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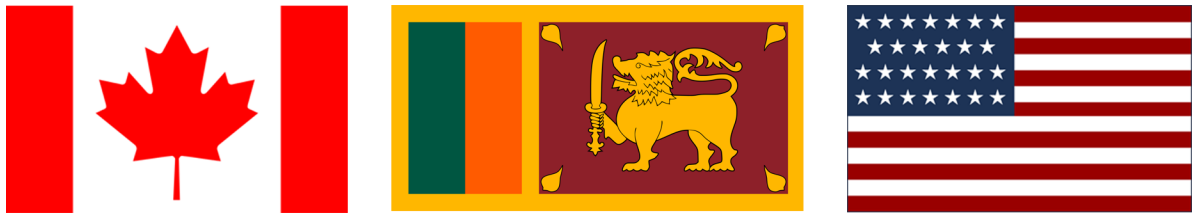
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CUFSAA-NA - Mission

Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association of North America (CUFSAA-NA, CUFSAA) is formed exclusively to foster, maintain and support a mutually beneficial relationship among the alumni of the Colombo University Science Faculty living in North America, the University of Colombo, and the community at large. It is organized exclusively for social, charitable, and educational purposes.

A Beacon of Hope for a Faculty and the Nation

CUFSAA was established to support the Faculty of Science of the University of Colombo. However, the last five years have been the darkest times for Sri Lanka, going through a devastating pandemic and its worst economic collapse. The ever-grateful CUFSAA membership saved many lives of citizens of its homeland in its darkest hour by donating a staggering US\$160,154 worth of medical equipment and essential medicine to hospitals in Sri Lanka including some of the remotest. The Economic situation created a further crisis in the hospital system and CUFSAA rose to the challenge again by donating an additional US\$20,004 worth of medical supplies during the crisis. These donations show how we, who started as a simple alumni organization, can be a beacon of hope to a struggling nation. During all this, CUFSAA did not forget its science students and donated Laptops worth US\$11,722 to students so they could adjust to remote learning and continue with their education.

CUFSAA, during the last five years, made many big-ticket infrastructure contributions to the science faculty to help them provide state-of-the-art science education to the next generation of Sri Lankans. These included two (02) high-performing computers (Plant Science, US\$4,529), ten (10) bright-field light microscopes and one (1) dissection microscope (Zoology & Environmental Science, US\$11,792), an 11-inch Celestron Telescope, a Hydrogen-Alpha Solar Telescope, and associated accessories including multiple CMOS cameras for imaging celestial objects (Physics, US\$8,363), twenty-nine (29) e-book subscriptions (Library, US\$4,376), two (02) oscilloscopes (Nuclear Science, US\$1,011), MultispecQ instruments (Plant Science, US\$915), shipping and handling cost for a donation of scientific equipment by Metna Co. that would have cost over Rs. 20 million (US\$75,000) if purchased directly and sponsored the printing cost (US\$6,500) of the Faculty of Science Centennial Book.

CUFSAA members also went to great lengths to recognize the yeoman contributions of educational leaders of the faculty. It established four gold medals in honor of the Late Prof. V. Joseph, the Late Prof. M. L. T. Kannangara, and Prof. L. M. V. Tillekeratne and sponsored a gold medal for Computational Chemistry. These gold medals also come with Scholarships for financially distressed students who show academic promise. We have given eight (08) such scholarships already. Our membership also stepped up to match sponsors with students in grave financial difficulty through its unique Step-Up program, where nine (09) students were supported, bringing much-needed relief to their families (All Scholarships and Step-Up help currently pays US\$35 pegged per month per year).

As this lengthy narrative shows, CUFSAA is more than a marvelous idea. It is a beacon of hope to students of our faculty and the country as it sails through troubled times.



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A message from

**Professor Vicumpriya Perera
President of the Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association
in North America**



It is my great pleasure to write this message to welcome you all to the Third Fund raising social get-together and Reunion of the Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association of North America (CUFSAA-NA), **Tamasha 2023**, in Toronto, Canada!

CUFSAA-NA founded in April 2016 is celebrating its **seventh year of existence** in 2023. The Association has grown from its humble beginning to a vibrant organization of over 600 members. The association's activities are led by the able hands of the executive committee consisting of twenty-five members. The **Mission and Vision** of CUFSAA-NA are *"to create a social forum for the former students and academic staff of the science faculty of the University of Colombo to meet and foster fellowship among themselves, and to do charitable community work including promoting science education and scientific scholarship"* and work towards these goals *"by supporting the science faculty of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and similar educational institutions by providing assistance to current and former students and staff at the science faculty of the University of Colombo for educational projects and developmental schemes, and by giving support to scientific and educational endeavors in Sri Lanka and the USA"*.

Over the past seven years, we have completed or initiated many projects and programs worth over quarter million US dollars (US\$250,000) that benefitted the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, and Sri Lanka. Let me list a few projects that we undertook over the past two years to highlight some of our achievements!

- We donated over **US\$160,000** worth of essential medicines and medical equipment to hospitals across Sri Lanka via our **COVID Relief Effort**.
- We initiated a **Medical Supplies Fund** in April 2022 to benefit hospitals across Sri Lanka facing severe drug shortages and donated over **US\$20,000** worth of medicines.
- We established four **Gold Medal programs, several Scholarship, and bursaries** to benefit students at the Faculty of Science. The total value of these initiatives is over **US\$30,000**.
- We provided 29 eBooks valued at US\$4,300 and scientific equipment worth over US\$75,000 ((if purchased directly) donated by Metna Co., to various departments of the Faculty of Science.

These are just some highlights! All previous activities, current projects, programs, and achievements of CUFSAA-NA are described in detail elsewhere in this souvenir and at the association website, <http://www.cufsa.com>. I invite you to visit our website and review our work. You can be an active participant in our work too. You can support us by proposing new projects and programs, by taking active part in current projects, OR by donating your time, money, and talent.

On behalf of the CUFSAA-NA Executive Committee and Tamasha-2023 Organizing Committee, I



Best Wishes



From

Hemali & Ravi Amunugama



A message from

**Dr. Mailvaganam Mahendran
The Chief Guest - Tamasha 2023**



Good evening everyone. It gives me great pleasure, delight and pride to be a participant here in Toronto at the Tamasha 2023 event organized by the University of Colombo science faculty alumni in North America. I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to be the chief guest at this event.

I have been involved with this association as a member since 2016 and I have had the opportunity to closely follow the activities of this group during the past seven years. I am amazed at the enthusiasm and commitment of the dedicated alumni. During this time, they were instrumental in establishing several gold medal scholarships for the best students in all the science departments at the University of Colombo. They have also donated text books, computers and laboratory equipment. All of these essential additions will help students to perform better in their academic programs. I would like to thank the voluntary committee members for all their hard work and the donors for their kind contributions.

Thank you for including me in the celebration today. I wish you a happy evening, and enjoy the events organized by the committee.



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A message from

**Senior Professor (Chair) H. D. Karunaratne
Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo**



It is with immense pleasure I pen this brief message for the Reunion (Tamasha 2023) organized by CUFSAA of the University of Colombo in North America. It is indeed commendable for the Alumni to establish CUFSAA to support the activities of the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo. I believe that it is a better way to keep the most precious and fond memories of the University of Colombo, including the bonds we made with friends, teachers etc. that touched our lives by actively being part of the Alumni. The world gets more complicated with every passing day. We get involved with our families and work and suddenly when we lost touch with those outside that close circle, the Alumni Association can help to stay connected to those friends and to the vast resources available. There is much that you could do to the University of Colombo and are encouraged to, do in support of your alma mater. I am thankful for embarking on programmes such as E-book donation to the Faculty of Science library, instigation to provide medical supplies to Sri Lanka, etc., for the “stay connected” programs designed.

Thank you for your valuable involvement with the University of Colombo. Such programmes for the betterment of University of Colombo offers assistance to needy deserving students, and I am very pleased and thankful for CUFSAA for organizing such projects.



Since its inception, the Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association has proven a strong and unwavering commitment to service and to consistently working together towards the betterment of their alma mater and of Sri Lanka, whereby promoting greater cohesiveness amongst the members & communities in North America. Through these activities much could be done to improve the University system. I sincerely wish CUFSAA will continue the good work in future as it promotes close links between University of Colombo and its Alumni in North America.

I wish you all a very pleasant and most enjoyable evening!



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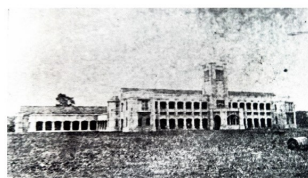
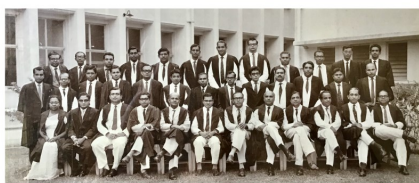
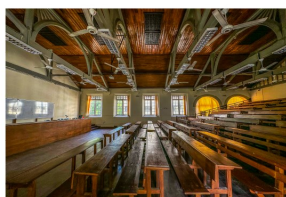



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A commemorative volume is being launched as part of the centenary celebrations of the Faculty of Science. This volume stands as a tribute, chronicling the inception, evolution, and remarkable landmarks of the faculty's 100-year odyssey towards academic eminence. This is a book that holds enduring value for alumni—past, present, and future—of this esteemed institution.

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This exceptional publication is not intended for public sale. However, in recognition of the invaluable support extended by CUFSAA-NA, towards the success of this and many other projects, the faculty has committed to providing us with 100 copies. CUFSAA-NA members may receive a copy in exchange for a \$100 contribution, which will be directed towards the cost of printing. To reserve your copy, please email info@cufsa.org.



A message from

Professor Upul Sonnadara
Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Colombo



It gives me immense pleasure to write this message for the TAMASHA 2023 souvenir. Throughout my tenure as Dean of the Faculty of Science from 2020 -2023, I have had the privilege of collaborating closely with the executive committee of CUFSAA. CUFSAA has proven to be a reliable support system for the faculty, especially during the challenging period of COVID-19 which disrupted academic activities at the University of Colombo. I am deeply grateful to CUFSAA for this.

January 21, 2021, marked a century of higher education in Science in Sri Lanka. This milestone presented us with a golden opportunity to celebrate and enhance the faculty's reputation. To coincide with these centenary celebrations, we organized a series of activities. Among these was the inauguration of the newly constructed Information and Learning Center on January 21. Today, this center stands as a model student learning facility which librarians from other universities visit to learn modern library concepts. Additionally, on April 23, 2021, we opened a new building to house the Department of Statistics, twenty years after its establishment. Statistics has become the most popular subject in the physical science stream today with the industry offering attractive jobs to our graduates. I have no doubt that with the newly introduced degree in Data Science, the Department of Statistics with its up-to-date facilities will achieve much more. Although the construction of the Student Service Center which has an open canteen to accommodate 400 students and is fully dedicated for student activities was delayed due to the economic challenges facing the country, we anticipate its completion this year.

The shift to online academic work due to the COVID-19 pandemic posed several difficulties for our students. However, CUFSAA stepped in and extended their support by donating laptops and establishing bursaries for students in need. This gesture not only benefited the students and the faculty significantly but also motivated other organizations to contribute to our cause. The donation of essential equipment to hospitals to combat COVID-19 illustrates the extent to which CUFSAA has assisted our country. CUFSAA has spearheaded many initiatives to aid the faculty over the past several years, details of which I am sure will be documented elsewhere in this magazine. Moreover, CUFSAA is generously supporting the publishing of 'An odyssey through a century,' which encapsulates the 100-year history of Science at the University of Colombo—a history we all cherish deeply and contributed to.

On behalf of the Faculty of Science, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to CUFSAA and its members. I wish you all the best for TAMASHA 2023!



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A message from

Dr. Reshan Fernando

**President Elect of the Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association
in North America**



I am writing this message with great excitement and enthusiasm and want to welcome each one of you to the **Tamasha 2023** celebrations. Today, we proudly celebrate our accomplishments – successful completion of numerous projects that benefited the Science Faculty, University of Colombo, and we recognize and warmly welcome our alumni who have been instrumental and provided their unwavering support throughout our journey.

With more than twelve successfully completed projects using funds raised over quarter million US dollars, and ten current and ongoing projects under its belt, CUFSAA is poised to continue its mission to improve the academic life of students, aspire them to achieve the highest academic excellence, and help them reach their full potential through many programs including the establishment of scholarships, an external seminar program, and a mentoring program, in addition to providing state-of-the-art equipment for laboratories and classrooms. Furthermore, CUFSAA continued its partnership with the resolute faculty and staff of the Science Faculty and provided resources to further their commitment to providing a first-class education to the students of Science Faculty and shape the minds of next generation leaders and entrepreneurs for a better tomorrow.

As we are fully aware, our *alma mater* needs our continued support more than ever before. At a time when historically relied upon resources and investments for academic institutions are extremely limited or non-existent, we, at CUFSAA, with more than 500-member strong, can rise to the occasion and reaffirm our commitment to support the Science Faculty of University of Colombo.

As your incoming president, I look forward to working with all of you, our highly talented and dedicated executive committee and each of you – our generous alumni with a heart full of love for that very special place we fondly remember as “Campus”, and continue what we have started with CUFSAA, to make a difference in the lives of students, faculty, and staff.

When you flip the pages and read the articles in the souvenir book, I respectfully ask that you get involved with CUFSAA in whatever capacity you can and be generous with your time, talent, and treasure.

I wish you all a joyful evening and wonderful memories to last a lifetime!









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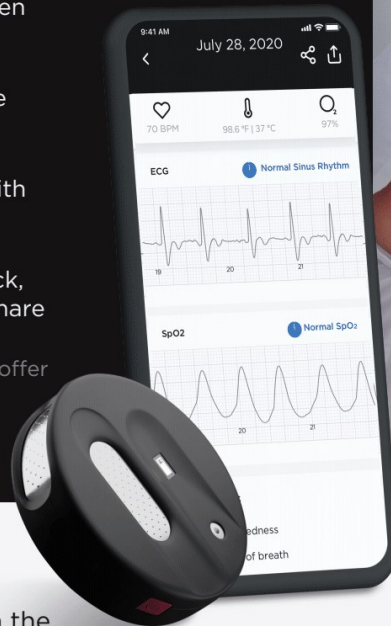
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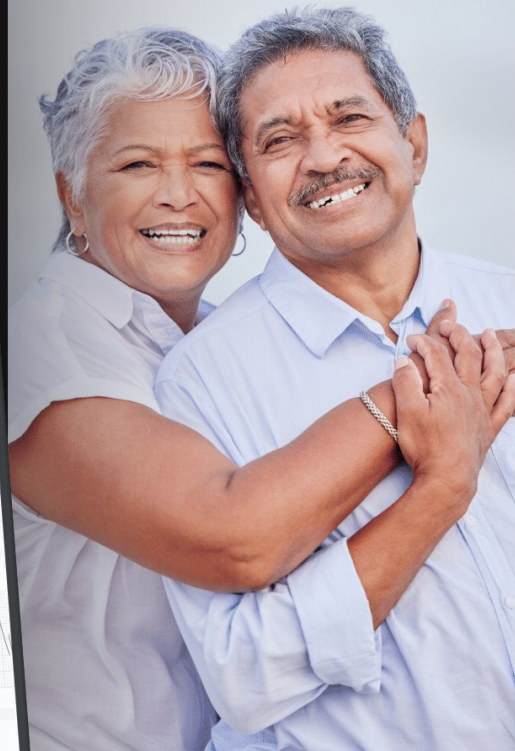
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We kindly ask our members and Science Faculty alumni and any other well-wishers for your generous support to purchase these much-needed physics equipment in order to provide a valuable experimental experience for the next generation of UoC graduates. You may also have heard the UoC became the number one University in Sri Lanka for another year, and with these types of vital experiments would help maintain the recognition the UoC had developed. Your tax-deductible contributions to CUFSAA for this worthy cause can be made via the links given below.

Total estimated cost = US\$27,620



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Avidhrt Sense Device : a portable heart health monitor that detects heart
abnormalities anytime
<https://www.avidhrt.com/>
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Three Sets of Makeup applicator sponges (20 sponges per set)
- **LRJ Enterprises, Toronto**
A gift basket - Sri Lankan organic products from CeyPla
<https://ceylonplantfood.com/>



Best Wishes



From

Dr. M. Mahendran



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CUFSAA-NA saves lives during the Covid-19 pandemic!

When lives were been lost in Sri Lanka due to lack of medical equipment and supplies during the Covid-19 pandemic, CUFSAA-NA stepped up to the plate.

Our initial goal was to raise \$15,000 to supply 3 high-flow oxygen machines. Thanks to the generous contributions of our compassionate alumni, we surpassed that target by 10-fold, raising over \$150,000 within a few months. In association with the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, CUFSAA-NA supplied numerous medical equipment and supplies to many hospitals all over the country. They included: Big ticket items such as Airvo2 high flow oxygen delivery machines, video laryngoscopes, bronchoscopes, ultrasound scanners, theatre lamps, flow meters and many more!



Video laryngoscope
US\$3000 (SLR 600,000)
To Matara hospital



Airvo2 unit
US\$6000 (SLR 1.2 million)
To Lady Ridgeway Hospital



Bronchoscope
US\$5000 (SLR 1 million)
To Matara hospital



Video laryngoscope
US\$3000 (SLR 600,000)
To Kanthale Hospital



Ultrasound scanner
US\$10,000 (SLR 2 million)
To the National Hospital



Three multiparameter
monitors US\$1,100
(SLR 220,000)

We are deeply grateful to our fellow-alumna Dr. Asoka Ramanayake for coordinating this COVID Relief effort in Sri Lanka.

Our sincere thanks to our kindhearted alumni and other well-wishers who generously contributed to this project! Together we made a difference! Thanks to your donations, many Sri Lankans are still breathing today!



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Best wishes from 85/86 batch



Professor Valentine Joseph Gold Medals and Scholarships

In 2018, CUFSSA launched the Professor Valentine Joseph Gold Medals and Scholarships to immortalize the late Professor Valentine Joseph's name. CUFSSA is pleased to inform that the project is now progressing, providing many rewards to the Student Community, largely due to the incredible generosity of our members.

The gold medal for Mathematics

The late Professor Valentine Joseph gold medal has been offered four times since 2018, and we congratulate the winners.

Year	Recipient
2019	Praveen Niranda
2020	Vindula Kumaranayake
2021	Osanda Abhiru Illeperuma
2022	VGPK Epa

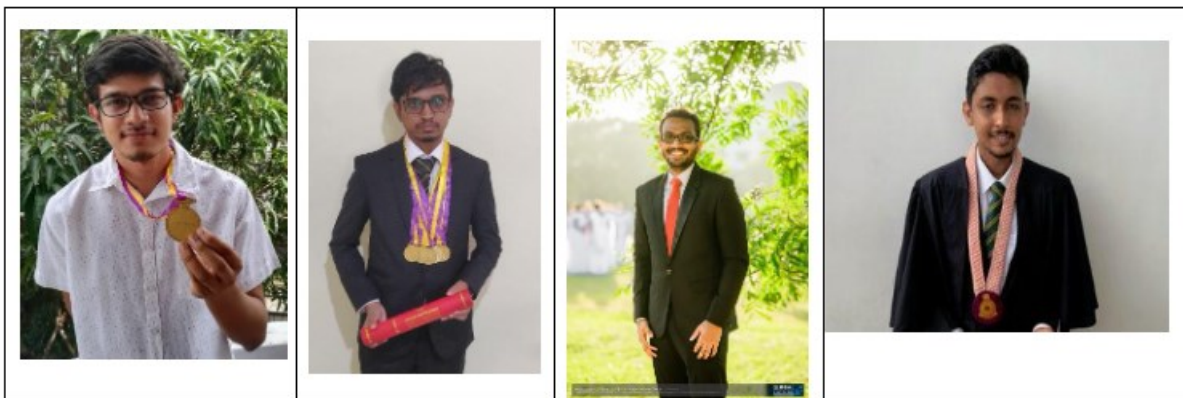
A Second Gold Medal for Applied Mathematics

In 2021, CUFSSA successfully implemented a second gold medal in honor of the late professor, this time for Applied Mathematics. This second gold medal will be awarded in 2023.

Late Professor Valentine Joseph Scholarship

Those who know Professor Joseph will remember him for his compassion and the need to help the less privileged. To honor this attribute, CUFSSA joined hands with the mathematics department to provide two need base scholarships for math students who are in the gravest economic need. Every year we give two scholarships, and currently, we peg the bursary to the US Dollar at US\$35 per month. As of August 2023, we have provided this monetary support for six students who were in grave economic need and were chosen by a committee consisting of Department of Mathematics Faculty Members.

Once again, thanks to the generosity of our members, we have successfully immortalized the Late Professor Joseph's name in a manner that the late Professor would have been genuinely proud of.



Prof. M.L.T. Kannangara Gold Medal and Scholarships



Professor MLT Kannangara, Emeritus Professor of Physics and a former head of the Department of Physics at the University of Colombo (UoC), started his undergraduate degree at the University of Ceylon, at its Colombo premises and received a BSc in Physics. His academic career started when he was appointed to the staff as an Assistant Lecturer in 1948. He obtained his PhD from the University of Manchester concentrating on Cosmic Ray Physics and returned to his alma mater in the mid-1953 and spent his entire academic career retiring in 1990. He spent several stints of sabbatical leave including one at the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University. He was promoted to Associate Professor in Physics in 1970, to a full Professor in 1979, and to a Senior

Professor in 1989. Against all odds, Professor Kannangara led a healthy research program throughout his career. From 1966-1972 together with his colleagues, he published two papers in the Journal of Geophysical Research (a leading journal on Geophysics) on geomagnetic micro-pulsations and frequency spectrum and another single-author article on polarization characterizations of micro pulsations from observations taken close to the geomagnetic equator, which runs through Sri Lanka. Coming back to Sri Lanka after a sabbatical at the Uppsala University in Sweden, he was instrumental in initiating an extremely successful international research collaboration with the Uppsala University colleagues in Sweden through the International Science program (ISP), which was the first ISP in Sri Lanka making the pathway including infrastructure to award local PhDs in physics in Sri Lanka at the UoC benefitting many current and former members of the Department of Physics. He served as the President, SLAAS Section E in 1963 and was elevated to be a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, London in 1971. He was the controlling Chief Examiner of the GCE A/L Examination Physics paper in 1974 and 1975. He actively participated in the advancement of science at all levels in Sri Lanka and was also a Founder Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka in 1977. In 1994, UoC awarded him an Honorary DSc.

Professor Kannangara was also one of the finest teachers. He took great care to prepare his own lectures from multiple sources and updated them with new scientific advances eagerly pointing out the underlying physics behind what he was teaching. He emphasized the importance of assessing the relative contributions from different physical parameters to a particular phenomenon and to evaluate what is relevant and what is not. He paid great attention to errors and error propagation, a critical aspect of experimental physics. Overall, he imparted both the methodology and the joy of doing physics to his students. Professor Kannangara always had the interests of his students in mind.

CUFSAA-NA with the UoC approval, established an endowed award “Prof. MLT Kannangara Memorial Gold Medal for the Most Outstanding Physics Student of the Year” for a first-class honors degree recipient. We are happy to announce the first winner Ms. TLMD Fonseka will receive the Gold medal at the UoC Convocation to be held on September 6, 2023. In addition, two scholarships named “Prof. M LT Kannangara Memorial Scholarship” for students enrolled in the Physics special program were also established. Each year, the department selects a student to receive the scholarship for two years, The first scholarships was awarded in 2022 and the second scholarship awardee is now selected from nine qualified applicants from the new batch selected for the Physics Special program in June of 2023.



Prof. L.M.V. Tillekeratne Gold Medal and Scholarship

Prof. L. M. Viranga Tillekeratne was born in a small village, Singharamulla, in Kelaniya. He completed his primary education in Dharmaloka Vidyalaya, and secondary education in Ananda College, Colombo 10.

In 1965, he started his undergraduate career at the University of Ceylon. In 1966, the University of Ceylon-Colombo Campus started offering a special degree program in Chemistry, and he was one of the nine students in the first batch of that special degree program. He graduated from the University of Colombo in 1969 and received the Science Scholarship for best results in the final examination in the Faculty of Science.

In 1971, he received the Commonwealth Scholarship to Oxford University. After completing his doctorate degree, he returned to Sri Lanka in 1975 and joined the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science in the University of Colombo as a Probationary Lecturer and later promoted to a full professor and assumed the Chair of Organic Chemistry position in 1984. He served the University in numerous capacities including the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Acting Vice Chancellor, and the Chairman of the Sports Advisory Board of the University.

Currently, Prof. Tillekeratne is serving as a faculty member of the Department of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry, at the University of Toledo, USA. He is focusing on the research areas related to anticancer agents as well as neuroprotective agents (collaborative research) and his research group has obtained several patents from their research, and he has received numerous awards and recognition for his research.

Even after his departure from UofC Prof. Tillekeratne continued to serve his *alma mater* through the CUFSAA-NA, a non-profit organization he founded in 2016 with the mission to unite all UofC Faculty of Science alumni scattered throughout the US and Canada under a common purpose to support our *alma mater*, Faculty of Science, UofC. He has served and shaped the organization as its founder president for the first two years and continues to play a vital role as an active member of the current executive committee.

A group of friends, well-wishers, and former students have come together and decided to establish a Gold Medal and a scholarship at the Science Faculty, UofC to honor Prof. Tillekeratne, one of the most beloved professors of our time. He is an outstanding teacher, a profound leader, a visionary, and an extraordinary mentor. He has dedicated his whole life to teaching, mentoring and student welfare. Prof. Tillekeratne has made a profound impact on our lives when we were students at UofC and even today, after more than three decades, he continues to have a tremendous influence and inspiration for us. As students, we have seen his passion, and it has inspired us to fully engage in our studies and continue to do well even after we left UofC and pursue our post graduate studies. Furthermore, he continued to provide guidance to many of us throughout our journey, encouraging us to focus on the directions of our careers. Prof. Tillekeratne is an amazing human being and an amazing professor.

He has always been very generous with his time and instrumental in opening doors for his students. His students embraced his continuous encouragement, guidance, and support throughout their student life and well passed into their adult lives.

In 2022, we launched the Prof. L.M.V. Tillekeratne Gold Medal for Chemistry and the Honorary Scholarship. This is one of the few scholarships available to students who are in the second year of their undergraduate program. We partnered with the Dean's Office and the Department of Chemistry to provide a need base scholarship for a second-year student who has successfully completed the first-year coursework and is in the gravest economic need. In 2022, the gold medal was awarded to Ms. H. M. J. C. Dhanasinghe (photo) during the convocation and one student received the scholarship.



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CUFSAA-NA'S COMPLETED PROJECTS

Total value is over \$225,000

2023	\$20,004	Emergency medical supplies to various hospitals affected by the current economic situation in Sri Lanka		13
	\$4,141	Equipment donation to Technology Faculty		12
2022	\$1,011	2 Oscilloscopes to the Department of Nuclear Science		11
	\$4,376	Online subscriptions for 29 Ebooks to the Science Faculty Library through ELSEVIR		10
2021	\$11,722	Laptop computers for economically-constrained Science Faculty students to accommodate remote learning		9
	\$160,154	Medical Equipment & essential medicines to nation-wide hospitals in Sri Lanka (COVID-Relief Effort)		8
	\$4,529	2 High Performance Computers to the Plant Sciences Department		7
2020	\$11,792	10 bright-field light microscopes (Olympus CX23) and 1 Dissecting microscope (Olympus SZX7) to the Zoology & Environmental Science Department		6
2019	\$749	A Canon EOS Rebel t6i camera and lenses for the FOS media unit of the Faculty of Science		5
	\$8,363	An 11-inch Celestron Telescope, Hydrogen – alpha Solar Telescope, and accessories to the Department of Physics		4
2018	\$915	MultispeQ instruments to the Department of Plant Sciences		3
2017	\$2,337	Drinking water system with 4 water coolers installed at Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics & Plant Sciences departments		2
	\$2,000	Scholarships & financial assistance to students affected by the wide-spread flood in 2017		1



CUFSAA-NA'S CURRENT PROJECTS



PROJECTED COST: OVER \$170,000
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1 \$6,500	Printing cost for the Faculty of Science Centennial Book	
2 \$100,000	Equipment & infrastructure for a new Synthetic Chemistry & Drug Discovery Lab	
3 \$6,422	Shipping cost for Metna Co. donated equipment (direct purchase cost over \$75,000) to the FOS	
4 \$27,620	Laboratory equipment to the Department of Physics	
5 \$3,780	STEP-UP PROGRAM that identifies donors to provide financial assistance for needy students (so far 9)	



GOLD MEDALS & SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED



6	Prof. M. L. T. Kannangara Memorial Gold Medal for an outstanding Physics Special student & Scholarships for most deserving students in Physics Department	\$5,171
7	Prof. Valentine Joseph Memorial Gold Medals & Scholarships to outstanding Mathematics students	\$13,033
8	CUFSAA Gold Medal for an outstanding student in special degree program in Computational Chemistry	\$1,675
9	CUFSAA scholarships for economically-affected Science Faculty students	\$6,000
10	Prof. L. M. V. Tillekeratne Gold Medal for a Chemistry Special student & a Scholarship for a second year B. Sc. Student (Funded by Prof. Tillekeratne's former students & friends)	\$9,031

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Current Projects



CUFSAA Donates Microscopes to the Zoology and Environmental Science Department

The Department of Zoology and Environment Sciences hosts four-honors degree programs and number of M.Sc., M.Phil., and Ph.D. programs while serving hundreds of students a year. To foster more learning opportunities for students and strengthen its positive research culture, the Department is planning to expand laboratory facilities with many latest equipment.

To help this worthy cause, Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association (CUFSAA- NA) officially handed over ten bright field light microscopes (Olympus CX23) and one dissection microscope (Olympus SZX7) to the Department of Zoology and Environment Sciences on 21st April, 2021. The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Chandrika N Wijeyaratne; Dean of Faculty of Science, Senior Professor Upul Sonnadara; Head, Department of Zoology and Environment Sciences, Professor Deepthi Wickramasinghe; CUFSAA representatives, Dr. Binodh de Silva and Ms. Aruni Fernando, Heads of other departments, academic members, student representatives, and well wishes.

The Department is much thankful to CUFSAA for their generous contribution. This donation will obviously have a powerful impact on its mission to promote learning, discover the world, and engage in science.



Undergraduates using microscopes in the Laboratory.

Article credit:

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The usage of workstations and MultispeQ machine donated by CUFSAA-NA to the Department of Plant Science, University of Colombo

In 2018, a MultispeQ machine was donated, and in January 2021, parallel to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Faculty of Science at the University of Colombo, two high-performance workstations were donated to the Department of Plant Sciences by the Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association-North America (CUFSAA-NA).

The workstations have been used extensively by the bioinformatics special students, to both assist with existing research work and enable the analysis of much larger datasets that were previously limited due to the lack of computing power. Previous computational limitations hindered the work quality and publications. The introduction of the workstations has remedied this by providing the bioinformatic students the computing power they need to work with full datasets and employ modern techniques of analysis. Since the donation, the workstations have been used by 2 batches of Bioinformatics undergraduate students, with a 3rd batch currently starting their research projects at the time of writing. Specifically, they have been used for function prediction in protein networks comprising tens of millions of interactions, carrying out domain analysis and phylogenetic tree construction for datasets of 500+ gene sequences, analyzing the microbial co-occurrence characteristics of milk samples, and several other projects under the supervision of Dr. Pasan Fernando and Dr. Anushka Wikramasuriya. Additionally, they have also been used by a postgraduate student for running RADseq pipelines under the supervision of Dr. Anushka Wikramasuriya. Furthermore, they have been used by other departments for carrying out protein docking studies. The coming academic year will see them being used for projects involving deep learning, systems biology, and analyzing NGS data, as well as other applications that may require the computing power the workstations provide. The Department of Plant Science is thankful for this valuable donation.

From 2018 onwards, the MultispeQ instrument donated by CUFSAA-NA has been successfully used in several research projects of final-year undergraduates under the supervision of Dr. Iroja Caldera. It was used to measure the quantum yield of photosystem II in a study on the phytoremediation ability of indoor foliage plants by Ms. Piyumi Premadasa in 2018. In more recent years, it was used by Ms. Kisalka Athukorala (2021) to measure the relative chlorophyll content of leaf samples collected from tropical rainforests in Sri Lanka while Ms. Ravishani Ranathunga (2022) measured the same on leaf samples collected from mangrove vegetation. In 2022, under the supervision of Prof. Sudheera Ranwala, Miss Anjalee Jayaratne used the MultispeQ machine for her final year research project to obtain photosynthesis-related measurements of the invasive shrub *Clidemia hirta* (Koster's Curse) across an elevation gradient. The research has been successfully completed and the findings will be disseminated in the near future. The diversity of these research areas highlights the multiple uses of the instrument and its value in research work conducted at the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Colombo. The Department of Plant Science is thankful to CUFSAA-NA for the donation and for arranging the demonstration session.

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The workstations being used for research work.



The MultispeQ machine being used for field work.



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Equipment Donation to the Faculty of Science

CUFSAA-NA has just completed its latest project, the donation of a container full of scientific equipment to the Faculty of Science. This donation would benefit both the faculty and students immensely to perform better in their academic and research work at a time the university is facing financial constraints to purchase new equipment. If purchased directly, it would have cost over Rs. 20 million.

This donation was made possible by CUFSAA-NA member, Dr. Anagi Balachandra. She was able to arrange this donation through her employer, Professor Parviz Soroushian, the owner of Metna Inc. Lansing, Michigan. Some of the instruments included in this shipment are: OLYMPUS BX41M Light Microscopes, ElvaX X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer, contact Angle/Goniometer, surface area analyzer, UV Ozone Surface Processor, UV/Ozone generator, Fisher Scientific Sonic Dismembrator, vacuum evacuation cell, Beckman Microcentrifuge machine, electrochemical work station, BROOKFIELD DV-III Ultra Programmable Rheometers, VWR model laboratory vacuum ovens, benchtop glove box, benchtop fume hood, digital lab scale balances, Orbital Shakers, power supply units, viscometers, adhesion tester, rotary evaporator, furnace, hardness tester, chromatographic columns and many other electronic equipment.

We take this opportunity to thank Dr. Anagi Balachandra and Prof. Parviz Soroushian for arranging this donation to Sri Lanka and their help during packaging and loading to the container. Many thanks to Mr. Dhammika Welipitiya, Dr. Damith Thilakarathna, Prof.L.M.V. Tillekeratne, Dr. Chandrasiri Jayakody and CUFSAA-NA Executive Committee for getting the items ready for shipping, document preparation, payment arrangements and successful completion of this project. We are thankful to Prof. Nalin de Silva, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Prof. Upul Sonnadara, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Mr. E. Chavin J. Perera for their help to get all the approvals in time from Vice Chancellor, Chairman of the UGC, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Director General of Sri Lanka Customs. Also many thanks to Mr. Gamini Jayawardena (Science Faculty Alumni), Assistant Director of Customs for his invaluable advice throughout the process to get the container cleared, and Mr. Dharshana Perera of DP Distributing Enterprises, LLC., for arranging the shipment to Sri Lanka. The container was shipped out on June 15th from Lansing, Michigan and delivered to the Chemistry Department on August 8, 2023.

Some of the items donated.....



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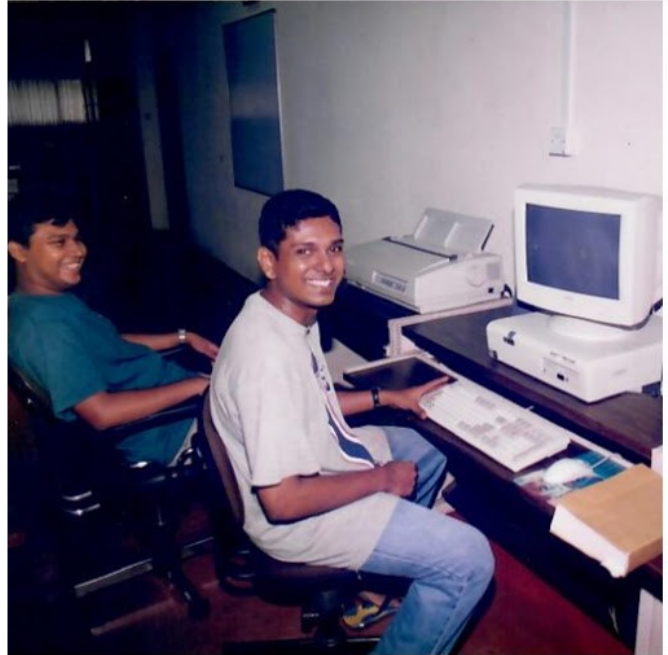
Unloading at the Chemistry Department on Aug 8, 2023 (Photo Credit: Prof. Nalin de Silva)



Container was successfully released from customs and delivered to the Chemistry Department on the 8th of August 2023. Prof. Nalin de Silva, Head of the Chemistry Department had mobilized a team of members from faculty, staff, students and technicians to carefully unload the equipment.



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Stepping Up to Help Faculty Students

As another step towards CUFSAA's deep commitment to the welfare of science students, in 2021 CUFSAA implemented the "Step-Up" program for science students. This is a unique program where CUFSAA matches students in the faculty (recommended by the Dean's office) with sponsors who help the students. CUFSAA expects the sponsor to pay a minimum of \$35 equivalence in Rupees per month for twelve months. However, there is no maximum amount the sponsor can pay to help the students.

Typically sponsors pay once every six months, which makes the transfer process more accessible as well as provides the students with an opportunity to receive a bulk payment which they can use to buy something significant.

Since its inception in 2021, CUFSAA has proudly helped nine students facing severe economic challenges through this program. We keep both the sponsor's and the student's name confidential. CUFSAA is proud to say that every sponsor who has supported the program so far has stepped up within three days of the announcement of the need. This says a lot about the compassionate spirit of our sponsors.

Nine families of UoC science students are relieved because of this timely project.

By pegging the minimum support at 35 dollars, we are making a significant thrust to help economically struggling students through this program.

Would you like to be a sponsor for the "Step-up" program?

Please send an email to stepup@cufsa.org (You don't need to be a Science Faculty alumnus to be a sponsor)



With best wishes from
Randara Pulukkody
(Department of Chemistry)

and

Ramesh Gunaratna
(Department of Plant Science)

Graduating Batch of 2009



CUFSAA-NA Distinguished Speaker Series

CUFSAA has initiated several new projects in 2022 and the Distinguished Speaker Series is among the projects that aim empowering the scientific knowledge of the students. Although the seminars are primarily focused on the students and budding researchers in the Faculty of Science University of Colombo, the seminar series is available to the public through CUFSAA YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@CUFSAASpeakerSeries>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CUFSAA/>). This project shares the findings of cutting-edge research as well as know-how from experts in various disciplines including guidance on career development.

We have organized six (6) talks delivered by distinguished speakers with the participation of students in the University of Colombo faculty of science and other universities. In addition to the subject-related talks, CUFSAA organized a graduate application guidance Panel discussion to guide undergraduate students with their graduate applications to USA and Canada. More than 280 participants were present for this event.

Links to Videos

- **Talk 01: Dr. Nalin Samarasinha – Asteroid Colombounilanka and Contributions to Astronomy by University of Colombo_– April 22, 2022:**
- **Talk 02: Prof. AP de Silva – From Chemistry to Medical Diagnostics and Information Processing – July 07, 2022:**
- **Talk 03: Dr. Jayeni Hiti-Bandaralage – A Paradise on the Iceberg – Entrepreneurship for Innovators – August 28, 2022:**
- **Talk 04: Dr. David Hoskin – Iron Withdrawal by Selective Chelators for Cancer Treatment – September 20, 2022:**
- **Talk 05: Dr. Binodh De Silva – Developing a Career as a Scientist in the Pharmaceutical Industry – November 09, 2022:**
- **Talk 06: Athula Alwis – The Role of InsureTech Startups in the US Commercial Insurance Industry – April 25, 2023:**
- **Talk 07: Panelists: Dr. Harshica Fernando, Dr. Arunika Gunawardena, Dr. Amita Manatunga, Dr. Unil Perera, and Dr. Kirthi Premadasa_– Panel Discussion on Graduate Admissions to USA and Canada – July 12, 2023:**



The organizing sub-committee would like to thank everyone for attending the seminars and is looking forward for your continuous support. We welcome suggestions and comments on specific topics or speakers. Please reach out to us at speaker-series@cufsaa.org.

For more information visit <http://www.cufsaa.com/speaker-series/>.



A token of Appreciation for all the help!

Over the years, CUFSAA has contributed to many infrastructure enhancements at the Faculty of Science and given many forms of support to its students, including scholarships, laptops, and gold medals. None of this would have been possible if not for the continuing support of the Academic, Non-Academic, Administrative, and Library Staff of the University of Colombo, and we thank them wholeheartedly for this.

Our thanks especially go out to:

- (1) The Deans (past and present) and Heads of the Departments
- (2) The Senior Assistant Registrars and staff in the Dean's office.
- (3) All faculty and staff in the different departments of the Faculty of Science.
- (4) The Assistant Librarian and staff in the Faculty of Science Library.
- (5) The Deputy Registrar and staff in the Examination Branch of the University of Colombo.

Best Wishes from

Vasantha Amarasinghe

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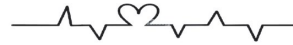



In loving memory of our dear friend

H. M. Anula



MEDICAL SUPPLIES PROJECT



 As the Colombo University Faculty of Science Alumni Association in North America (CUFSAA-NA), we are honored to make a significant impact on people's lives in Sri Lanka. Your generosity allowed CUFSAA-NA to donate life-saving medicines and supplies to hospitals in Sri Lanka. Due to the country's foreign reserves depleted, the nation's healthcare system could not afford to import medicine and medical supplies in sufficient quantities. Once again, CUFSAA-NA stepped up to help Sri Lankans when the health care system is nearing collapse.

The Medical Supplies project was started in April 2022, after receiving requests that Sri Lankan hospitals have a critical shortage of life-saving drugs. We received lists of drugs and found that critically needed Cardiac and Oncology medicines among the most depleted. Also scarce are anti-hypertension drugs, drugs for diabetes patients, antibiotics, and anti-rabies injections.

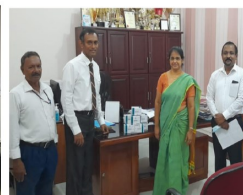
CUFSAA-NA donated around Rs. 6.4 million worth of medicine and medical supplies to Sri Lanka, approximately equivalent to USD 20,000. Hospitals at Karapitiya, Homagama, Horana, Avissawella, Kurunegala, Rathnapura, Kanthale, Nikaweratiya, Welisara, Gampaha, Kalubowila, Wathupitiwala, Karapitiya, Monaragala, Eachchilampaththu, and the Ministry of Health, Medical Supplies Division were our primary recipients.

Dr. Asoka Ramanayake from Sri Lanka helped coordinate this project for CUFSAA-NA. Her extraordinary effort and dedication helped CUFSAA-NA to deliver medicine quickly to hospitals which may have helped save patients' lives.

CUFSAA-NA also collaborated on a project in a joint venture with "the Medical Help Sri Lanka" to donate a total of 5000 triple blood bags to the Sri Lanka Blood bank. The medical help Sri Lanka coordinated the effort to get a month's supply of blood bags to be delivered to Sri Lanka with the help of donors from the USA, Canada, and Australia during a dire shortage of blood bags.

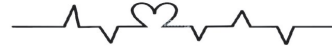
CUFSAA-NA is extremely grateful to its members and well-wishers for helping save lives.
YOU ARE TRULY AMAZING!

(Raised: USD 20,917.70 Disbursed: USD 20,004.25)





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Appreciation of Donation

We are very grateful to you for donating following items which are very useful in the management of Patients admitted to BH Wathupitiwala in this crisis situation.

	Description	Qty	Value -RS
01	Kleen Enea 135ml	50	38,600.00
02	Perinorm (metoclopramide hydrochloride)2ml	200	36,000.00
03	Otide (octrotide) 50mg /1ml	30	62,790.00
04	Elastic adhesive bandage	100	135,000.00
05	Emeset (ondansetron) 4ml inj	200	41300.00
06	Micropore 3m (1 INC)	1	380.00
07	Ergometrin inj	30	8,250.00
08	Pulmicort 2ml nebulisin solution	50	20,885.00
09	Shamcef 750 mg inj	100	66,500.00
	Total price		409,705.00

We wish you all good health and happiness in the future

Medical Superintendent,
Base Hospital,
CUFSAA-NA
Wathupitiwala
USA.

Medical Superintendent
Base Hospital
Wathupitiwala

Dear All

Letter of Appreciation

On behalf of Base Hospital Horana team, I highly appreciate your donation of below mentioned items (worth of nearly Rs.500 000.00) to Base Hospital Horana.

Erythropoetine 4000 iu	100vials
Thyroxine	50 packs
Cotton wool	20 packs

Your generous and worthy donation will immensely help us to continue our patient care service in this critical situation in Sri Lanka.

We wish you all, every success in future endeavors

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Medical Superintendent
Base Hospital
Horana

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District General Hospital - Gampaha

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hospitalgampaha@gmail.com
Gampaha Hospital
011-222 - 2179

Donation No: DGHGMPL/2019/14
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CUFSAA,
North America

Donation of life-saving drugs to DGH Gampaha-Sri Lanka

On behalf of the staff at District General Hospital Gampaha and the people of Gampaha District, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of Injection Frusemide worth of 200 000LKR.

Colombo University faculty of science Alumni association
C/O Dr.Lalith perera
Treasurer -CUFSAA_NA
502 Rock Garden Road
Chapel Hill NC 27516
USA.

Re. Donation of essentials drugs

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the donation to the Ratnapura Teaching Hospital in this most needy time.

Number	Item	Qty
01.	Meropenem 1g vials	100
02.	Ceftriaxone 1g vials	200
03.	Cefotaxime 1g vials	200

The donated essentials drugs will be utilized for patients in our hospital.

Your contribution in this crisis situation is a motivational factor for the healthcare staff in providing treatment for needy patients.

Wish you all the success in your future endeavor.

CUFSAA North America
Director
Dr. M D A Rodrigo
Director
Ratnapura Teaching Hospital
Ratnapura

Donation No: 993

Letter of Appreciation

The management of Colombo South Teaching Hospital is extremely grateful to you for the great donation made to this hospital.
This great contribution would help in the management of patient care needs in Colombo South Teaching Hospital.
This is to inform you that, the hospital has received the following item.

Item	Qty	Value
> IV Ondansetron	200	Rs. 27,400.00
> Inj. Vit. B12	125	Rs. 15,625.00
> IV Pantoprasol	125	Rs. 102,500.00
> Tab. CaCo3	500	Rs. 12,500.00
> Tab. KCl	500	Rs. 3,500.00
> Cotton Wool 500g	10	Rs. 23,200.00
Pomate Cabinet	50	Rs. 23,200.00

Your kindness and benevolence is highly appreciated. We wish you good health and wealth for future endeavors as well.
Thank You.

Dr. Sagari Kiriwandeniya
MD/MSC (Medical Administration)
Director
Colombo South Teaching Hospital
Kalubowitwa, Dehewela.

- Pharmacist in charge of donation Please make entries in the donation register/ to list in the inventory
- To: W.P.S



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Best Wishes from

Sachith Dissanayake (Physics Special - 2008)

&

Anushika Athauda (Engineering Physics Special - 2010)



Toronto Organizing Team



Here is our Toronto Team who organized Tamasha 2023 and coordinated the entire program from the venue selection to the final dance session. The energy and excitement the team brought to the process has been exemplary. They have set an example of outstanding leadership and comradery throughout.

Pradeep Alwis
Kishan Gunaratna
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Samila Muthumuni
Sashi Ranasinghe
Bandula Saputhanthri

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- Band: The Skylines, Guest Vocalist: Trishelle Wijethunga, DJ: Kushmin
- Toronto Tamasha 2023 Organizing Team
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- Vasantha Amarasinghe for sponsoring the guest vocalist Trishelle Wijethunga.
- MCs for the evening: Kishan Gunaratna and Randara Pulukkody
- All Well-Wishers, Donors and Volunteers
- All guests who attended the Tamasha and those who purchased tickets when they were unable to attend
- Botanical Society at University of Colombo for coordinating the printing of T-shirts with the University of Colombo logo and delivering them on time for sale at Tamasha

Thank you!



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