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SKIPS Alumni Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR :

Dear Alumni,

It gives me immense pleasure to present before you the Annual Alumni Newsletter for the year 2022-23. This was a year of exemplary highs and extraordinary adventures for the entire SKIPS family and this newsletter intends to capture the important events in order to keep you updated.

The newsletter is designed to provide a snapshot of the campus events to keep our alumni updated on the educational, cultural and sports activities of the institute. The newsletter also celebrates your success stories and we are keen to hear more. Our students continue to look up to your achievements. We thank you for being the trailblazers. I would urge all of you to inspire your juniors by sharing your professional journeys and your personal experiences. I would also like to encourage you to keep participating in the alumni association activities.

As I read about the plethora of fields that the alumni of SKIPS have excelled in, I feel a sense of fulfillment and tremendous pride. Your resilience has enabled you to soar high and emerge successful. While you may no longer be students here anymore, you will always remain an integral part of the SKIPS family and through our alumni meets we shall continue to strengthen and celebrate the bond between us.

Prosperity and Joy!

Dr. Gurpreet Singh Arora
Director, SKIPS



SKIPS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEET 2022-203 :



S **SKIPS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEET 2022-23 :** On 18th Dec 2022, alumni from varied batches joined together to relive their college memories by participating in ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEET organized by SKIPS Virasat Club. The event was organized at Sanavad campus where alumni from varied batches marked their presence. After the registration and light breakfast current students and staff of SKIPS networked with all the alumni.

Various Track and field games were planned for the alumni where they actively participated with the current batches. Later, all the alumni gathered and they were briefed by the Director about various initiatives being taken by the institute in last year. They were also briefed by the last year's alumni involvement and participation in various ways. This was followed by lunch and the final cricket match between the alumni and the winning current batch team. The event got over in evening with lot of networking and happy memories created on the day. We look forward for such memory lane in our upcoming events.

SKIPS Family acknowledges the presence of all the Alumni across the batches on the 18th of Dec 2022. We express our sincere gratitude for your active association with us and for your continuous encouragement given to our current batches by setting up a true example of positive presence and continuous hard work.



PLACEMENT PREPARATION : Alumni of the institute are invited on a regular basis for pre placement industry interview preparations. Our esteemed Alumni working in different sectors help groom our students for current industry requirements and guide them to confidently approach the interview process. Alumni from different walks of industry, guides and prepares students for cracking the interviews of companies on campus. Mr. Mitul Bhatt from HFFC, Mr. Vishal Gohil from Parag Milk Foods, Ms Jenisha Shah from Synoptek, Mr. Meet Patel from Intech systems and Mr. Austin Christian from Dynatek (to name a few) have been instrumental in supporting the institute to groom the students for current industry requirements.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT : Alumni from various walks of industry provide inputs to enrich the curriculum and make it more in sync with corporate requirements. Their views are taken relating to various required skill sets and the areas of improvement. To name a few, Ms.Mansi Gajjar, Ms.Hasti Mehta, Mr.Aman Jobanputra, Mr. Kaizer Dave, Ms.Harmider Saini, Mr. Mrugesh Jadhav, Mr. Veeraj Modha and Mr. Deepesh Varandani from varied batches gave recommendations on improvising skill sets of PGDM graduates required by industry.

INDUSTRY INTERNSHIPS : Our Alumni are linked closely with the placement cell and mentor the interns for their industry internship projects. They are committed to guide the students by mentoring them. Ms Harminder Saini from Havmor and Mr. Chirag Beladiya from Parag Food (to name a few) were instrumental in providing the internships to our students and also guided them optimally for preparing them for the path ahead.

CAMPUS TO CORPORATE TALK SERIES : The institute from under its Campus to Corporate series organizes guest lectures wherein Alumni from various batches are invited to share their first hand experiences and address the inquisitive questions of students.



Ms. Honey Pandya

The IIF Club of SKIPS organized a 'Campus to Corporate' Talk on the 24th of July 2023, focusing on "Four Golden Rules to Transform Your Individual Growth," delivered by Ms. Honey Pandya - Product Manager, S&P Global and also a part of the SKIPS Alumni. To explain the role of a product manager, she generously shared her own experience as a relatable example. She provided the students with four key ingredients to transform their individual growth; namely, curiosity, punctuality, active Participation, and investing in one's hobbies. The session was highly illuminating for young and aspiring students as they discovered these golden rules to expedite their personal growth journeys



Mr. Malay Bataviya

On the 21st of July 2023, the Industry Interaction Forum Club of SKIPS hosted a 'Campus to Corporate' Talk on the topic "Journey from Alumni to Young Aspirational Leader," conducted by a successful SKIPS alumnus, Mr. Malay Bataviya - Senior Key Accounts Manager, Coca-cola. Citing his own experiences, he advised students to invest in honing essential skills, including effective communication, networking, and technical proficiency. He also emphasized on acquiring a deeper understanding of the subject matter and embracing responsibilities. The session provided the students with a complete overview of the beverages industry and the management of key accounts. It made them understand the value of adopting growth-oriented behaviour, agility, inclusiveness, and the attitude of an explorer to succeed in their career.



Student Induction Programme for Batch 2022-24 : With Goddess Saraswati as the guiding light, SKIPS hosted the Induction programme for the batch 2022-24 on 7th July, 2022. The new academic year began with rigor and freshness in the presence of Director - Dr. Gurpreet Singh Arora, Chief Guest - Mr. Snehal B Desai and all the faculty members. The enlightening words of our Director gave the students an inkling of their time at SKIPS. With the captivating and inspiring words of Mr. Snehal B Desai, the students learnt innuendos of the corporate culture.



Ice-Breaking and Team Building Activity : 16th July 2022 marked the start of new academic year at St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies. Batch 2022-24 stepped into the campus as PGDM students, excited to venture out on an exciting journey! The event was organized to break the ice between the seniors and juniors. Team building activities and management games engaged the students and helped them to blend in the SKIPS ecosystem.

Campus to Corporate Talk Series (IIF) : SKIPS Industry Interaction Forum Club organized a guest session on 'Being Transformation Ready' by Mr. Amit Gadhvi, State Head - HR, Reliance Jio, on July 9th, 2022, as a part of its Campus to Corporate Talk Series. Mr. Gadhvi highlighted the significance of communication, credibility and discipline in the life of management graduates. He ended his talk by proposing the 3P Model - Prepare, Participate, and Present to help students build a successful corporate career.



Dare to lead by AIESEC : SKIPS Public Relations Club organized the event – 'Dare to Lead' in association with AIESEC. Through this platform, students were encouraged to experience the power of choice. The students also witnessed an opportunity to learn how to step out of their comfort zones and take small, daring steps in order to open the gates of their personal growth and development.

Industrial Visit : An industrial visit was organized to Havmor, Australian Premium Solar and Kirloskar Brothers Limited by St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies on 29th and 30th November, 2022. The visit was organized with the objective of giving students an insight into the production and operation processes at the industry and to make them aware about the theory taught at the institution and its practical application. The students gained tremendously from the pragmatic exposure.



Workshop on 'Gearing up for Internship' : It was conducted for the first-year students on 19th and 20th January 2023. The purpose of this workshop was to ensure that young job seekers learn about the significance of Summer Internship and the skillset that is required for the same. Under this, a hands on training approach was used to help them learn the right mannerisms required for the professional world, practice session for the selection rounds, and basic workplace ethics. The workshop ended with a briefing on the creation of individual work portfolio.



Budget Sameeksha : On 1st February 2023, the Finvest Club of St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies organized an event named 'Budget Sameeksha'. Students had asked the general public about their expectations from the upcoming budget which were discussed during the event. The live streaming of the budget took place in the presence of all after introducing the themes and vision of the budget. During the course of the student presentation, various vital facts were brought to the surface and different budgetary provisions and welfare schemes along with their probable implications were deliberated upon. The session ended with an interesting quiz.



Stock Bazaar: Using a virtual trading platform, the Finvest Club at SKIPS arranged the 10-day Stock Bazaar 2023, a stock market programming challenge where students had to create their own techniques for successful outcomes. The students gained firsthand experience in stock market analysis and trading. On March 13, 2023, the program commenced and the students were presented with software that allowed them to simulate trading in a real-world setting without having to invest actual money. On March 23, 2023, student groups gave presentations about their market analyses. Additionally, prizes were given to the pupils who performed the best in terms of both largest gain percentage and intraday trading.



Seminar for HR Students on Labour Laws : The Synergy Club of SKIPS held a seminar for its HR students on the Labour Laws existing in India as per the legislation to help the students gain a deeper understanding of the legal aspect of Human Resource Management. For this, an expert panel from the High Court of Gujarat was invited to talk about the significance of labour legislation in regulating the relationship between employers, employees and trade unions in the contemporary scenario. The session concluded with a question-answer session in order to clarify the doubts raised by the students.



Cloth Donation Drive : It is true that Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give. With this statement in mind, the Samvedna club at SKIPS in association with ELEOS had organized an event 'Cloth Donation Drive - Let's Make Difference' at the St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies. The director Dr. Gurpreet Singh Arora motivated the students and talked to them about the importance of charity and helping those in need. The event began with the registration on the ELEOS website. The Samvedna club members guided the students through the whole process of donation wherein they also received rewards in form of coupons for donating clothes.

Blood Donation Camp : The Samveda Club at SKIPS organized a Blood Donation Camp on 1st April 2023 in the SKIPS auditorium in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society. The students as well as staff participated in the drive by doing their bit for society. Along with this, the Indian Red Cross Society carried out thalassemia tests for the people interested in raising awareness for the same.





Ramzat: Continuing the SKIPS tradition, Utsav Club arranged the annual Garba event 'Ramzat 2022' on September 29 to satisfy everyone's Garba addiction. The campus was buzzing with excitement days before the event, thanks to full-fledged preparations and Garba rehearsals. The celebration began with seeking blessings and was followed by student group performances. Music is the spirit of any Garba night, and not only did the students of SKIPS enjoy dancing to the original Gujarati folk beats played by the large live orchestra, but so did the instructors, staff, alumni, and other guests.



Fresher's Fiesta: Fresher's party is a college event that all students eagerly look forward to. The SKIPS Freshers Party exceeded all expectations and left the students with amazing memories. Singing, dancing and showcasing amazing talent brought joy, enthusiasm, laughter and happiness. The esteemed titles of Mr. and Miss Freshers were sought after by many. The celebration began with our anchors welcoming the freshers formally into the SKIPS family. The new class of students shared the dance floor with their seniors and made the most out of the evening.



Rachna - Unleash Your Creativity: An annual event held at SKIPS for the students of batch 2022-23 was loaded with fun, frolic and creativity. An immensely participative and interactive event, Rachna has been unleashing the creativity amongst that students every year. With different activities like pottery, painting, bottle decoration, rangoli, mehendi and nail art, the students enjoyed the merriment of the event. This platform gave students a break from routine academic sessions and helped them to build new connections and realize the power of hidden talents. They realized the value of creativity and tried to strengthen their imagination.



Farewell Party: The Abhivyakti Club of SKIPS arranged the Annual Farewell Party to offer the seniors at SKIPS a farewell worth remembering. First-year students showcased some amazing dance moves to start off this lively occasion. A DJ party, lots of happiness, laughter, and emotional farewells came next. In the happy talk, everyone felt a bit sad because they knew this gathering meant the end of college life. It was a mix of things they learned from books and the lessons of friendship during their journey together. Happy memories and heartfelt farewells marked the end of the party!



Convocation: SKIPS hosted its 10th Convocation on 21st January, 2023 for the batch of 2020-22. The Convocation procession was led by the Honorary Chief Guest, Mr. Nilam Patel; Managing Director - India Operations, S&P Global, Mr. Vaibhav Tandon; the President of SKIPS University, Dr. Gurpreet Singh Arora; the Director of SKIPS, along with the honorary Chief Guest, followed by SKIPS Faculty members and the Academic Council members. The procession created a dignified environment to start the convocation on an apt note. The Chief Guest of the Day, Mr. Nilam Patel shared his insights regarding professional life with the audience. The Chief Guest along with the President, conferred Post-Graduate Diplomas in Management to the students. Some of them also received awards for their outstanding achievements in not only academics but also extra-curricular activities. The celebration ended with students tossing their hats in the air to express pride and the sense of accomplishment!



Har Ghar Tiranga: SKIPS, under the directives of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, took up the initiative of spreading awareness regarding the significance of our National Flag and the importance of maintaining correct conduct while handling the flag. The Event Har Ghar Tiranga was conducted in the SKIPS campus during the Independence week spanning 11th to 16th August. It included events like an Awareness Drive, igniting the feeling of patriotism in young minds followed by a quiz. Students were encouraged to hoist the National Flag at their Residence from 13th to 15th August 2022, take selfies with the Flag and share it with the college

Run Bhoomi 2022: On December 18th, SKIPS hosted the annual Outdoor Sports Day, Run Bhoomi 2022. This much-anticipated outdoor event was held at Sanavad Campus. Students participated enthusiastically. The event began with all students completing an honor pledge in which they pledged to play with full passion and enthusiasm, respecting the concept of sportsmanship while also honoring the opposing teams by upholding the spirit of competitiveness. The initial events were 50m and 100m races, as well as a relay race, followed by cricket, kho-kho, volleyball, and finally dodge ball. All of these games were also attended by eager alumni. The day concluded with prize distribution.



The Dining Etiquette workshop: The workshop was conducted by SKIPS on 16th February 2023, in collaboration with 'Food Drama' cafe turned out to be an insightful learning experience for students. Minute details regarding the right conduct for dining during business meetings were pointed out by the faculty. The practical approach of consuming a particular dish was also nicely taught. The overall experience was very enriching for the SKIPS students.



Art of Living Seminar: SKIPS Students attended an Art of Living Seminar as part of the Drug Free India Campaign launched by the Department of Education, Government of India. The aim of this event was to raise awareness among young minds regarding the ill effects of drugs and to motivate them for leading a holistic life free from negativity. Life examples were shared by various prominent dignitaries, including Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Shri Rushikesh Patel, Hon. Minister - Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education



Student exchange programme: 3 Students from SKIPS, Adarsh Panchal, Pruthvi Vasa and Sona Motwani, accompanied by their Faculty mentor, Dr Anil Sharma, visited Ajman University, UAE, as part of the student exchange programme. This was indeed a prestigious moment for SKIPS and a life changing occasion for the students as they received international exposure in academics. This helped boost their confidence and encouraged them to explore a world full of opportunities.



Movie Promotion: SKIPS students enjoyed the presence of the charming Mr. Arjav Trivedi and the versatile Ms. Kinjal Rajpriya who came to promote their film – ‘53 Mu Panu’. The Movie Promotional Event witnessed enthralling audience support. The actors too enjoyed themselves thoroughly in the process.

PLACEMENT SUMMARY :

SKIPS has been focused towards adopting a dynamic approach for campus placements so that new, relevant and evolving sectors and profiles can be explored and relevant opportunities can be made available to the students. With the ever growing demand of new skills and talent from the fresh managerial talent, we maintain the rigour and zeal to imbibe in our students, the business acumen and the practical understanding of the market to maintain their attractiveness to the new demands and job roles in the industry. Internship, live projects, guest session and industrial visits help them develop an eye for the practicalities of the job and industry. Brands like Federal Bank, Asian Paints, Zomato, Mott Mac Donald, Piramal Group, S&P Global, Edelweiss to name a few have picked their talent from SKIPS. Sectors like Manufacturing, Banking, Financial consulting, FMCG have shown their preference when it comes to hiring fresh talent. The average package offered to the batch was 5.6 lakhs p.a. highest package being 13.5 lakhs p.a.

SKIPS ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (2022-23) :



Sruchi Vadalia (Batch 2014-16)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Ms. Sruchi Vadalia (2014-16) for her outstanding contribution towards environmental sustainability. Ms. Vadalia is actively working on her mission to minimize air pollution and promote tree plantation. She is the Brand Ambassador for CLEANINDIA and GREENINDIA campaigns and has received Nari Ratna Award for her contributions. She is a contriver and has planted approximately 43-45k plants/saplings, in Vapi, Vadodara and Surat. She has conducted various Plantation Awareness Program in schools, colleges, universities and hospitals.



Somdeb Metia (2016-18)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Mr. Somdeb Metia (2016-18) in recognition to his Constant Endeavour towards Professional Development. He has been working with HDFC BANK LTD from last 4 years and has achieved Month on Month Star Service Excellence Awards. He had been instrumental in CSR activities of his organization through HDFC Life Pankh Programme 2022 and TATA AIA Shiksha K Sathi 2022 and contributed to the noble cause. In March 2022 he received the scroll of honour for winning life insurance initiative from the banking head of Gujarat region.



Dhruvi Dave (2018-20)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Ms. Dhruvi Dave (2018-20) in recognition to her Constant Endeavour towards Professional Development. Ms. Dave has been working with HDFC life from last 2 years. Every quarter she received Super Achiever recognition in Bancassurance. She has received accolades for her outstanding performance in lead ahead programme from the zonal head Gujarat. She has achieved award of excellence for her outstanding performance in Zonal Championship in Thailand awards night.



Harshraj Nirbhaykumar Bhatt (2020-22)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Ms. Mr. Harshraj Nirbhaykumar Bhatt (2020-22) in recognition to his Constant Endeavour towards Professional Development. Mr. Bhatt has been working with Federal Bank Limited. He has achieved 3rd rank in Extra Ordinary Performance in Health insurance and Nivabupa. He has been awarded with 'Rockstar' title in the month of August and September 2022 for the best performing officer in federal bank.

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