic Day was commemorated on 26th January 2022. Ms. X. Esther Vimala, Head and Associate Professor of the Department of Economics hoisted the flag. Rev. Sr. Flora Mary, Rev. Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Principal, Rev. Dr. Sr. Kulandai Theres, Deputy Principal and Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director of the Self-Supporting Courses along with the sisters of the convent graced the occasion. In her address the Chief Guest recalled the commitment essential for nation building. The event bore the dignity of the NCC Cadets, dance feat of sports and fine arts students. Dr. Vimala, Ms. Sony Fdo., Ms. Adlin Vaz, Ms. Saranya and Students Council representatives organised the event



Pongal Celebrations

Pongal Celebrations were held in the college premises on 13th January 2022. It was honoured by Rev. Sr. Flora Mary, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Sr. A. S. J. Lucia Rose, Principal, Rev. Dr. Sr. Kulandai Theres, Deputy Principal and Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani, Director of the Self-Supporting Courses. It was an extravaganza celebration exclusively for the teaching and non-teaching faculty. The programme was flavored with traditional folk dances, songs and games. Rev. Sr. Flora Mary, Secretary gave the Pongal message of celebration and

thanksgiving as the prime note of happiness in everyone. The celebration ended with sweet Pongal making and distribution. The whole programme was organised by the Students Council and Staff Enrichment Forum.



Marian Star Science Fest

The Students Council organised an essay and verse writing competition for the Marian Star Science Fest 2022, on the topic “Science and Society” and “Nature vs Science” on 25th February. About 120 students participated. The following students won the first three places: S. Mohammed Sameera I B.Sc Microbiology, Ajma Gousi, II B.Com General SSC, and Maria Joshy Roy I. B.Sc Mathematics Regular for Essay Writing; Vesta Serapha II B.A English Literature, Apshan III B.A English Literature and Sheela Varsha II B.Sc Physics for Verse Writing. The winners were awarded prizes on the Marian Star Science Fest 2022, convened by Dr. Jenecious Alphonse, Department of Botany

TALENTIA

TALENTIA 2021-2022, was organised on 30th March 2022, for the first-year students. There was an enthusiastic participation for the classical dance, western/fusion dance, singing, instrumental music, English and Tamil elocution and mono-acting. Dr. Sr. Kulandai Theres, Deputy Principal, inaugurated the meet and distributed prizes for the best performers. Members of the Fine Arts Committee were the evaluators. The event was organised efficiently by the Students Council Advisory team and its representatives.



Graduation Day

St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi celebrated its 40th Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 22nd April 2022 in the college campus. The celebration started with the academic procession in which the dignitaries Prof. Dr. M. Krishnan, M.Sc., Ph.D, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Rev. Sr. Flora Mary, Secretary, Rev. Sr. Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose, Principal, Dr. A. Punitha Tharani, Controller of Examinations, the Heads of all the Department presided over the ceremony. The ceremony started with Invocation followed by *Tamil Thai Vazhthu*. Secretary Rev. Sr. Flora Mary welcomed the gathering. The Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose presented the Annual Report for the academic year 2021-2022. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Prof. Dr. M. Krishnan delivered the Convocation address. The Heads of various departments presented their candidates and the Vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. M. Krishnan distributed their diplomas.

The candidates administered the pledge. The Principal Rev.Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose dissolved the Graduation Ceremony and the ceremony came to an end with the National Anthem. The Graduation ceremony was organised by Students Council Advisors Dr. S. Sudha Rani, Dr. A. M. Sonal, Dr. S.M. Vimala, Ms. O. Sony Fernando, Ms. A. Maria Heartina Adlin Vaz, Ms. D. Saranya and the members.



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Sales Day

Sales Day was organised in the campus on 27th April 2022, to foster the values of sharing and contributing for charity. Ms Jovita Vikrant, Director Machado Group of Companies, inaugurated the Sales Day. In her address the chief guest insisted on the need for women empowerment and entrepreneurial skills for economic independence. It was also a day of sales and entertainment.



Annual Day

St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi celebrated the College Annual Day on Saturday, 30th April 2022. Dr.Vaidehi Vijayakumar, M.E., Ph.D., Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, was the Chief Guest. The Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose presented the Annual Report for the academic year 2021-2022. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Vaidehi Vijayakumar, distributed the prizes for the academic and non-academic activities. A powerful visual representation based on the theme Faith was displayed. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr.Vaidehi Vijayakumar, in her address motivated students to update their knowledge and do research. Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani Director of SSC, Administrative Heads, faculty and students were present. The celebration came to an end with the college anthem. The event was organised by the Students Council Advisors Dr. S. Sudha Rani, Dr. A. M. Sonal, Dr. S.M. Vimala, Ms. O. Sony Fernando, Ms. A. Maria Heartina Adlin Vaz, Ms. D. Saranya and Student Council Office bearers



Valedictory Ceremony

The Valedictory Ceremony for the academic year 2021-2022, was held on 17th May 2022. Dr. N. Meenakumari, Principal, A. P. C. Mahalaxmi College for Women, Thoothukudi, delivered the valedictory address and distributed the academic and non-academic prizes for the year 2021-2022

Alumnae Initiation Ceremony

The Initiation Ceremony was held on 2nd June 2022. All the final year students gave thanksgiving prayers and offered saplings as a token of their gratitude to their Alma Mater. It was followed by the induction of the outgoing students, to the Alumnae Association. The Principal, Rev. Sr. Dr. A.S.J. Lucia Rose initiated the ceremony. Rev. Dr. C. Shibana, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Rev. Sr. Josephine Jeyarani Director of SSC, and Alumnae Association Secretary.

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