ALUMNI MEET 2024: A REPORT

Date: 23-06-2024

Date of Event: 22nd June 2024 (Saturday)

Event Overview:

Oriental College of Pharmacy (OCP) and Oriental Pharma Alumni Association (OPAA) had organized Alumni Meet for M. Pharm alumni (Batches of 2012-2014, 2013-15, 2014-16, 2015-17, 2016-18) and B. Pharm alumni (Batches of 2004-08, 2005-09, 2006-10, 2007-11, 2008-12, 2009-13, 2010-14, 2011-15, 2012-16 and 2016-20) on Saturday, 22nd June 2024, from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at Seminar Hall, Ground floor, Oriental college of Pharmacy, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai - 400 705. The event was organized by Dr. Amjad Ali, Secretary OPPA, and the Alumni Committee members, under the guidance of Dr. (Mrs.) Sudha Rathod, Principal, OCP and President, OPAA with the co-ordination and co-operation of the Placement cell, faculty members, non-teaching staff and student members of Alumni Committee and Placement Cell of OCP.

Registration and Welcome:

The event began with the registration of alumni, who were warmly welcomed with roses as a token of appreciation and companionship. This thoughtful gesture set a positive and affectionate tone for the rest of the day.

Informal Chats:

A small chat session was held in the board room, where alumni had the opportunity to catch up and share their experiences. Respected personalities of college Dr. (Mrs.) Shudha Rathod, Dr. Vandana Jain and Dr. Amjad Ali were present, making the session both insightful and nostalgic.

Inauguration:

The formal function commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Principal Madam and dignitaries. This traditional ceremony symbolized the light of knowledge and the bright future ahead.

Felicitation Ceremony:

Several alumni were felicitated for their outstanding contributions and achievements in their respective fields. This recognition not only celebrated their success but also inspired current students and other alumni.

Speeches and Presentations:

1. Speech by Principal madam and other faculty:

Principal Madam delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and growth. Her words resonated deeply with the audience.

2. Principal's Presentation:

A detailed presentation by Principal Madam highlighted the institution's achievements, future, and the pivotal role of alumni in the institution's growth.

Further Dr. Vandana Jain, Professor and Dr. Amjad Ali, Associate professor and alumni committee incharge also addresses the attendees. Dr. Amjad Ali addressed the alumni next and gave an update on the work done by Alumni Committee, current registered members of OPAA and publication of 12th issue of OPAA bulletin. He also appealed all alumni for active participation in guest lecture, in-plant training, job placement, provision of gift samples, industry institute collaboration, technical assistance etc. and thanked all alumni and students for spending time and gracing the event with their presence. Dr. (Mrs.) Vandana Jain appreciated the assistance provided by alumni of OCP in training and placement of students of OCP and requested them to continue extending their support further.

3. Alumni Speeches:

Alumni from different batches shared their journeys and experiences. Notable speeches included:

- **Ms. Gazala:** Emphasized the importance of lifelong learning and shared insights about her family business in pharmaceuticals export.
- **Mr. Ibrahim**: Quoted**,** "लोगो को ऐसा लगता है कि किसी के मिलने से कूछ नही होता, लेकिन जिंदगी बदल जाती हैं " highlighting the profound impact of connections and relationships.

Faculty Introduction:

All teaching faculties were introduced, providing alumni an opportunity to reconnect with their mentors and express their gratitude.

Further Felicitations:

Principal Madam, Dr. Vandana Jain and Ms. Alveera Ansari continued the felicitation of alumni, acknowledging their achievements and contributions.

Vote of Thanks:

Total 21 alumni were attended the event. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Manasi Gholkar, expressing gratitude to all attendees and organizers for making the Alumni Meet 2023-24 a memorable event.

Alumni Insights and Suggestions:

The alumni shared valuable insights from their professional journeys and offered suggestions for the current students:

- Mr. Arif Khan: Working as a PV in TCS.
- Mr. Khalid Qureshi: With over 10 years of experience, he now owns Healthcare Remedies, a Pharma company.
- Mr. Kalpesh Jain: Has extensive experience in marketing and PV, now involved in family business.
- Ms. Ghazala: Engaged in family business.
- **Ms. Neetu:** With 9 years of experience in Macleods, she stressed the importance of pursuing M. Pharm and offered help with project management.
- Mr. Ibrahim: Completed a Business Management course and runs a Pharmacy in Kandivali.
- Mr. Abdul Rahim: Worked in RA, went to Oman, and has returned to India.

- **Mr. Ahmed Raza Shaikh:** With a background in marketing and pharmacy, he runs Generic Mart/Med Pharmacy and works at Meyer Organics. He is ready to assist others.
- Mr. Sajil Mulla: Owns two chemist shops and is willing to offer scholarships to the students of OCP.



Glimpses of the Alumni Meet 2023-24 in Board Room of OCP





Registration of Alumni, OCP student hosting the Alumni meet





Felicitation of all alumni with memento by principal madam and other teaching staff



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OCP Faculties interacting with the Alumni and other students



Family of Oriental College of Pharmacy, Alumni, staff, and students on Alumni Meet 2023-24

Conclusion:

The Alumni Meet 2023-24 was a resounding success, strengthening the bond between the institution and its alumni. The event not only provided a platform for reminiscing and networking but also inspired current students and faculty members with the stories of success and the readiness of alumni to contribute back to the institution.

List of Alumni with Current Jobs:

A comprehensive list of alumni and their current positions is available with Ms. Alveera and Ms. Sanie for reference and further networking opportunities.

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