



Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Nagercoil – 629 004

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Nationally Accredited with A+ Grade (CGPA 3.35) by NAAC IV Cycle
An ISO 9001:2015 Certified Institution

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2019-2020
to
2023-2024

5.3.2 Presence of an active Student Council & representation of students on academic & administrative bodies/committees of the institution

ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL 2023-2024

Mission: Accomplishing Transformational Leadership, Developing Innovative Skills through Art and Culture

The Dean of Students office, Holy Cross College promotes student services, advocacy, leadership, involvement, civic engagement, civility, publications, and diversity by creating positive experiences for students. Student Council works to help students to succeed academically and become contributing members of our campus and community.

Vision: Coordinating activities for the welfare of students

Strive to create socially conscious, ethically studios, law-abiding, diligent citizens who have an inherent commitment to integrity in all they do.

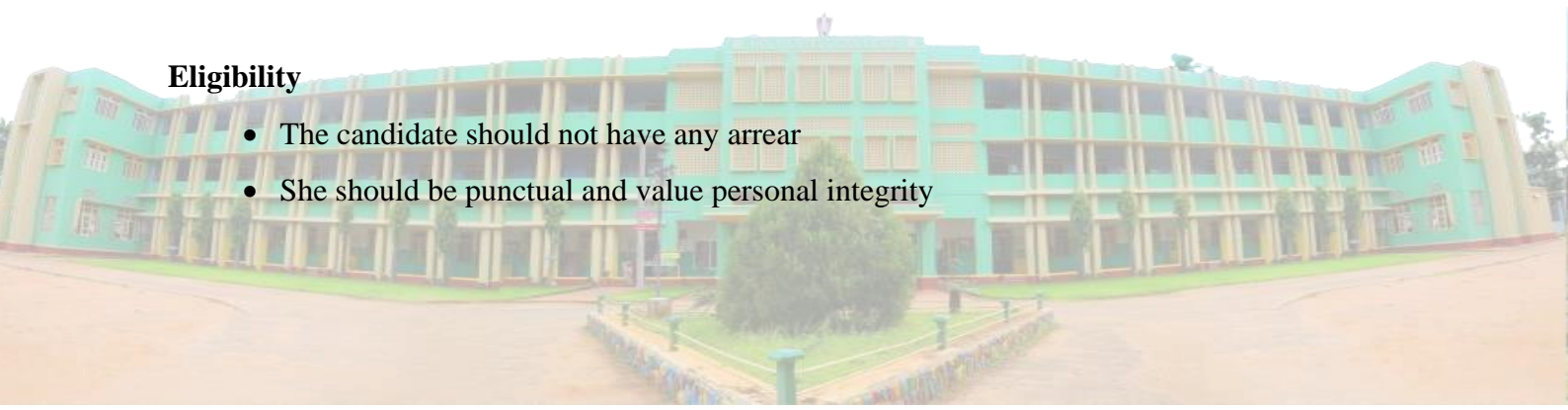
GOALS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL:

1. STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

The annual general election of the student council nurture leadership skills in students. The student council provides a unique opportunity for its elected members to represent their peers. The members of the student council are elected through the annual general election held at the college. There is a healthy competitive spirit that exists throughout the election, in which the student community gets an opportunity to become decision-makers. The student council provides its elected members with a platform to improve confidence and refine interpersonal skills.

Eligibility

- The candidate should not have any arrear
- She should be punctual and value personal integrity



- She should have good communicative skills both in English and Tamil be able to address large gathering.
- She should maintain a healthy relationship with the management, staff and students.

Format of Election

The election was carried out in the following manner.

- Two students each of II UG and III UG are selected by the staff and students of the respective departments.
- The selected students are given leadership training in two sessions organised by the Deans of Students.
- Special task is conducted in one of the sessions to evaluate the teamwork and managerial skills of the students.
- Marks are given according to their proficiency
- 10 students each of II- and III-year were selected based on their score.
- On the second day the selected students appear before a panel of 3 experts. An interactive session is conducted in the presence of all the students who were selected for the first phase.
- A voting was conducted among the students who were participated in the first phase of the election.
- The joint secretary is selected from the differently abled students of II UG.
- The elected office bearers take oath along with the selected members of the clubs and committees in the Investiture Ceremony.

Eventually, President (Ms. F. Shimarna, III B.A English S.F), Vice president (Ms. S.Mary Ashany, III B.Sc Mathematics), Secretary (Ms. A.Arokia Sandra, II B.Com), Joint Secretary (Ms. Stephira S.R, II B.Com) were elected for the key positions.

2. LEADERSHIP TRAITS

Students in general are given a boost to initiate and innovate at several levels. They learn to express their ideas and opinions confidently while respecting diverse perspectives. They also develop teamwork skills that enable them to work harmoniously with peers by leveraging individual strengths to achieve common goals. The incubation center boasts several start-ups that are led by the students, in which students are encouraged to enhance their self-awareness, self-confidence, and self-esteem by setting realistic goals and troubleshooting challenges. The start-up founders in particular get a chance to develop their leadership skills through growth mindset, adaptability, and

resilience. A separate day is allotted each semester for student administration. Student administrative roles also mould leadership traits among students. All these provide room for the students to self-administer their tasks on hand and also of their peers.

3. CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

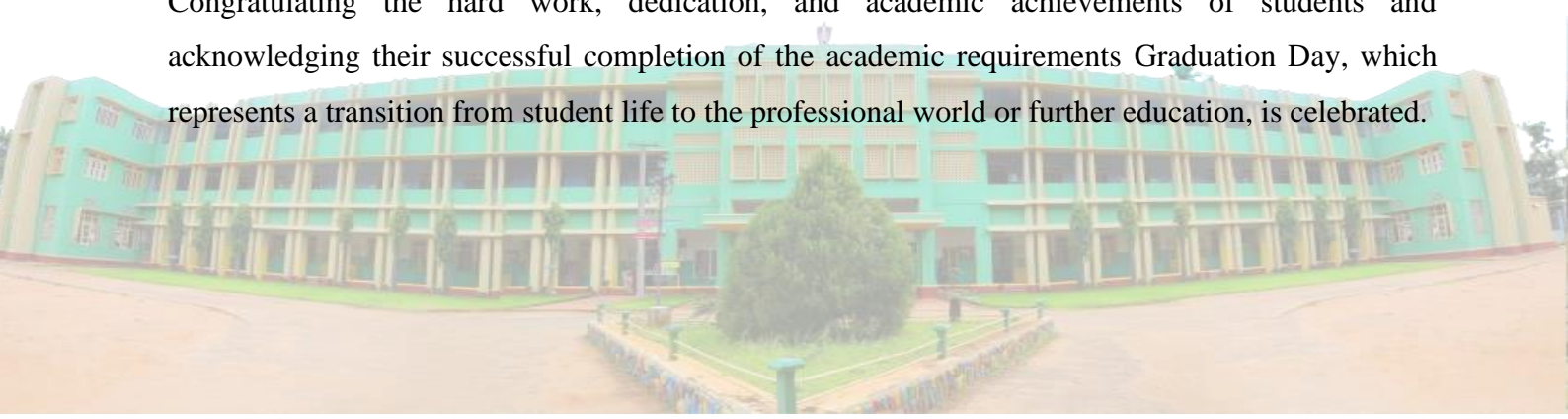
Several cultural programmes are organized by the student council in collaboration with internal or external collaborators from time to time. Apart from academics, these cultural programmes bring to action numerous skills that provide the students with an opportunity to express themselves with artistic creativity. In addition to programmes conducted within the premises of the college, the students are motivated to participate in intercollegiate events that help them fine tune their teamwork and problem-solving skills, which are highly valued qualities in today's world.

4. COMMEMORATION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND CELEBRATION OF FESTIVALS

The college allows students to break free from their routine by facilitating the celebration of cultural and religious festivals of importance and commemorating significant events in a calendar year. Celebration and commemoration aid student engagement, provides inspiration through featured sharing of experiences by experts, and promote cultural appreciation by allowing students to reconnect with their roots by developing social awareness. By being allowed to celebrate occasions like International Girl Child Day, Science Day, and World Environmental Day, the students are aided with inspiration and responsibility towards the cause. Students also become aware of scientific advancements, sustainable practises, environmental conservation, and social issues. Celebration of festivals such as Diwali, Ramazan, Christmas, Onam, Pongal, etc. brings students from diverse backgrounds together, fostering unity and oneness and thereby promoting tolerance and inclusivity. They also provide valuable opportunities for cultural exchange, personal growth, and a deeper understanding of the world.

5. GRADUATION DAY

Graduation Day marks the beginning of a new chapter in a student's life and provides a chance to commemorate and reflect on the fresh graduate's entire educational journey. Congratulating the hard work, dedication, and academic achievements of students and acknowledging their successful completion of the academic requirements Graduation Day, which represents a transition from student life to the professional world or further education, is celebrated.



6. STUDENT FORUM

Students can enhance their teamwork, problem-solving, and time management skills by becoming an office bearer or a member of forums, clubs and committees. Forums like help build real world skills, enable transfer of learning and enhance practical skills like communication and analytical thinking through discussions and debates. Experience in these forums contribute to their overall personal development of the students and prepare them for future professional endeavours.

7. CELEBRATING COLLEGE DAY

College Day offers opportunities to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of students across various fields, such as academics, sports, the arts, and cultural activities. Recognising and applauding the accomplishments of the students helps boost their self-esteem and motivation and provides a sense of pride in belonging to the college community.

8. NURSING THE BOND BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND STUDENTS

The office of the dean of students provides a healthy and collaborative relationship between management and students through effective communication, student engagement, empowerment, feedback, remodelling, and mentorship. By creating channels of communication with regular meetings, forums, and feedback sessions, it provides a positive and conducive learning environment that is supportive and safe for comfortable and motivated learning with an adequate resource supply that is uninterrupted.

The Parent Teachers Association and Dean of Students organized the Fresher's Day – 2023 to welcome the I UG and I PG students on 20-06-2023 in the Golden Jubilee Hall. The first phase of the Student Council Election was organized by the Dean of Students on 27-06-2023 in the Multipurpose Hall. A leadership training session was given to the students. After the training session, special tasks were assigned to students and evaluation of their leadership skills were assessed. The second phase of the Student Council Election was conducted on 30-06-2023. Students were given the opportunity to self-introduce themselves and showcase their leadership qualities. The judges interviewed the students and assessed the performance. Then the students were allowed to cast their vote to elect the president and secretary.

Investiture Ceremony is an important event which gives a good start to the activities for the academic year. To follow the legacy, the Dean of students of Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Nagercoil organized the Investiture Ceremony for the academic Session 2023-2024. Investiture Ceremony was celebrated on 5th July 2023, with full zeal and enthusiasm. gathering. Dr.

S.Vijayadharani, Member of the Legislative Assembly was the Chief guest and Sr. Nirmala, Former Headmistress of Holy Cross Anglo Indian School was the Special Invitee of the function. Dr.S.Vijayadharani honoured the Student leaders with the traditional chain with pendant carrying the logo and designation and crowned them with a Tiara. She appreciated the Management for providing a platform for the students to develop their leadership skills and emerge as effective leaders. The students took the vows by reciting the pledge to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities and abide by rules and regulations of the Institution.

Celebrating Friendship week helps students to express all kinds of warm feelings to friends, teachers and parents. The student council celebrated Friendship week in the first week of August to share the human spirit through friendship as our world faces many challenges, crises and forces of division such as poverty, violence and human rights abuses. Through “Share a Pie”, students from each department collected essential things and gave it to the less fortunate students during the weekend.

The student council celebrated World Daughters Day on 11-08-2023. The celebration paved way to raise awareness of the gender imbalance that girls suffer globally. The programme highlighted the successful emergence of girls in development policy, programming, campaigning, and research. To strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a drug free world, the student council arranged for a Drug addiction oath on 11-08-2023.

Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala was celebrated in the campus on 30-08-2023. Students brightened the campus with their colourful ethnic wear in the traditional attire of Kerala. The student council arranged Thiruvathirai dance, semi classical dance, and Mavali Chakravarthi Speech. The celebration captures the egalitarian and secular traditions passionately preserved by Malayalis over centuries.

Teachers' Day was celebrated in the campus with great enthusiasm on 5th September 2023. The entire college socialized in a vibrant atmosphere to salute the commendable roles played by the teachers. The teachers were honoured and entertained by the students.

Quality Circle meeting takes place twice a month. Dean of students organise the meeting effectively to cater to the needs of the students. The students bring their valuable suggestions, opinions, and ideas for the betterment of the student community.



To inculcate leadership quality and responsibility among students, the student council members take charge of all the departments on Student Administration Day. The works allotted by the departments is collected by the student council and they go round all the classes to ensure that the students carried out them accordingly. The Student Council initiated Yuvathi Magazine (Quarterly) with ISBN. This magazine is a unique platform to express the talents and creative works of the students. The sessions titled "Code of Conduct: A Commitment" and "Aligning Code of Conduct with Values" were organized with the primary objective of highlighting the fundamental significance of ethical behavior within our institution. Through a combination of interactive activities and presentations, students were immersed in exploring the core principles delineated in our code of conduct, with a particular emphasis on integrity, respect, and accountability. The Valedictory of the student council was celebrated on 08.04.2024.

