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Cherishing Alumni Relationship and Engagement

SPURS Placement Training by Alumni

Dr. K. Murugaesan, Associate Professor, EEE (Mentor SPURS) writes on SPURS placement training

Mr Cooper has offered physical mode of placement training for 11 final year students, admitted under SPURS – [Scholarship for potential undergraduate Rural students] scheme.

For the past two years, the whole world was suffering by pandemic. Many industries and jobs came to an end. During this situation, our proud alumnus **Mr. M. Narendran**, Manager in Mr. Cooper and our former Alumni Association President, extended a placement training for our final year students admitted under SPURS -rural Government school toppers scholarship scheme.

Last academic year (2021-2022), the following students were offered 6 weeks of online internship under CSR scheme by Mr Cooper.

> *A. Abarna (EEE)*
> *K. Rajalakshmi (Chemical)*
> *Pavithra. K (Chemical)*
> *Rajalakshmi (ECE)*
> *Sujitha. K (ECE)*

During the 6 weeks of online training, each student was assigned to teams along with students from Agaram Foundation and Maatram Foundation. Each team were assigned a mentor and given real time projects like online bus ticket booking, online school admission and online hotel booking system etc. Through these projects, the students were exposed to software development tools like ER Diagram, Database (Mysql) system, Back-end (Django-rest-framework), Front-end (React JS). Students could learn the software development process, software industry working style, managerial skill and teamwork in addition to technical skills.

At the end of the training program Ms. Abarna (EEE) and Ms. K. Rajalakshmi (Chemical) were offered placement by Mr Cooper. Thus, two of our needy students got placement offer by this training programme.

As this year , the situation turns to be normal, Mr Cooper has offered physical mode of placement training for the following 11 final year students admitted under rural scholarship scheme.

Student Name	Dept			
YUVASRI R	CIVIL	JAMUNA B		IT
ARAVINDAN S	CSE	KEERTHANA R		IT
PRASANTH A	CSE	PANDIYARASAN D		IT
RANJANI A	CSE	SHALINI P		IT
VIGNESH M	CSE	MALARKODI L		CHEM
MUKESH M	MECH			

- All these students will undergo 6 weeks of intensive project-based internship training program in Mr Cooper.
- During this period, they will be exposed to different software tools to complete the real time software project.
- At the end of this program most of our students may get placement opportunity.
- This will bring prosperity in their life.
- I am reminded of Tamil poet Viveka's poem

"வானத்தில் எறிகிற கல்லெல்லாம் ஏன்
பூமிக்கு மீண்டும் வருகிறது – அது
வாழ்ந்த பொன் நாட்டிற்கே - தன்னை
காணிக்கையாகத் தருகிறது".

This proves our alumni's giving back trait. mypleasure to share our alumnus **Mr M. Narendran's** . Congratulations to his untiring effort to support SSN students.

Naren has been working hard to uplift many students' lives.

In fact, in the recently launched Naan Mudhalvan Scheme- the dream project of CM of Tamilnadu- Mr.Cooper and team was given a special award for "Voluntarily contributing to the development of the Naan Mudhalvan Portal" .Happy to note that our Alumni is part of Govt's plan for growth in the Education Sector. VEA

Student-Alumni Mentorship Program

Student-Alumni Mentorship Program was inaugurated on 21st May 2022 for the **SSN SoM** Batch 2021-23 in the presence of the Director Dr. Hariharanath, Prof. Vani Haridasan, Alumni mentors and Mr. Ravi Shankar, VP & Executive committee Member of SSN Alumni Association . It has two phases.

In Phase 1, 52 students were mapped to 21 Alumni mentors. In Phase 2, 15 students were mapped to 5 alumni mentors. In all, 67 students were mapped to 26 alumni mentors.

The motive of this program is to enable students to be "Industry ready" and help them in professional and personal improvement. Alumni with minimum of five years of experience were engaged in this program.

The second phase successfully started in July,2022 and student feedback collection process of the system has been completed in August 2022.

Alumni as Mentors for Smart India Hackathon

Mr.Abhishek, (Alumnus of Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering) writes,

I would like to share a few words , about the experience that I had, mentoring the SIH2022 winning team, together with you. I couldn't thank you enough for choosing me to mentor the team. The 3-day trip was an incredible roller coaster ride with a mixture of lows and highs, eventually ending the journey on a high. The team members are incredibly talented and strong in their respective domains, and I am sure will become

exceptional engineers. The way they handled the pressure and presented themselves before the jury was perfect and the team's victory was well deserved. The discussion that we had with the team giving them advice and at the same time, trusting them to do the right thing without interfering too much, was the best way we could have helped the team to be victorious. The hospitality from Chandigarh Engineering College was exceptional and the three day stay there was very comfortable. The discussions that we had during travel was very engaging and made time fly quickly. I again thank you for this opportunity.

<mark>The team has **won Rs. 1 lakh** under the software edition category</mark> and the details are as follows:

Team Name: Kyogre (Wimmer software edition- 1 lakhs prize money)
Team Members - Mr.Karthik D, Karthiraja, Niveditha, Aniruth, Aravindhan, Dhanalakshmi
Mentors: S.Sakthivel Murugan (Faculty - ECE) & Mr. Abhishek (ECE Alumnus)
Place: Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Mohali, Punjab.

Yamini (Alumnus of Department of Computer Science and Engineering, 2020 Batch), ML Engineer, Software Engineer, Mad Street Ten Global analytics; and

Geethika (Alumnus of Department of Computer Science and Engineering, 2020 Batch), MS in CSE, NYU gave a SIH mentoring session at the CSE auditorium on 22/8/2022.

Events conducted by Alumni

Event 1: The pep talk on "How to seek purpose in life and achieve it" was organised under the auspices of IIC, Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering on 22.08.2022. Around 200 participants including faculty members, undergraduate and post graduate students attended the event.

Mr. Pradeep Kumar (Alumnus of Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering), CEO of NP Digital India and Stan Ventures was the speaker for the Pep Talk.

Objectives of the activity:

- To activate and motivate an entrepreneurship aspirant.
- To exert higher level of efforts to achieve his/her entrepreneur goals.
- To stimulate someone to take a desired course of action and inspire with the success story of his own.
- Firstly, the gathering and the resource person was warmly greeted and introduced with brief profile.
- The resource person shared his own entrepreneurial success story.
- He added that his aim was to find out what the specific characteristics of entrepreneurs are and how they affect the attitude towards and performances in the entrepreneurial activities.
- He talked about the motivational factors for an entrepreneur willing to start a relatively successful business, instead of finding a job in the labour market
- He also discussed on the biggest challenges faced for being an entrepreneur, and the factors that helped him keep the process going when facing and overcoming the obstacles in the business.

- Especially when globalization and digitization are changing the whole world and the ways of working and thinking, has also presented what challenges this new world has brought, and what action should be taken to remove the obstacles and turn challenges into opportunities to improve the business and get it to a new level.

The session concluded with the note on the practical takeaways for an entrepreneur. The participants of the event expressed their appreciation and got motivation by a real success story of an entrepreneur.

Event 2:

Mr. S. Maria Jacob Stani Raja (Alumnus, Department of Chemical Engineering, 2013 Batch), Founder, Great Minds IAS Academy, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu.

On 12th August 2022, SSN Institution's Innovation Council and Alumni Association conducted webinar on "Opportunities for Students and Faculties: Dynamics of Entrepreneurial Process". This session was conducted by Mr. S. Maria Jacob Stani Raja who completed B.Tech - Chemical Engineering in the year 2013. After his undergraduate he worked as a program Analyst in Cognizant Technology Solutions and then he founded Jacobs" Great Minds IAS Academy in the year 2015. Currently he is training students for UPSC, TNPSC and other competitive exams in his academy.

The speaker was introduced by faculty alumni coordinator Mr. D. Gnana Prakash, Associate Professor, providing the participants an overview about the works and background of the speaker, about his attempts in public services exams and his social works in improving and counselling young people's knowledge about the exams.

The webinar was started with the speaker educating the audience about the definition of entrepreneurship and the attributes of an entrepreneur. The speaker briefed about the roles of each and every department in an organization and why each of them should work effectively and synchronously. The audience were also introduced to various examples

and stories of real life marketing and entrepreneurship and also went into detail about the attributes of an entrepreneur by stressing to the participants that these attributes are not only for entrepreneurs but even for common people.

The speaker then went into the realm of continuous learning and financial management, capital requirements and frugality of an entrepreneur. The participants were also introduced to the challenges of entrepreneurship by quoting personal and professional examples of the speaker's life helping the participants connect and gain more efficiently.

The session was opened to the participants for Q&A with the speaker to clarify the doubts and then the speaker concluded the session by stressing about the fact that each person's story is his own and only that person has the mean and right to end it. With a thank you note, Dr. D. Gnana Prakash, faculty alumni coordinator ended the session.

Event 3:

Ms. Anusha (Alumnus, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2012 batch), gave a lecture on "Pathfinder: Guidance to choose the career" 0n 19-8-2022

Anusha , is a perceptual neuroscientist who is fascinated with how the brain perceives the world. She holds a bachelor's and masters' degree in Biomedical Engineering from SSN College of Engineering, India and University of South Florida, USA respectively and a PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Texas at Dallas, USA.

Anusha specializes in understanding phantom auditory percepts such as tinnitus and their neural correlates using neuroimaging techniques specifically, EEG. During her time as an Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, Anusha was able to further develop her academic career towards the empirical evaluation of the brain as a predictive system through which she was able to demonstrate the neural correlates of phantom percepts.

She is currently an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at Trinity College Dublin, Director of the International Tinnitus Research Initiative Academy that disseminates tinnitus research and clinical practices. Anusha is also a trained Indian classical (Bharathanatyam) dancer. Combining her passion for dance and neuroscience, she co-founded BrainFM – an educational tool that aims to increase awareness about complex neuroscience topics and brain health literacy through creative movement, which was funded by Trinity College, Global Brain Health Institution, Federation for European Neuroscience Societies and Dana Foundation, USA.

Event 4:

Janani Jaisankar (Alumus, Department of Civil Engineering, 2021 batch), Data Analyst at Latent View Analytics, delivered a talk on 'An Introduction to IGBC AP Certification' on 19th August 2022.

Event 5:

Deepika and Yuvalatha (Alumnus, Department of Civil Engineering, 2022 batch), currently working at Amazon, delivered a talk on Placement Preparation strategies (Non – Tech companies) on 20th August 2022.

Event 6:

Nitin (Alumnus, Department of Mechanical Engineering, 2019 batch) had conversation with the members of Association of Mechanical Engineers and briefed about the Invente procedures before pandemic.

Event 7:

Aishwarya Vadivel (Alumnus, Department of Information Technology, 2022 batch) The Alumni talk was held online via Google meet platform on the 27th of august 2022 at 6 p.m. It was organized by Dr. P. Vasuki and Dr S. Sasirekha, Associate Professors of IT department. It was delivered by our senior Ms. Iswariya Vadivel of the 2022 batch. She is currently working as a Software Developer in IBM, Bangalore. It was a very informative and motivational session. She gave a detailed presentation on IBM's recruitment process. She provided us with a lot of useful tips to face interviews and information regarding the placement process.

She also shared her own experience of her interview process. She provided a lot of insights about the prerequisites and expectations about various companies. She was very friendly and open to queries. Overall, it was a very helpful, interactive and engaging session.

Alumni visits to the campus

Aravind Rajan (Alumnus, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2019 batch) working in Bionics as service engineer visited the department regarding installation of device procured from Bionics.

G, Edwin Gunasingh., (Alumnus, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, 2016 batch), Project Lead Danske I.T. Bangalore came to meet faculty for a discussion on JIRA tools and project management on 02/08/22

The following **Alumni from Department of Computer Science and Engineering, 2002 batch**, **Ghuru Kumaravenu**, Director of Engineering pactron, **R Senthil**, Solutions Architecture HCL Chennai, **S. Thiyagarajan**, Inforica India Pvt. Ltd, **A.S. Aravinth raj**, NTT DATA, **R. Pradeep**, VM Ware, **N. Sivaramakrishnan**, Infosys Ltd, **S.Thirmathi**, Accenture Ltd and **M. Ponpriya**, Priya Tuition Center, attended the alumni meet on 06/08/22.

K.Vijaya Guhan & V. Praveen Raj (Alumni, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, 2020 batch**)** visited the department and interacted with faculty members and shared their experience on 8/8/2022.

M .Dhanalakshmi, National Centre for Coastal Research, (**Alumnus, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Batch 2018, ME CSE**) visited the campus on 9/8/2022. **Rithwin Siva, Vittae (Alumnus, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Batch 2018, CSE)**, visited the campus and interacted with the faculties on 10/8/2022.

D. Roopeshwar, Tech Lead, Motorq **(Alumnus, Department of Computer Science and Engineering Batch 2018)** and **R.C. Vignesh**, SDE - ML, **(Alumnus, Department of Computer Science and Engineering Batch 2021)** visited the department and interacted with few faculty members about the industry expectations and shared their experiences. on 22/8/2022

Saravanan Mariappan, Director of Engineering, Activision Blizzard **(Alumnus, Department of Computer Science and Engineering Batch 2006)** had an interactive session with the faculty on 22/8/2022

R. Karthik, Product Development, Jargon handlers, **(Alumnus, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Batch 2006)** had an interactive session with the faculty on 23/8/2022.

Alumni write up

Kaushik Kannan (Alumnus, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, 2011 batch) writes

Visiting SSN after more than a decade was a unique experience. I wasn't sure what to expect- could I still find my way inside the campus, would I meet any familiar faces, and so many more questions were running through my head on the road.

But I didn't expect that I wouldn't find the campus at all- I saw Shiv Nadar University but not SSN College of Engineering (which is what I'm used to seeing). Taking a leap of faith, I entered waving at the curious security- "Alumni, here to see my Prof.". Surprisingly, that worked and I entered a completely unfamiliar-looking campus.

Where were all these dense trees when I was a student? We had no shade to hide from the sun while walking across (what felt like) the Sahara Desert from the gate to the class or skipped class to grab a bite and play cricket. It was as if a desert had been transformed into an oasis.

The buildings were all mostly the same, so that helped find my way around to the ECE department and meet the inspiring person who asked me to share my experience visiting the campus.

We had an engaging conversation reminiscing about the time that I was a student, and how things had changed (mostly for the better) for the students today.

I was amazed to hear stories of where students traveled for internships/research and what full-time job offers they got when they graduated.

By the time I was returning home, I had a renewed sense of (healthy) pride identifying myself as an SSN-ite!

So, if you're like me and haven't visited your alma mater in a while, I highly recommend a trip- it will be totally worth your time retracing old steps, meeting familiar faces, and seeing new students walking those same paths today!

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