



'ALMA MATTERS'

VESCOP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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ALUMNI COMMITTEE 2017-18

Dr. Supriya S. Shidhaye	Principal
Dr. Anita Ayre	Alumni In charge
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Ms. Manali Kadam	Member
Ms. Sita Patel	Member

6th VESCOPIAN ALUMNI MEET 2017-18

Every year VES College of Pharmacy pools in resources and efforts and reaches out to their Alumnus for an annual Alumni Meet with the aid of the in house Alumni Committee a comprehensive unit of both faculty and students. An event replete with fun and nostalgia is meticulously planned. This year was no different to this routine. Alumni from every passed out batch were invited for an evening of fun events and refreshments along with surprise gifts and awards for Best Alumni. The chief guest of the event was **Minal Sathe, Regulatory Affairs, Cipla**. The highlight of the event was the introduction of the new concept called **Alumni Core Committee** which will take up the responsibility of conducting various Alumni related activities in the coming years. The gist of the idea involves the organization of an annual event **'By the alumni, for the alumni and of the alumni'**. We at VESCOP staunchly believe in growing and expanding our quirks and achievements and the contribution of our Alumnus is conducive to the same. The Alumni Meet provides the medium to make this a reality.



ALUMNI TALKATHON SERIES 2017-18

A Talkathon session was organized for T. Y. B. Pharm students on the topic entitled 'Preparation for GPAT and career opportunities post M. Pharm'. Our alumni members, Mr. Deepak Singh (M. Pharm, Batch 2015) and Ms. Pankti Ganatra (M. Pharm, Batch 2016) were invited as speakers for the session. Mr. Deepak Singh shared his experience and views on the various career avenues post-graduation in pharmacy. The students found his talk very informative and interesting. Ms. Pankti gave useful tips on how to crack the competitive exam; 'GPAT' for seeking admission to M. Pharm. She also highlighted on the various courses and broad research areas in M. Pharm. The session ended on a positive note from both the alumni members and they appreciated the initiative of the institute in hosting such career guidance sessions through and by the alumni. They also suggested that number of such interactive sessions must be conducted in future as well based on the need and demand by the students in view of seeking information on a specific career path.





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SHRI B.L. BOOLANI
MANAGING
TRUSTEE, VESCOP

Interacting with our beloved Ex-Students of VESCOP fills my heart with immense joy. I congratulate the VESCOP Alumni Association for entering into the sixth year of hosting an Alumni Meet.

In the past decade from when the college was inducted in 2007 we have been able to set good standards for providing a holistic environment to every student. Vision of VESCOP is to establish itself as a Research & Innovation Center. To achieve this objective, Industry should be invited to work closely with VESCOP. India has announced 'Make in India' programme to boost our economy. In alignment with this national agenda, we plan to set up an Incubation Center at VES by extending pharmacy college building & creating a separate 7 storied building for it. Our alumni along with the students and staff members must innovate ideas & products which will meet requirement of the society and will give solutions for quality of life. We are committed to create an ecosystem to nurture such innovative ideas and translate them into a commercially viable business. In the nutshell, I am strongly advising our alumni to become an entrepreneur & become a job provider than a job seeker to combat current problem of unemployment.

The Alumni Association Team is a staunch believer in providing consistent encouragement and support to our alumni and students to help create a better place. I extend my best wishes to the in-house Alumni Committee and the batch coordinators.



DR. SUPRIYA
SHIDHAYE
PRESIDENT, VESCOP
ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

It is a great pleasure to pen down my thoughts for 'Alma matters' With completion of 10 years of establishment of VESCOP and graduation of 7 successful batches of B. Pharm., the Alumni Association must be all set to take VESCOP to greater heights. In pursuit of academic excellence, we are strongly advocating our objective of building VESCOP as research & innovation center. Dear alumni please think out of box and your own incubation center is set to nurture your novel idea under the mentorship of our advisory board comprising of health care experts.

We also would like to leverage the networking and diverse expertise of our alumni for building VESCOP as the premier institution that has helped nurture not just stellar professionals but good individuals. We nurture big dreams for VESCOP and ambitious plans for the growth of VESCOPIANS which can only be achieved through active contribution by our Alumni. Let us strengthen our bonding and mutually cooperate to grow as the most sought after Pharmacy institute in India.



DR. ANITA AYRE
ALUMNI IN CHARGE

Hello everyone, through our newsletter I would like to introduce myself to all the alumni members of VESCOP. I have never interacted with anyone of you but I firmly believe that if you have the right attitude and the right approach towards achieving your goal, you reach there eventually. Since our college is into its 11th year since inception, it is the right time that our alumni members gear up and take up the responsibility of leading the Alumni Association of VESCOP. Of course the management and all the staff members will extend their continued support and will guide you all as and when needed but now the Alumni Association must come in form with a constructive agenda aligned towards establishing VESCOP as a brand and striving to make our institute one of the finest institute in the nation catering to the ideas and innovations of the students as well as alumni members. Dear alumni, let us come together strongly as a team and make our Alumni Association work with the mission- FOR THE ALUMNI, BY THE ALUMNI AND OF THE ALUMNI.
BEST WISHES ALL ALONG....



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Jayesh Jain

After my graduation I worked for 2 months with a very small company called Eventus Overseas Pvt Ltd. But I wasn't happy with that and was not satisfied with the job and definitely did not think that it is my calling. I always harbored the dream of setting up my very own start up idea and investing my time and money into it to nurture and expand it. So I made it my game plan and came up with the idea of FRESKO. Fresco's main intention was to get an entry into the Hospitals as a Vendor for the distribution of Pharmaceutical products through Vending machines. Post this venture in December 2016 I got an opportunity to work as a SuperStockist of Fresenius Kabi Pvt Ltd which covered the area between Thane to Ghatkopar I had seized that opportunity with both hands. I went ahead and commenced my Pharmaceutical Distribution Business in March 2017 and it has now taken off in a considerably satiable manner. I am also working with some E tenders & government opportunities and also looking for Export orders since my modus operandi is to expand the reach of this business to the best of my abilities. There is a lot more to business than just a start up concept. It involves a large amount of meticulous planning and mulling over acute details. It also comes with the pre-requisite of taking risks and maintaining a cool demeanor through the rough phases.



Jawahar Nidamboor

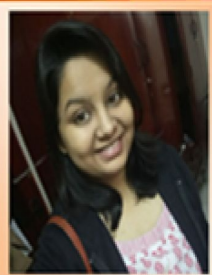
I did not give much thought that I could write, although there's a strong 'genetic' element for the art. My great-grandfather, an aristocrat, was a scholarly writer, author, editor and publisher, in his own right. My dad, I feel, is a natural. He made what began as a hobby his primary profession, so much so, thanks to his "passion for writing," as he puts it, he has "not worked a single day."

I first started writing when I went to the UK, in 2015, for my post-graduate studies. To begin with, this was keyed to academic and research writing, as also assignments, abstracts etc. I slowly began to try my hand in writing popular health articles and I soon became a published writer. When I returned to India, this was destined to become my new profession. I was called for a meeting with a healthcare company and I was offered the position of a senior medical writer. However, before this happened I had the good fortune of publishing my first book on natural health and wellness, as co-author, with my dad. This was followed by yet another book on natural herbs.

Just as much as I'm aiming to enroll for higher research studies I thought that it'd be a great idea to launch a content development and publishing company. I always knew that my dad was keen to launch such a start-up, for a long time, but did not... owing to his full-time writing, editing and other commitments. When I told him that I would love to run the company, on my own, with his guidance, he was delighted. This was how our start-up came into being. This was not as easy as it would sound. We just could not take off with two people. It takes a few to tango. Also, we did not want to offer quality services in just 3-4 areas, viz., health, pharmacy, medicine, literature, philosophy, and allied subjects. We thought it would be best to provide quality services in different areas, or genres — right from science and technology, to fiction, poetry, agriculture and general subjects, including translation.

There was one big, also predictable, challenge. This was money, the engine that is prerequisite to launch any business venture, small or big. We are not a business family; neither have we ever been in business. We are professionals. We set aside a little money literally from our pockets (this was minimal, nothing big) that was required to kick-start the basics, like getting the website ready, registering the company, and so on. We also connected with a few of my dad's long-time friends, in the profession, most of them with over 25-30 years (or, more) of experience in their respective areas in journalism and specialized subjects with doctorate degrees. They were game to the idea. They just said, "Yes," without "preconditions." We took off and as luck would have it, we bagged our first project within the first three weeks, after launching our start-up.

ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURES



Ruchi Singh

Director,
Cerelia Nutritech
M. Pharm, Batch 2015

My passion for pharmacy had always been potent and my inclination towards research further fueled my desire to pursue my master's post my graduate degree. Hailing from a business based family I always harboured the dream of cultivating my very own start up concept and becoming a self-made person. The game plan always involved finding a way to culminate my two interests which gave birth to Cerelia Nutritech.

It is impossible to start anything without a good team, I have been immensely lucky to have like-minded friends who are like family which led to Kiran, Nikhil, Deepti and I starting this journey. Cerelia Nutritech is an IP based social enterprise which develops accessible, affordable, socially acceptable and innovative products for maternal and child health. Generating funds for the start up was not an easy task especially with only 2 years of experience and no PhD degree. But with strong determination we kept approaching various government and non government organizations for funding support, coming out every time with new experience and learning which made us more confident and within a year we were able to generate good quantum of funding to start our own research lab in IIT Delhi. Being from technical background learning the modus operandi to market my business idea was something indispensable. By reading up and acquiring know-how in this context from each and every resource I could find and attending various workshops and sessions I could gain confidence. Apart from my core area of research I had to acquire the basic knowledge in accounts, marketing, legalities which is an integral part of any business.

My Alma mater VES COP, ever supportive and world's most amazing parents and my closest group of friends who have been a constant source of inspiration have all played a very important role in shaping my idea and giving wings to my dreams.

Remember nothing is ever a failure, "There's always a way to pivot your idea."



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Research

- 5 industry sponsored projects, 3 Govt. of India funded projects and many University funded projects with total grant of more than 60 lacs
- Prof. Mangal Nagarsenkar has joined VESCOP as our Research Advisor
- Collaborative research center with German Company Merck

Recognitions

- First college in University of Mumbai to receive NBA accreditation for B. Pharm programme
- VESCOP has topped in western zone of India in the category of emerging pharmacy institution with platinum ranking for AICTE-CII survey of best industry linked institutes
- Amongst top 6 pharmacy institutes of University of Mumbai and top 75 pharmacy institutes at all India level as per National Institutional Ranking Framework

Awards & Accolades

- *Dr. Supriya Shidhaye received the "Best Teacher Award" (Urban Area) of University of Mumbai amongst the teachers of the Affiliated Colleges for the Academic Year 2015-16*
- *Faculty members - Ms. Ramalakshmi Anand, Ms. Ashwini Wani, and Ms. Pradnya Korlekar were awarded 2nd Prize in "Best Educational Quality Enhancement Team (BEQET) President Award – 2017" conducted by National Centre for Quality Management (NCQM), Mumbai on January 20, 2018.*

News & Updates

The Alumni Association of VESCOP is being reformed. As a part of this initiative nominations are invited from all Alumni members for the post of President & Vice-President. Nomination form is available at the college website under the Alumni web portal. Interested candidates can fill the form and mail it to alumni.vescop@gmail.com on or before 31st March, 2018.

Editorial team: Ms. Reshma Pillai & Ms. Harshada Bhuskute (Final Year B. Pharm)

New Ventures

- **Campus to Corporate (C2C) Transitions – "Creating Enabling Attitude" in the following avenues:**
 - i. **Vidyan Manch** – Industry- Academia/Student interaction.
 - ii. **Disha** – Career Avenues after B. Pharm.
 - iii. **Talkathon** – Student Alumni interaction
 - iv. **Atmavikas** – Soft Skill Development
- Executive Development Programme to train industry professionals
- Add-on course on Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs for B. Pharm & M. Pharm students to imbibe knowledge and soft skills among students
- **"Annual Lecture Series in Pharmaceutical Technology"** initiated from 2017. This year's theme - "Innovative Research and Advancement in Pharmaceutical and Healthcare areas."

Activities conducted

- **2ND CHEMTASTIC 2017** was organized on 29th July 2017 which included Chemistry based fun filled events
- **Public Health Office:** Conduct of blood donation campaigns and various health camps
- Teachers Day celebration
- Celebration of Navratri Festival (Garba night)
- **Ignition 2018**