

SSN-CARE

Cherishing Alumni Relationship and Engagement

Alumni Meet at UK and USA

Celebrating the Inaugural UK Alumni Meet 2023!

SSN Alumni Association writes

A huge shout out to our amazing SSN Alumni in the UK, for making history on May 19th, 2023, as we hosted our very first UK Alumni Meet! We were thrilled to see the tremendous response



from alumni spanning the 2001 batch to the recent 2022 batch. Here's a glimpse into the remarkable highlights of the event.

We were honored to have **Dr. Kala Vijayakumar, President of SSN Institutions**, grace the occasion in person. Adding to the significance, **Dr. Sunita Nair, Advisor of Student Affairs, Dr. V.E. Annamalai, Principal of SSNCE, Mr. Chandran, CEO of SSN iFound, and Mr. Ananda V. Raman & Mr. Sujith S. from the SSN Marketing & Alumni Relations** team joined us virtually. The SSN Alumni Association (SSN-AA) was represented by Mr. Ravi Shanmugam, Vice President SSN-AA, who attended the event in person.

The event kicked off with an address by Dr. Kala Vijayakumar, who shared valuable insights about the college and its various initiatives. Principal Dr. V.E. Annamalai provided an overview of the college and highlighted its proactive approach to alumni engagement through initiatives like DART and CARE. Mr. Chandran delved into the SSN Incubation Foundation, unveiling the exciting entrepreneurial endeavours taking place. Dr. Sunitha Nair fondly recalled her cherished memories with past alumni batches. Finally, Mr. Ravi Shanmugam shared the dynamic initiatives undertaken by the alumni association and encouraged alumni to contribute towards strengthening alumni engagement in the UK. Mr. Ananda V. Raman proposed the vote of thanks.

One of the key takeaways from the event was the unanimous agreement to establish a dedicated UK chapter at the earliest. This exciting initiative will focus on fostering stronger connections among UK-based alumni, creating new opportunities, and further strengthening the SSN Alumni Association.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire SSN Marketing & Alumni Relations team, the numerous Student Alumni Representatives, and all our alumni, who played a crucial role in organizing and making this event a resounding success. Your unwavering support and commitment truly made a difference!

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and future alumni events as we continue to build an ever-growing network of accomplished professionals and lifelong connections. Together, we're shaping the future

SSN USA Alumni Meet 2023, California



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The SSN Alumni Association proudly hosted a grand Alumni meet at My Royal Palace in Milpitas, California on May 29th, 2023. This marquee event witnessed an overwhelming participation of 120 esteemed Alumni and their family members, making it one of our largest alumni meetups in the USA, to date. Let us delve into the exciting highlights that made this event truly exceptional.

The evening kicked off at 5 PM with a delightful round of SSN trivia, skilfully orchestrated by Thangaprakash (ECE – 2007 Batch), to test the Alumni's knowledge and evoke nostalgia for their beloved alma mater. Laughter and memories filled the air as everyone fondly reminisced about their SSN days. The excitement continued with a thrilling game of Bingo, where participants eagerly awaited the numbers drawn from the cage, competing for various Bingo patterns, and winning exciting prizes. The intense competition kept everyone engaged throughout the evening.

The formal segment of the event commenced with a virtual address by our beloved **Principal, Dr. V.E. Annamalai**. He emphasized the significance of the Student Alumni Representatives and highlighted the necessity for Alumni to actively collaborate with them. Our SSN Institutions **President, Dr. Kala Vijayakumar** took the stage next, presenting the highlights of SSN's ongoing journey, ranging from the Green Campus initiatives to exceptional placement records and remarkable achievements by both students and faculty members over the 26-year span of SSN.

Mr. Chandran, CEO of SSN iFound, then took the stage to showcase the incredible efforts undertaken in the realm of incubation and startup initiatives by our college. The audience was truly inspired by the entrepreneurial endeavours fostered by SSN and the opportunities available for budding innovators and business enthusiasts. The evening took a nostalgic turn as Dr.Sunita Nair took the stage, weaving a tapestry of memories with her heartfelt speech. She reminded everyone of their journey through SSN and the immense potential held within building a strong Alumni network.

Following the formal segment, our Alumni Raghav and Kalyani from the Bldg 18 Comedy club lit up the place with laughter through their stand-up comedy. Kalyani's witty anecdotes about parenting were followed by Raghav's hilarious recollections of SSN memories, creating a riot of laughter among the audience. The icing on the cake was Raghav's Carnatic connect and his performance of the song "Arabic Kadaloram".

The event wrapped up with a touching video presented by the SSN Alumni Association that helped the Alumni relive their college days, followed by Thangaprakash delivering a vote of thanks on behalf of the association. Following a quick celebratory cake-cutting ceremony, the alumni happily gathered to pose for a group picture. Later, the alumni networked and bonded over a delicious dinner, which received high praise from everyone in attendance.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our US organizing committee, Thangaprakash, Shanmuga Sundaram (2002 Batch - CSE) & Jegadesh (2007 Batch - EEE) for their meticulous planning and flawless execution, which resulted in a delightful experience for all attendees. We would also

like to express our gratitude to the SSN Marketing & Alumni Relations team, who provided unwavering support in ensuring the success of the event.

As we wrap up this remarkable Alumni meet, we extend our gratitude to all the Alumni who graced the event with their presence and contributed to the vibrant atmosphere. Your enthusiasm and active participation made this gathering a truly memorable one. Stay tuned for more exciting updates and future Alumni events as we continue to strengthen the bonds of our ever-growing network of accomplished professionals and lifelong connections. Together, we shape the future!

Events conducted by Alumni

Event 1:

Akshaya Sona Sri (2017-2019 batch, SSN School of Management)

SSN School of Management recently hosted a thought-provoking discussion as part of our Alumni Talk Series. The topic of the session was "Classroom Experience: How to leverage it to the maximum and thrive in your career? A candid discussion!" We were fortunate to have

Akshaya Sona Sri, an esteemed alumna from the batch 2017-2019 and the current Analyst Relations Lead at **Zoho Corporation**, as our guest speaker.



During the session, Akshaya shared valuable insights and engaged in a thought-provoking

conversation, providing key takeaways for building a successful career by leveraging classroom experiences. Her experiences ranged from offering tips on crafting a strong application for an MBA program to excelling in interviews. Moreover, she emphasized the significance of extracurricular activities and how they can shape one's career path.

Drawing from her own internship experiences, Akshaya shared practical advice on how to select the right internship that aligns with your career goals. She also spoke about an inspiring initiative led by her fellow batch mate, Mirun Balasubramanian, called 'Fruition Box.'

This initiative focused on delivering fresh fruits to her batchmates and fellow students, showcasing the positive impact such endeavours can have on both the community and individual growth.

Event 2:

Mr. Arun Baskaran (2013-2017 batch) & Ms. Subasri G (2016-2020 batch), Department of Information Technology

The 7th edition of VIVID, a competitive, national level project presentation event was organized by the Department of Information Technology on the 13th of May 2023. With over 80 students and a variety of jury members, the event was a great success and a huge learning experience for all. There were a total of 10 jury members among whom 2 were our college alumni.



Mr. Arun Baskaran, Product Manager, Juspay & Ms. Subasri G, Software Developer, Citi Bank.

Alumni Visits and Interactions

Mr. G. S. Mukundharajan (ME Power Electronics and Drives), who is an internship trainee at **Valeo, Chennai**, is constantly in touch with Master's students and has provided suggestions for taking up research projects with orientation towards industry readiness.



Dr. Subalalitha C.N (2004-2006 batch, M.E, Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Associate Professor, Department of Computing Technologies, College of Engineering & Technology, Kattankulathur, visited our campus on 4.5.23 and interacted with our faculty. Also, she acted as an external examiner for B.E CSE End semester project review.

Dr. Premalatha G (2008-2010 batch, M.E Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Assistant Professor, Department of Data Science and Business Systems, College of Engineering & Technology, Kattankulathur, visited our campus on 5.5.23 and interacted with our faculty. Also, she acted as an external examiner for B.E CSE End semester project review.

Mr. Dheepak Shunmugavel (2006-2010 batch, Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Solutions Architect, CSG, USA, visited our campus on 16.5.23 and interacted with our faculty.

Ms. Ilakiya Jagadeesan (2006-2010 batch, Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Lead Quality Engineer at Forum Analytics, a CBRE Company, USA, visited our campus with her kids on 16.5.23 and interacted with our faculty.

Ms. Sangeetha S (2009-2011 batch, M.E Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Senior Software Developer, HCL Technology, Chennai, visited our campus on 24.5.23 and interacted with our faculty. Also, she acted as an external reviewer for M.E CSE phase 2 project review.

Mr. Rohan (2016-2020 batch, Department of Mechanical Engineering) who is currently working for Cummins, UK, paid a visit to SSN.

He fondly remembered the help rendered by faculty to reach his current position.



Mr. Avinash (2012-2016 batch, Department of Mechanical Engineering) visited SSN. He



completed his MS in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the University of Florida between 2017 -19. He is currently a Planning and Operations Engineer at the Bristol Myers

Squibb, Devens, Massachusetts, United States. He fondly cherishes his memories with his beloved faculty during his visit to SSN.



Alumni write up

Write - up 1:

M.V. Ratish Kumar (2007 – 2011, Department of Bio-Medical Engineering), is working in a non-profit organization called Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach (HSMO) based in Springfield, Illinois as a Biomedical Engineer. He is a recipient of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA) 2023 Class of Tomorrow's Leaders this month award.



SSN BME is proud to congratulate Ratish

Ratish Kumar writes about his career updates and achievements

“I was among the third batch of BME students at SSNCE, back in 2007. After completing my undergrad in BME, I went on to work for Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Porur, Chennai as a Biomedical engineer for a little more than 2 years. In 2014, I moved to the USA to pursue my Masters degree in Biomedical Engineering at University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). In the summer of 2016, after completion of my Masters education, I joined a non-profit organization called Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach (HSMO) based in Springfield, Illinois, as a Biomedical Engineer.

HSMO is an affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) that has 15 hospitals and more than 100 clinics in the state of Illinois and Wisconsin. HSMO is an international global health supply chain organization (charitable) that recovers surplus medical supplies and used medical equipment from more than 90 hospitals in the midwest, sort, repair and package for distribution to low and middle income countries (LMIC) for people who do not have access to healthcare. We are also the only organization of our kind, to be an affiliate with a healthcare system in the US.

When I got hired in 2016, I became the first full-time BME staff, to establish and build the BME program. As a Biomedical Engineer, my role is to manage and assess all the diagnostic and therapeutic medical equipment that are donated to us and make sure our international partners have the capacity and infrastructure to use the medical equipment. I have also traveled to LMIC's during the past 7 years, including Tanzania, Togo and Haiti”.

Write-up 2:

Sathish Vimalraj (2000 – 2004, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering)



It all feels like a dream to notice that almost 20 years have passed since my graduation. I can still remember the day of counseling, while choosing a College, my father had suggested me to take SSN. At that time, the only thing I knew about the college was that Mr. Shiv Nadar who was the founder of HCL technologies was also the founder of SSN College. Somehow that was convincing enough to choose SSN.

The first drive to college was during the orientation. In 2000, the drive in OMR was not as pleasing as it is today. Somehow, we managed to find the college and attended the orientation. The reason I am mentioning this is because I was right there witnessing the college grow from what it was in 2000 to one of the top colleges in Anna University in 2004. In fact, we have heard stories of how classes had happened prior to 2000 where there was not enough infrastructure. Today the college is one of the beautiful places to study in. With so many movies being shot in the campus, I don't have to talk about the aesthetics part of it.

The growth of SSN that I had witnessed in the past 20+ years is astonishing. But that is how any institute, or an organization grows from scratch. The effort taken by the management is immense. Today when I walk out and say that I graduated from SSN, everyone raises their eyebrows and ask how I managed to get a seat. That is the kind of brand value SSN has given to me today.

When we were doing our 4th year, we had a talk from the then Dean Dr. Kasthuri about entrepreneurship. When most of the colleges were focusing on campus interviews, this was one college which was encouraging entrepreneurship in parallel. The vision was so strong that it has led to the birth of SSN Incubation Foundation today.

All these are key learning's for any wannabe entrepreneur on how to be clear and focused on their vision and it takes time to grow something from scratch. Patience is the key. There could be lot of distractions from people around you, questioning your capabilities and decisions. But patience and focusing on vision is your key to success. SSN case study proves it all and this is very important to know for any budding entrepreneur from SSN.

Sathish Vimalraj (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/satvim/>) is currently working as a Product Leader at SumTotal Systems and he also holds the role of SSN Alumni Association Joint Secretary.

Write up - 3:

Mr. Adithya Joseph Antonysamy (2015 - 2019 batch, Department of Chemical Engineering)



With the current global concerns and dialogues around the impacts of fossil fuel consumption and climate change, there is a growing impetus to switch over to use of renewable non-polluting sources of energy. Our alumnus, **Adithya Joseph Antonysamy**, has chosen this domain as the focus of his future work. Adithya was a part of the 2019 cohort of the Department of Chemical Engineering at SSN College of Engineering where he specialized in

research oriented to biofuels and solar photovoltaic materials. He also engaged in a summer internship program at Stanford where he focused on modules in sustainability and renewable energy. Upon graduation from SSN in 2019, he went on to pursue his Master of Science degree in



the Atmosphere/Energy program at Stanford in the department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. During his Master degree, his modules at Stanford and his research internship at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory were focused on power systems decarbonization. This enabled him to gain expertise across areas like electric power systems and grid architectures, energy market operations, renewable energy technology and battery energy storage.

Upon graduation from Stanford in 2021, he went on to work as a power sector modeling analyst intern at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado, where he worked on modeling the impacts of renewable energy capacity expansion in the US on the customer utility retail rates and the cost-benefit ratio of battery storage resources.

Since January 2022, he has been working in Tesla, as a product engineer for the industrial battery storage team where he is responsible for commissioning new battery projects for utility and industrial customers, and troubleshooting issues and root-causing failures in existing battery project deployments.

Principal's message to Alumni

Shared in US/UK Alumni meet

By establishing yourself all over the world, you have helped us build the brand of SSN. Thanks for that. We are a 18,000 + family. We need to interact to maximize our potential. There is a structure for interaction [Student alumni Reps, Dept Alumni Relationship Team, Cherishing Alumni Relationship and Engagement newsletter]. The gateway to all this is Alma Connect.

What can we do to you?

1. When some new area of technology needs to be added to your profile, you can seek certification from us.
2. When you want to incubate your ideas, you can come to us.

What can you do to us?

1. Share your contribution of money
 - Like Rural SPURS (Scholarship for Potential Undergraduate Rural Students)
 - Govt. 7.5% quota -another 40 students are admitted.
 - We need to support upto 50% of their expenses.
2. Share your knowledge
 - Guest Lecture
 - Value Added Course (Contact faculty Alumni Co-coordinator)
 - Guide student Projects
 - mentor students for hackathons
3. Share your experience
 - conduct mock interviews mock group discussion,
 - offer training for placement.

Let us cherish each others' growth.

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