



Reflections

SFIMAR Alumni E-Newsletter

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Director's Message

The launching of our Alumni Magazine is an important milestone since the establishment of our SFIMAR Alumni Association in 2008. We recognize that our students are the heartbeat of our Institute since they play a critically important role in advancing SFIMAR's vision and mission. Past scholars have told us how much they would value feeling a continued formal connection with their Alma Mater SFIMAR. So, with the support of our Chairman and the efforts of a dedicated team of alumni members and our Career Management Centre, this newsletter came to fruition.

Congratulations to the team who put together their efforts in bringing out this Newsletter 'Reflections' and to all of you for being part of the SFIMAR family. We are happy to see you back in the Campus in increasing large numbers in mentoring and guiding our current students with insight into your on-the-job experience which has been immensely valuable to our students. It has been a pleasure to see your participation in many other activities of the Institute and we anticipate more and more involvement from you in the development of the Institute. That's the reason, we have also introduced ID Card for the Alumni, so that you feel connected to SFIMAR, wherever you are and visit the Campus whenever you can. Our Alumni can also start their own business at the recently opened SFIMAR Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation Centre (SFIMARebiz) and leverage with the rich knowledge and experience of our faculty as well as can provide part-time or temporary employment to our current students.

Our Alumni have the potential of being our most loyal and generous ambassadors. We are coming up with a new 7-storey STATE-OF-THE-ART-BUILDING, for which we are counting on your support to contribute generously as well as raise funds from the Industry. Put all your efforts together so as to mobilize all alumni to support us, so that together we can drive SFIMAR to greater heights.

Wishing you all the very best in your professional and personal lives !!

Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Mohanty

SFIMAR Peace Prayer

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life."



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When you transform yourself, you help transform the world !!

Message from Vice President (SAA)

It is with great joy and privilege that we commence the launch of SFIMAR Alumni newsletter 'REFLECTIONS' on 27th January 2017, on the day of Alumni meet 'SAMPARK'. A concept which began with an idea from one of our SAA (SFIMAR Alumni Association) meetings and which took off with efforts from various members, has now made it possible. The name 'Reflections' goes with the theme of 'reflecting back to our Alma Mater' and at the same time 'reflecting back your ideas and suggestions to the current batch students.'

I would like to urge all my fellow Alumni friends to come forward and contribute to this initiative and assist current batch students to get in touch with us in order to give them a direction much needed, please remember that they are in a situation where we were some time ago. This newsletter will be an e-newsletter which can be found on our SFIMAR website, in the Alumni section

and there will be no printouts taken or distributed as we believe **WE** must do our bit in this age of Digital India movement. I would like to thank our Director, Chairman, Career Management Centre team and SAA members for contributing to this newsletter and adding a feather to the cap of our institute. Also, with the introduction of ID cards for Alumni, Business Incubation Centre and the respect shown by our institute in recognizing those who have succeeded in their careers or venture by the way of SFIMAR Ratna awards will help us to get even closer to our Alma Mater.

Best wishes to all of you.

Ritesh Gulrajani

Vice President, SFIMAR Alumni Association (SAA)

Editorial

Dear Alumni,

Or I should say, Hello Managers !!

This Newsletter is meant to be the mouthpiece of the Alumni reflecting on their lives, both professional and personal. It is to share their happiness & achievements among the SFIMAR family members, welcoming the graduating students and carrying forward the Franciscan values for societal good.

In our first Issue we have insights from our SAA Alumni Members ranging on topics from the recent 'De-Monetization' Wave that hit a democracy like India to an interesting article on a 'Wakeup Call' before is too Late.

Each one of us wants to be successful and in this race for success we miss on some vital points 'Stepping Up to Success' can help set a compass.

Our Students & Faculty have had a fabulous year in gaining 'Accolades' Nationally & Internationally. Kudos to their efforts !!!

Not to miss a whole bunch of knowledge sharing and mentoring activity conducted by our Alumni through "Alumni Connect".

Hope you'll will enjoy this first issue.

As Henry Ford says 'Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success'. So Stay Connected!

Happy Reading !!!

Marissa M. Fernandes



The De-Monetization Effect

Impact

Nothing more can be more impactful than what Indians had seen on **08th November 2016**. As I write this column, there are reports from the media demonetization was a failed exercise and will cause the Indian economy to slow down for few quarters, but experts from various arenas believe the long term effect will be different. The reason of selecting this topic was due to its uncertainty and the world we live in which is as uncertain as it has been. 86% of the currency denomination of 500 and 1000 was overnight declared to be not a legal tender. For Indians, this was even more severe than the US election results, which gripped the entire nation for more than the 50 days estimation.

What needs to be seen is that, if the money is back in the system with literally no currency being a fake one, how would the IT department deal with large sums of deposits. If they continue to get bribes then it will be **BUSINESS-AS-USUAL** for this country. A lot is in stake for Indians in the coming quarter, we may publish another article on impact analysis in our next issue.

Ritesh Gulrajani - MMS- Finance (Batch 2008 -10)

Wake Up Call

'What you reap is what you sow'

Yes.....What we are today is what we have learnt through formal education and various experiences including things what we have heard, felt or seen. What will you be in future, is what you have been learning today; be it upgrading your skills or interacting with people or just reading some piece of information or doing something that excites you or anything which you have never done before. It could be silly at times in eyes of others but anything that excites you and makes you live life to the fullest just, say Yes !! and go for it.

What is that stops you from doing what you like or learning something what you have never learnt before? Is it the fear of failure or the famous dialogue I keep hearing every second day "I'm busy" ?.

Wake up before it becomes even more difficult. Being busy everyday doesn't guarantee that you are doing something valuable. This is the time to connect with people, time to break out from your routine, sleepy, monotonous schedules.

Why not decide to pick up a book or an audio file or just meet people who will give meaning to your life??

So be the masters of your life..... and yes wake up before it's too late !!!!!

Engelbert Gonsalves MMS-Human Resources (Batch 2007-09)



**Proud Moment's -
Our Institute
Achievements**

**"A" Grade
Accreditation by
NAAC**

**Upgraded to
ISO 9001-2015**

**"The Most Upcoming
B-School Award" by
ASSOCHEM**

**"Enhancing the
Employability of
Students" -
BEQT Award
from NCQM**



Success does not lie in the "Results" alone, but in "Efforts" too, "Being" the Best is not so important, "Doing" the Best is all that matters.

Stepping up to Success

Sharing 2 of my favorite stories for all aspiring Entrepreneurs and Managers. Har-dik Shah – MMS - Marketing (Batch 2006 -08)

Story 1

Matajuro Yagyu has an ambition to become a master swordsman.

So he goes to Mount Futara to find and convince Banzo – one of the greatest swordsmen who has ever lived – to teach him.

On meeting Banzo,

Matajuro asks : How many years will it take to become a master?

Banzo replies : About 10 years.

Matajuro pushes further : But I want to learn faster than that. What if I put in extra effort and work hard and practice 10 hours a day?

Banzo replies : In that case, it'll take you 20 years.

We are all victims of haste. Excessive haste.

An urgency to get things done yesterday.

And in this process, we forget to see the forest for the trees.

Story 2

Jean-Henri Fabre - a French entomologist, studies insects for a living. He was extremely fascinated by one category of insects : the processionary caterpillars.

These caterpillars are known as processionary caterpillars because they travel closely behind each other in long continuous head-to-tail processions. Each caterpillar instinctively follows the tail of the caterpillar ahead of it.

During one experiment, Jean-Henri Fabre leads a line of these caterpillars on the rim of a pretty big flower pot in such a way that they form a circle. The leader of the procession follows the tail of the last caterpillar in line. Nearby, Fabre places abundant supply of caterpillar food. Each and every caterpillar can see the food supply. All they have to do is stop following the tail in front of them and move towards the food.

But for 7 days & 7 nights, these caterpillars follow each other in unending circles. They keep on moving their legs in search of food and never stop. And sadly, in the end, they all die of exhaustion and starvation.

Action Summary:

People get stuck at three points:

- They don't know what to do.
- They don't know how to do it.
- They don't end up taking action and actually doing it.

Action without direction is worthless. Find the right direction. Plan and strategize

Student's Achievements

1st prize by Dalston Nazareth & Aditya Warang from MMS II at Ideathon 2016 @ IIM INDORE, Mumbai Campus.

Best Summer project Award at the Annual Contest held at NITIE

1st prize by Ashwin Kumar Pael & Aditya Warang from MMS II at Master plan 2016.and many more!



Winners



Dr. Natika Poddar

Faculty & Staff Achievements

Distinguished Associate professor Award By Tech Next India 2017

Excellence in Teaching category Award By Indo-American Education Summit 2016

Winner of Best Professor in financial management at 24th BSA Dewang Mehta National Award 2016

All 3 Awards won by Dr. Natika Poddar

Mr. Prakash Lalwani - IT HEAD- For IT Infrastructure Support & Services

Lions Club International Felicitated the following by The Award of Humanitarian Services On Dec 17th, 2016

Director - Excellence in Higher Education

Dr. G Ramesh - Outstanding services in the field of Teaching & Learning

Ms. Sangeeta Varma - Outstanding services in the field of Career & Placement

Ms. Ethel Fernandes - Outstanding services in the field of Administration

Heartiest Congratulations to all winners !!



Mr. Prakash Lalwani



Prof. Pushkar Parulekar

Alumni Connect

Mock interviews were conducted for the full-time students by the Alumni team. The session was made lively with candidates giving mock interviews and at the end of the interviews demonstration of the Do's and Don'ts were discussed. The Alumni members gave their valuable inputs to the students as they prepared them on corporate life and how to get there, while giving pointers on interview skills, they discussed importance of research, presentation skills, voice and diction as well as personal grooming. The suggestions given to the students about the skills industry require by the Alumni will help them to make their mark in the corporate sector.

Maryline Sebastian – MMS - Human Resources (Batch 2011 –14)



Alumni in Action !!



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To communicate about your views, suggestions & queries, you can refer to the SAA Managing Committee List and speak to them.

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