SINHGAD INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT <u>ALUMNI MEET – 'ENCORE 2014'</u> (Saturday, March 15th 2014)



Delegates (L to R) Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar Director MCA, Mr. Sangram Kadam President Alumni Association (SIOMITES), Mr. Milind Ambekar VP Barclays Bank, Mr. M. B. Khurjekar Director Placements, STES and Dr. Nilesh Gokhale, Director SIOM. SIOM Alumni proudly called 'SIOMITES' are contributing to various Spheres of the business and global community at large.

It is to appreciate and know their accomplishments and to relive the moments spent together at SIOM, every year we oraganise Alumni Meet-'ENCORE'

At SIOM, we call Alumni Meet a Homecoming. Our Alumni as SIOM students spent the most memorable part of their life at SIOM and cherish it forever be it the learning, training, extracurricular activities and off course the best of the moment spent with their co-learners!

This year's Alumni Meet – ENCORE 2014 was no exception to this.

The Alumni Meet started in the morning with Interaction between our accomplished Alumni and the current MBA student as we believe Alumni s the most significant bridge between the Current students and the corporate world.

After the serious Business morning, it was time to cheer and enjoy.

Yes, this year for the first time we had a cricket match between Alumni in the afternoon till evening. The Alumni sport stars of SIOM shined once again! In the evening, it was time to get nostalgic and reconnect.

The formal welcome function for Alumni was graced by Mr.Milind Ambekar (V.P.) Barclays Technologies.

The Social Responsibility cell of SIOM (ARTH Cell) had organized a 'Creativity Exhibition' which was well acclaimed by the Alumni and the visitors. Funds raised through this exhibition shall go to 'Social Cause'

After the formal function, Alumni Proceeded for the dinner. Honourable Founder President Prof. M .N. Navale joined the event and shared his thoughts with the Alumni.

Alongside a well appreciated dinner with marvelous gifts in their hands, Alumni enjoyed performance by SIOM's own Rockband and standup Comedian group 'IMPROV's performance.

ENCORE-2014 was indeed a wonderful time travel back in the memory lane!

Homecoming is always a wonderful experience!

Detailed Proceedings of Alumni Meet:

Alumni Interaction



Alumni interacting with MBA-I students

In the morning, the Alumni conducted Interactive session with the current batch of MBA students. Mr. Chandan Chajed, Asst. Vice-President, Development Bank of Singapore, Mr. Nihar Ladha, Founder, Insignia Branding, Mr. Paras Kashid, Area Manager, ABP Group and Ms Nishigandha Head-HR, Maersk Global Services were some of Alumni who interacted with students.. They shared their present job responsibilities and how the learning at SIOM helped them in their career. They responded to the queries raised by the students regarding job-opportunities and the market scenario.

Cricket Match



Winners of Cricket Match – Alumni MBA Team

As a part of the event, a cricket match was played between the Alumni of MBA and MCA. The winning team of Alumni MBA was presented with a trophy at the formal function in the evening. This has been initiated from this year onwards.

Inaugural Function of 'Encore-2014'

The formal inaugural function of 'Encore 2014' began by felicitation of the Chief Guest **Mr. Milind Ambekar** and other dignitaries **Mr. M. B. Khurjekar and Mr. Sangram Kadam.**

It was followed by a welcome address by Director SIOM – Dr. Nilesh Gokhale, key note address by the Chief Guest, speech by President Alumni Association followed by an award Ceremony and concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Director, MCA – Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar.

Welcome by Dr. Nilesh Gokhale, Director SIOM



Welcome Address by Dr. Nilesh Gokhale, Director SIOM

In his welcome address to the Alumni, Dr. Nilesh Gokhale, Director, SIOM, took a review of last year's events and achievements. He highlighted the significant tie up between Sinhgad and Harvard Business School Publishing(HBSP) and the way it was delivered with expected outcome. He proudly announced that keeping up the SIOM's tradition, this year too, SIOM students have secured six out of ten ranks of University of Pune including Gold Medal for MBA and MCA Courses.

His mention of 'Spectrum' being back was cheered and further applauded after knowing that 'SIOM' bagged the overall Spectrum Championship'. He mentioned that, Apart from academics SIOM students have also excelled in co-curricular and extra -curricular activities. To name a few SIOM has won 'Spectrum Overall Championship', MIT's

M-Power Trophy', eleven trophies for multiple talents in Alana Institute, 'Dhruv 2014 Cricket Championship' and the list goes on. He also made a special mention of Winter Projects, Live Projects and Value added certifications given by SIOM this year besides rigorous placement Training.



Address by Mr. Sangram Kadam, President, Alumni Association (SIOMITES)

Mr. Sangram Kadam appreciating Alumni efforts

Mr. Sangram Kadam in his address appreciated the Alumni for their involvement and continuous support to SIOM by way of Recruitment, Training, and Internship Placement and Mentoring MBA students. He assured more cooperation in years to come. Further, he shared the STES's initiative of instituting a campus in South Africa.





Address by the Guest Mr. Milind Ambekar, VP, Barclays Technology Centre, India

Mr. Milind Ambekar has an enormous international exposure in setting up and heading IT Operations entailing Budgeting, IT Infrastructure, Data Center Operations, Technology Resource Administration, Forging strategic alliance and Partnerships, Vendor and SCM in Banking, Manufacturing, Shipping and BPO Industries.

In his keynote address, he explained, how he utilized his competency in Strategic Management to drive new IT initiatives and re-design corporate infrastructure to achieve organizational objectives. He also emphasized that 'no work is small or big it depends on how you take it'. According to him, three key factors contributing to his success are Happiness, Honesty and Hard work. The gathering applauded both the content and the presentation.

Excellence Awards Ceremony:

After the speech, Awards were conferred to the meritorious students of MBA and MCA for their all-round performances.

The formal inaugural session ended with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. V. D. Nandavdekar Director MCA SIOM.

Creativity Exhibition:



Dignitaries at Creativity Exhibition organized by 'Arth' Cell

Creativity Exhibition was held at SIOM by 'Arth' Cell in which creative works like Paintings, Photographs and Handicrafts made by students and children from Balashram, Matoshree and Blind school (NGOs) were exhibited and sold for social cause. It received a huge response from the Alumni and was appreciated by the dignitaries Highlights of the Cultural Function:





Prof. M. N. Navale, Founder President STES addressing the SIOM Alumni

During the Cultural function, Prof. M N Navale graced the occasion and addressed the alumni. In his brief speech he congratulated them for their achievements and encouraged them to be job-creators i.e. Entrepreneurs. He also thanked them for their continuous support to SIOM and STES.



Prof. M. N. Navale felicitating 'IMPROV' – the comedy troupe

Comedy Act: The gathering enjoyed the stand-up comedy by the troupe 'IMPROV Comedy Mumbai' which is well-known in all metro cities in India for its hilarious performance.

Shutterbug Photo Booth: ShutterBug Photo Booth was a spacious, mobile booth that clicked high quality digital pictures that were printed on the spot. It was "Creative Photoshoots" with prop-ups made available to the Alumni. This was well-received by the Alumni, since they could carry pleasant memories of ENCORE 2014 back home.

Rock Band: The Rock Band known as 'Joint Venture' - Sanchit & Group formed by SIOM MBA II students, kept the audience grooving on their toes with a fusion of pop, jazz & rock music.

Alumni Meet –'Encore 2014' provided an opportunity to the Alumni fraternity serving in different parts of the world to come down to their Alma Mater and refresh their memories. It helped SIOM to strengthen the bonds with the corporate world through their Alumni. Over 500 Alumni attended the Meet and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment program and the hospitality.