Ms. Aruna Sundresh

Ms. Aruna Sundresh, Head, Department of Political Science, retired on superannuation on 31st May 2014. She served the College for over 36 years. Besides her competence in teaching, she has served the College in different ways. She was Junior College Supervisor and Head of the Political Science Department for 8 years. She also helped the College by serving on various Faculty Committees including the Custodian Committee and the College Scholarship Committee, helping to sustain the various activities on campus which add to the quality of education. She was most productive as Head of Department, inspiring the students to better academic and co-curricular activities and making her subject a much sought-after one in the Arts Faculty.

My dear Aruna Ma'am----------

"Others are fine but the Political Science teacher is very strict. So be careful..." was the advice given to us, the FYJCs, by the SYJC students. We awaited the arrival of one of the strictest teachers in the Junior college. The bell rang and in a couple of minutes a lady with short hair draped in a starched cotton saree entered the class. Her very appearance said, "I mean BUSINESS!" It was enough to scare many of us. She commenced with the lecture and within no time we realized her command over the subject was very deep. Paying attention to Ma'am came as an innate phenomenon because we realized she was an ocean of knowledge. This is my first treasured memory of one of my favorite teachers, Ms. Aruna Sundresh, my Aruna Ma'am.

A highly dedicated teacher, she has been a great source of inspiration for many of us. Apart from being compassionate, perseverant and forgiving, she is selfless. The most important aspect of her personality is that she never ever desires any credit for all that she does. Aruna Ma'am has rarely allowed her presence to be missed. In spite of any calamity- natural or man-made, she is seated in the Staff Room every morning before 7.30 and this has continued for over 35 years now.

Aruna Ma'am joined St. Xavier's College in 1977 as a teacher in the Junior College. After teaching in the Junior college for 18 years, she joined the Degree College in 1995. I was fortunate to step into her irreplaceable void in the Junior College in 1996. My role model now became my colleague. However, she will always be my very dear friend, philosopher and guide. She immediately accepted my new role as her colleague and gave me full freedom in the department thenceforth.

In Degree College she started a number of new activities such as the Model United Nations and the British Parliamentary Debate which had both national and international teams. The Film Week another innovation by Ma'am showcased feature films and documentaries with immense social and political relevance. This attracted a large number of students from the other departments as well. The department magazine Vox Populi owes a lot to her guidance. She also took the initiative to start an Intercollegiate Essay Writing Competition on politically relevant issues. This event has become very popular in the Indian college-circles now. Besides these, she organized regular Workshops and Seminars. The Annual Seminar at Khandala was the most awaited event of the year. The Honours Programme transcended from its nascent phase to a more streamlined and systemized one owing to her efforts and guidance. She also implemented new concepts and ideas such as Balloon Debates, inter class Quiz Competitions, voter registration project, etc. Her encouragement to students to go for field trips and make documentaries proved to be very useful for academic purpose.

I have witnessed the gratitude of the alumni who come and visit Ma'am to thank for her tutelage that helped them in the Civil Service exams, Law exams, entrance tests, and most importantly through life.
Although I am conscious of the fact that all of us have to retire one day, I consider her retirement a personal loss to me. I have not yet come to terms with the fact that I will have to function without her. As long as I remember she has always been there with me, for me, but my imagination fails when I think of college without her. On behalf of the staff and the students of the Political Science Department, I wish Prof. Aruna Sundresh - one of the best teachers and above all to one of the best human beings I have ever known a long, happy, healthy and prosperous life ahead.

With lots of love,

Your student – Ms. Pratiba Naitthani.

Department of Political Science

Dr. (Ms.) Amrita Nadkarni

Dr. (Ms.) Amrita Nadkarni, Department of Sociology (Junior College), retired on superannuation on 31st May 2014, after a long and dedicated service to the College for over 30 years. Besides competence in teaching her subject, she helped the College by serving on various Faculty Committees, including the Infrastructure Committee, helping to sustain the various activities on campus which add to the quality of education. She was for several years on the Core Committee of the Junior College, helping to guide decision-making and problem solving for the College.

Her competence in Sociology was seen in the way she engendered a love for the subject in her students. She took the trouble of taking her students for a visit to the tribal areas on the outskirts of the city in order to give them a first-hand experience of tribal life. She acted on the principle of ‘field experience’ and had a very good rapport with her students. Most of all, she showed her dedication to scholarship by undertaking and completing her doctoral studies, while managing a full load of teaching.

Ms. Hermione Salazar

Ms. Hermione Salazar, Department of Economics, retired on superannuation on 30th April 2014, after a long and dedicated service to the College for over 33 years. Besides her competence in teaching, she has served the College in different ways. She was Vice-Principal (Arts) for 5 years and also Head of the Economics Department for the last three years, making significant contributions. She also helped the College by serving on various Faculty Committees, including the IQAC, Student Placement Committee and the Unfair Means Committee, helping to sustain the various activities on campus which add to the quality of education. She also served as the Chairperson of the Election Commission to conduct elections to the LMC and contributed to the Internal Assessment Committee 1998-1999.

She was also appointed the Faculty Coordinator & Research Guide for a Fulbright–Nehru Senior Research Scholar (USIEF). She was nominated as an executive member (Western Region) of the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India 1999–2003.
**Mr. Narayan Rambade**

Mr. Narayan Rambade, Laboratory Attendant, Department of Physics, retired on superannuation from 31st March 2014. Mr. Rambade served the College as a Gardener & for the last several years worked in the Department of Physics. Exhibiting a sense of initiative in his work, he was ready to take on any responsibility. He was instrumental in nurturing a good relationship between the Teaching and the Non-Teaching Staff in the Department. A very good orator, he would articulate the issues concerning the Non Teaching Staff, whether in the Kamgar Sangh meetings or in meetings with the Management. His speech at the Taj Lunch on 23rd December 2013, was very well received and the sentiments he expressed on behalf of the Non-Teaching Staff towards the College was much appreciated.

May good health and every success be part of his future.

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**Mr. Maurice Monis**

Mr. Maurice Monis, our College Registrar, retired from service from 31st May, 2014, after a long and dedicated service to the College for the past 34 years. He was honoured with the “Best Non-Teaching Employee Award” by the University of Mumbai, among employees of all affiliated Colleges, as a witness to the quality of his contribution.

Maurice served the College first as a Junior Clerk, then as an Accountant and finally, for 18 years as Registrar. He has excelled in his work keeping methodical records in a clear filing system for easy retrieval. His rapport with the faculty and non-teaching staff and with students and parents have been excellent. He has been a model of competence, working conscientiously and promoting a good work culture. He had a good grasp of the intricate details of Government resolutions and circulars. His knowledge of Marathi and English allowed him to deal competently with all types of people.

He made a well-appreciated presentation to the Principals of about 25 Colleges in Mumbai on Staff Service conditions and Administrative Good Practices at the Capacity Building workshop organized for the Academic Staff College in February 2012. His PPT presentations on many topics and his general expertise are much sought after by our Faculty as well as by Principals of other Colleges. His PPT on CAS promotions with regard to the API scores has been used by other Colleges as well as by the Joint Director of Higher Education.

He helped in the organisation of Capacity Building Seminars for the class III and IV non-teaching staff employees. He also served on the Scrutiny Committees of the Joint Director of Higher Education and the University of Mumbai in relation to Service Conditions and other matters. He displayed excellent leadership qualities in college administration with regards to college time-tables, college examinations under the autonomous system and other arrangements. His dealings with the Government and University officials have been excellent. He played a big role in the implementation of the IV, V and VI Pay scales, including the calculations of arrears, assessment of workload and of Salary and Non-Salary grants. He assisted the College Management in Court matters and served on several College Committees, being Convenor of the UGC, Time-table and Placement Committees.

In recognition of his contribution, he was sent by the College to the New York University’s, Stern Business School in May 2013, for 3 weeks, for an exposure to the best practices in administration for adoption in our College.