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He looked at the professor and answered, "Juice, of course!"

The professor said, "Don't you think I could squeeze apple juice from the orange?"

He said, "By no means"

The professor asked again, "What would I get from this orange?"

"Orange juice, of course."

He repeated his question, "Why? Why would I get orange juice from an orange?"

He answered, "Well, it is an orange, and that is what it has on the inside."

The professor nodded and said, "That's right! Let's think that this is not an orange, but you.

Someone puts pressure on you and says something you don't like. You get offended. Fear, bitterness, hatred, and anger come out of you?"

The boy answered, "Because those things are on the inside."

Now we have to consider what's inside of you and me. ***"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man."***

Great personages like Jesus, Buddha, Mahatma Gandhi were squeezed and forgiveness, love and mercy came out of them.

They taught us that regardless of people insulting, beating, humiliating, and treating them worse than a criminal; they just showed love and forgiveness!G

Let us be filled with that love that comes from God and let's live each day by God's side.

Now the question that we must ask ourselves: **"What comes out when I am squeezed?"**

Fr. Mathew Pulingathil SDB
Rector, Salesian College Siliguri



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Let me say a word about Fr KU Mathew sdb, who was a professor of philosophy of mine just for a week. He was actually on transfer and yet the few days he stayed on in Sonada, he made it a point to take a few lectures for us the new batch of philosophy students who had just arrived to Salesian College Sonada in the year 1981. His friendly and jocular manner of teaching philosophy changed my pre-conceived notions of philosophy as a serious and tough subject.

Each of us leave impressions on others, as others have on us, and through those impressions, and how those memories shape our own life choices, we, in a way continue to carry them with us, and we continue to live on in others. This attempt to create a network of connections with the past and the future is what holds at the core of an Alumni Association.

Some may feel perturbed with the strategies of 'coercion' in enlisting membership. Let us hope as the years roll on, even these gentle ladies and gentlemen will come back with "Medals and Memories" of their own.

Yours in Don Bosco,
Fr George Thadathil sdb
Principal





A Tribute to my College

Ms. Bhawana Khati, 2010-13 batch of Salesian College Siliguri

Meeting and Parting is a part and parcel of life, but when the meeting brings a welcoming change and parting makes complete transformation it becomes the treasure of life.

Those were the wonderful days of mine at Salesian College Siliguri, where I was welcomed on a fine early June morning in 2010. It's not just a degree I earned here but I learned a lot and even much more.... I discovered a new me.

Before joining Salesian College I had no self-confidence, no self-reliance but it's here where I gained those. I became confident enough to stand up and speak out, may it be in debate or elocution. YesI did it!!!

It's all because of the constant guidance and opportunities provided by Fathers and teachers. I was a weak student so never thought that I would ever pass my B.com examination. Pawan Sir knows it very well, that except for persistent supervision by the College and appearing for several tests and exams over and over again I would not have passed the University examination. It made me learn perseverance. Today whenever I find things tough I reflect back to those days and struggle steadily to get through. What more could I learn.....!

When I joined as a teacher in Notre dame Academy Patna, from the day I entered the school I received appreciations for my teaching, my speeches and attitude and they asked the name of my college. I proudly uttered SALESIAN COLLEGE SILIGURI.

THANK YOU SCSC



Memories of my stay at Salesian College, Sonada.



By Fr.K.U.MathewSDB, An Alumnus of Salesian College Sonada

I like to divide my article into three parts: my images of Darjeeling, my days at the college and my impressions of the local people.

In all I spent 17 years at Salesian college, half of that as student and the other half as a staff member. I arrived at Salesian college in spring of 1957. I was seeing the foothills of the Himalayas for the first time. The blue sky, the green forests and winding motor road and narrow railway track, going uphill side by side, often forming zigzags and loops and crisscrossing going higher and higher leading up to Darjeeling via Sonada. The first trip up hill was unforgettable.

Darjeeling is said to be the queen of the Hill Stations. It is known for the famous Darjeeling Tea well known in Markets of Western Europe. At one point of time it was sold for Rs.18000/- per kilo at auction. Darjeeling holds the unique distinction of having the spot from where Mount Everest the highest mountain peak in the world can be seen from Tiger Hill. It also has one of the highest natural mountain railway system reaching the highest point at the Ghum railway station. Darjeeling city has the prestigious Himalayan Mountaineering Institute with the many souvenirs of Tenzing Norgay and Hilary, and contains some of the lost and found articles of the Everest expeditions of the past.

One thing that impressed any new comer to Salesian college was the cold and misty climate of the Gorabari village. Situated at a height of 6500 feet, the hot air of the plains and the cold winds from the mountains meet and give rise to perennial mist. Sometimes

days and weeks went by without ever seeing any ray of sunshine. So we students longed for a long awaited Sunshine Holiday when suddenly Mother Nature offered us a sunny day. Most of our days as students were spent in monotonous routine class, home works, games and manual work and occasional outings to the tea gardens below. A walking picnic to Tiger Hill, to Kalimpong and Sandakphu had become thrilling annual features. Our teachers, both foreign and Indian, were really dedicated to their teaching Profession available and approachable, and there was much sharing, family spirit and dialogue. We never felt any cold aloofness on the part of the staff. My memories go back to few special persons of exceptional teaching qualities: Bro. Trophy D'Souza and Fr. Peter Lourdes for English classes, Father Joseph Verzotto for his Philosophy classes, made alive with jokes and anecdotes, and Father Nicolas Lo Groi for his caring and Fatherly presence everywhere. In passing I must mention that the last two have gone to their eternal reward.

The one thing which I cherished most about my stay in Salesian college was the contact I had made with the simple and friendly local people. I felt accepted, loved and welcomed in their small white washed wooden homes which were always open to guests. They are a cheerful people, who love music and dance and their catchy soothing singing still rings in my years. It was a real joy to take part in their cultural functions.



With Village People in Tung

Being in charge, I had the opportunity to visit many Sunday oratory centers. We had more than a dozen of them those days. It took very little to make those simple children happy, a football some sweets, some singing, occasional magic shows etc. Our Sunday youth centre activities took me along the main road from Kurseong to Ghoom and from Zitong, Mamring, Bagora, down to Balasun valley. I had contact all these years, with old friends like Rupa Rai, Kristodas Viswakarma, Sarita Diyali, Bhudhiraj Tamang and others. As I wind up this article I feel consoled that Salesian college has made much progress and this magazine is one of the signs of that progress. I feel proud that the college has able and dedicated Educators like Fr. George Thadathil, Fr. Mathew Pulingathil and others with ideas and great vision for the future of the College. My sincere congratulations to Ms. Priyamitra for the fine work she is doing and for inviting to share my experiences.

SCS during 1967



SALESIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS WIN 7 MEDALS AT NORTH BENGAL UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

At 47th Annual Convocation of North Bengal University (NBU) held on 2nd June 2017 at Siliguri, 2016 batch Salesian College students bagged four medals.

Miss Raina Mahalanobish won Gold Medal in Psychology.

Miss Renita Washington (Psychology), Miss Trishya Majumder (English) and Miss Shreya Agarwal (B.Com Management) won Silver Medals.

Miss Trishya Majumder also received Kartik Chandra Maiti Memorial Medal for Securing Second Highest Marks in BA English Honours.

Partha Chatterjee and Minister in Charge of Tourism Shri Goutam Deb graced the occasion.



Raina Mohalanobish
Batch of 2016, Salesian College Siliguri
Winner of Gold Medal in Psychology

I Thank you and everyone associated with my Alma Mater Salesian College, for all the blessings and best wishes that have been sent my way. I am honoured and very proud to receive the Gold Medal as an ex-student of this college. I am forever indebted to Salesian College for having taken the initiative to start Psychology as a department for the first time in North Bengal. The Department started small with a mere strength of 18-19 students but

the faculty with its persistent efforts and initiatives to make the department stronger has helped the students enormously. I am equally grateful to all my teachers who have shaped me and appreciated my efforts and pushed me to work harder and these efforts have materialized in the medal I received.

This achievement has been a milestone in my academic and personal life. I feel both humbled and blessed. All my efforts paid off and my family and I are extremely pleased.

I am currently pursuing my M.Sc in Psychology at Montfort College, Bangalore affiliated to Bangalore University. I plan to complete my M.Phil in Clinical Psychology and Forensic Psychology thereon. I would love to come back to the college and offer my services if they deem me fit in the near future.

My advice to the present students would be to be focused and dedicated. Good marks are only a part of success, the larger part is building a strong character and seeking to put one's education to a good cause.



Tishya Majumdar
Batch of 2016, Salesian College Siliguri
Winer of Silver Medal in English

I feel joyful and honoured. I have made my parents and my teachers feel proud of me. Achieving these medals had been my dream since I joined college.

Salesian College is well disciplined with excellent teachers without whom it would not have been possible for me to fulfil my dream. My college focuses on the all-round development of the students, giving ample opportunities to all the students to establish themselves in various fields.

I am currently pursuing M.A. in English from North Bengal University. I want to become a Professor, like my father and teach in a University. I will do my best to make this happen.

“Success crowns effort’ is what I was taught in school. Work hard and you will be rewarded” – is my message for the present Students.



Renita Washington
Batch of 2016, Salesian College Siliguri
Winer of Silver Medal in Psychology

First of all I'd like to thank all my dear professors and my parents without whom I would not be able to achieve the result today. I was extremely overjoyed on receiving the letter from the university because as it was very much unexpected for me. I was overwhelmed feeling that I have made my teachers and parents proud of me.

Even though I selected Psychology as my honours subject, I was completely ignorant about it. Succeeding in it was a great challenge for me. But since the first day of my college my teachers guided me in every possible way. I started building interest for my selected subject and finally performed well academically.

Presently I am preparing for Common admission test to pursue MBA from Delhi with specialization in Human Resource Management.

My advice for the present students is “work hard and stay dedicated in whatever you do, these three can prove to be the best years of your life if you give your hundred percent. Participate in different activities as it will not only boost up your confidence but also help you perform academically well.”

Good luck!



Shreya Agarwal
Batch of 2016, Salesian College Siliguri
Winer of Silver Medal in Management

Being a Silver Medalwinner of NBU is a great achievement for me. It made me feel confident about myself, as everyone feel good while being appreciated. It makes me believe that nothing is difficult to achieve and motivates me to work hard for my future goals.

I feel myself very lucky that I have got a chance to be a part of Salesian College, Siliguri. The teachers here are very cooperative and friendly, always available to guide, support and help students. They are ever encouraging to upgrade our performance not only in studies but also in other co-curricular activities.

Presently I am pursuing M.B.A from Skikkim Manipal University. I aim to achieve success in life and this achievement will work as the motivational tool for myself.

My advice for present students is "Set your goals clear for what you want to achieve in life and invest your hundred percent in it. Life will gift you a lot of opportunities to be successful, its upon you, which one you want to grab, select what suits you the best and make the most out of it. All the best".

- **Interviewed by**
Ms. Priyamrita Chatterjee
Alumni Coordinator
Salesian College



Annual General body meeting of Salesian College Alumni Association

Report By:- Kuljeet Kaur, Secretary, SCSC Alumni Association

On 11 June 2017, the Core Members of the SCSC Alumni Association along with the Father Rector & Father Vice Principal came together for the Annual meeting 2016-17 of the Alumni Association in the Conference Room of Salesian College Siliguri Campus.

The meeting began with prayer and an introductory session for the new members. The Secretary, Ms. Kuljeet Kaur presented the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting. The agenda included details of all the events organised throughout the year, registration of members and the critical analysis of the events.

It was followed by the treasurer who presented the financial report of the year with all the details. In presence of the Core members the decision of opening a bank account of the Association was approved. It will be opened by July 2017. It was the President, Chanchal Agarwal who put forward the plans of future events and suggestions such as inviting new members and also reunion of the various batches of past students. There was a discussion on growth of the Association and its fund.

The meeting came to an end with inputs and suggestions from Fathers and wishing the Alumni association best of luck for further growth.

From the campus

Salesian College Observed the World Environment Day

On 5th June 2017 the NSS unit of the Salesian College Siliguri Campus observed the World Environment Day by planting saplings of different varieties. The volunteers of NSS, and faculty members along with Programme Officer, NSS Mr. Sandeep Sundas participated in the plantation. The plantation started at around 10:00 AM and continued till 12:00 noon. The saplings included Ashoka, Mango, Guava and some medicinal plants. The volunteers actively participated during the plantation despite the scorching heat. The programme was initiated to bring awareness among the volunteers. The Programme included snacks and unwinding from the work, in friendly company.



On World Environment Day a Live show on environment was aired by Radio Salesian 90.8 FM with MA students of Mass Communication, Sociology, Psychology and Human Rights from Assam Don Bosco University. They hail from different countries like Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Meghalaya, Assam, Bihar and Chattisgarh.



Workshop for Literary Translation

Salesian College held a 'Workshop for Literary Translation' in collaboration with the Centre for Translation of Indian Literatures (CENTIL), Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, as part of Project Anuvad (UGC- UPE 2 Cultural Resources and Social Sciences) on 27, 28 and 29 June, 2017 in Siliguri Campus.

The workshop aimed to encourage consensus translation of literary texts in groups. The participants worked with Bangla, Nepali and English texts. The texts were selected keeping in mind the theme "Darjeeling in Bangla Literature" and "Kolkata in Indian Nepali Literature". Three types of texts were translated during the course of the three day workshop. Texts about

Darjeeling were translated from Bangla to English, texts about Kolkata were translated from Nepali to English. "Christo" which is written by Rabindranath Tagore on Jesus Christ was translated from Bangla to Nepali. It was scheduled to be held as residential programme in Sonada campus, and had to be shifted to Siliguri the last minute due to the ongoing disturbances in the hills.



The College Magazines 'Sparkle' and 'SCSPEAKS' for the year 2017-18 for both Siliguri and Sonada are unveiled.



At the beginning of the new Academic year, Alumni Association of SCSC welcomed the new batch in DB Auditorium on 1 July 2017. Around 400 freshers of all the departments were present along with the Faculty Members, Fr. Rector and Fr. Vice principal. Followed by an introductory note by Ms. Priyamrita, the coordinator, Mr. Chanchal Agarwal, the President of the Alumni Association showed a presentation about the Association, its activities and upcoming plans. He also shared his past seven years experience and thoughts about College and heartily welcomed all the new students. Mr. Subham Agarwal, Alumnus of 2017 batch introduced himself and narrated his three years experience.



Congratulations

Nikita Agarwal
with
Aman Bansal
2013 batch



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