Respected Chief Guest Sri G. Sundaramurthy, IAS, Collector of Thiruvalluvar District and our illustrious Alumnus, Rev. Fr. Rector, Fr. Secretary, Officials of the College, Fathers, Sisters, Members of the Teaching and administration Staff, Alumni, Parents, Benefactors, and my dear Students, It is indeed a great privilege to welcome you all to the 84th College Day celebrations. At this moment of history, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the great men and women in the past who have done committed and dedicated service that has made Loyola College stand tall and commit to the ideals for which the college was chiefly founded. As the Psalmist says, “Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved” (55.22).

**THE CARVING KNIFE**

Listening to the signs of the time we are deeply aware of the expectations of the General Congregation 35. First, it is indispensable to promote special studies. Secondly, it is crucial that the intellectual apostolate foster every possible form of collaboration among persons, teams, centres and journals, promote working networks and choose institutions which can assure excellence in research and use their resources in an ecologically responsible way. Thirdly, the intellectual apostolate is another of the global preferences established by the GC 35 conserving and preserving our intellectual patrimony.

- Mr. J. Selvakumar, Dr. V.S. Raghunathan and Dr. K.S. Nagaraja, Department of Chemistry and LIFE have filed a Provisional Patent Application 141/CHE/2009 titling “Plasma assisted liquid injection chemical vapour deposition process for the formation of nanocrystalline yttria-stabilised zirconia thin films and apparatus thereof.


- “INDIA TODAY” survey, Loyola College was ranked number one in Science

- (4th year in succession) number one in Arts (2nd year in succession) and number two in Commerce.

- Loyola was honored with Sivanthi Athithyan Award for sending a large contingent of sports men who represented the University of Madras.

- The Management, Staff and students in unison exhibited formation of Human Chain from the college to Valluvar Kottam to register our protest against atrocities towards Christians in Orissa on 29th August 2008.

- The Loyola Give Life Cafe, a joint venture of Loyola Outreach and Chennai Hot Breads was inaugurated on 5th September 2008.

- Loyola Development Office was started on 6th October 2008.

- Loyola College of Education started functioning in the new Building in the campus from November 2009.


- Makkal Virudu 2008” an award for the Best College in 2008 in Tamilnadu was given to Loyola College by Makkal TV on 12th January 2009.

- Academic Audit was conducted from 2nd to 9th March 2009. All the departments were subjected to external scrutiny by experts to look at the quality of the Department in terms of teaching, learning and evaluation methods.

- PONNEEM, a new farmer-friendly bio-pesticide, invented by Entomology Research Institute and marketed by Loyola SIFE was launched on 17th March 2009.
CHANGE OF GUARD

🌟 Rev. Fr. P. Susai, S.J., has been appointed the Director of Loyola Hostel and Vice-Principal of Shift-I in the place of Rev. Fr. Xavier Vedam, S.J.

🌟 Mr. G. Ramamurthy has been appointed the Vice-Principal in Shift-I for Administration in the place of Prof. S. Santhanam.

🌟 Rev. Fr. S. Arockiasamy, S.J., has been appointed the Vice-Principal in Shift-II for Administration in the place of Rev. Fr. L.X. Jerome, S.J.

🌟 Mr. Alston Rosario has been appointed the Vice-Principal in Shift-II for student affairs and academics.

🌟 Rev. Dr. S. Rajanayagam, S.J., has been appointed the Dean of Media Studies.

🌟 Mr. G. M. James has been appointed the Dean of Foundation Courses in the place of Rev. Fr. Joe Arun, S.J.

🌟 Dr. P. Sagayaraj has been appointed the Dean of sciences for Shift-I in the place of Dr. S. Jayasurya Kinsley.

🌟 Rev. Fr. L.X. Jerome, S.J. has been appointed the Dean of sciences in Shift-II.

🌟 Dr. J. Dhanaraj has been appointed the Dean of Arts in Shift-II.

🌟 Rev. Fr. N. Casimir Raj, S.J., ha been appointed the Director of Alumni Association in the place of Rev. Fr. S. Peter, S.J.

🌟 Dr. M. Lazar Selvaraj has been appointed the Director of Training and Placement Centre in the place of Prof. T. Eugene.

🌟 Dr. T. Pathinathan has been appointed the Director of Ignatian Institute for Career Development in the place of Dr. S. Jerome Das.

🌟 Rev. Fr. A. Louis Arockiaraj, S.J., and Prof. G. Gladston Xavier have been appointed Assistant Directors of OUTREACH.

🌟 Rev. Fr. G. Arockiaraj, S.J., has been appointed the President of Sports and Games in the place of Rev. Fr. Lawrence Amalraj, S.J.

🌟 Rev. Fr. G. Arockiaraj, S.J., has been appointed the Deputy Director of LIVE in the place of Dr. A. Marcus.

🌟 Mr. Keith Gomes has been appointed the Counsellor for Shift-I in the place of Mrs. Bhavani Rao.

🌟 Dr. A. Dayalan has been appointed the Head, Department of Chemistry in the place of Mr. G. Ramamurthy.

🌟 Mr. S. James Sundararaj has been appointed the Head, Department of English in the place of Mr. G.M. James.

🌟 Mr. M. R. Arulraj has been appointed the Head, Department of Social Work in the place of Rev. Fr. J. M. Das, S.J.

🌟 Dr. S. Rajarajan has been appointed the Head, Department of Tamil in the place of Dr. J. Dhanaraj.

🌟 Rev. Fr. Joseph Antony Jacob, S.J., was appointed the Campus Minister in the place of Rev. Fr. L. X. Jerome, S.J.

The College places on record its deep sense of appreciation for the committed services rendered by all the officials and the Heads of the Departments mentioned above.

We welcome the new Governing Body members by virtue of their office:

Rev. Fr. P. Susai, S.J., Hostel Director,
Rev. Fr. F. Andrew, S.J., Campus Treasurer,
Rev. Fr. Samuel Jeyaseelan, S.J., Coordinator, Jesuit Higher Education, Madurai Province,
Dr. P. Sagayaraj, Dean of Sciences,
Dr. A. Jothis Murugan, Goverment nominee, Joint Director of Collegiate education, Chennai Region.

The College is grateful to the following outgoing members of the Governing Body:

Rev. Fr. Xavier Vedam, S.J.,
Rev. Fr. Joseph Royappan, S.J.,
Rev. Dr. Albert William, S.J.,
Dr. S. Jayasurya Kingsly and Prof. E. Sankaralingam.

NEW COURSES

A post graduate course in “Food Science and Food Processing” was started by the Department of Chemistry during this academic year. It is a unique course and Loyola College has the distinction of offering such program for the first time in the University of Madras.

THE NEW FACES IN THE TEACHING & ADMINISTRATION STAFF

The following forty six staff members were appointed as Management staff.

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ADMISSIONS

In tune with the policy of the Tamilnadu State Government and Jesuit Madurai Province, students belonging to the marginalized sections of society were given priority in admissions. Scholarships and fee concessions were awarded to the deserving applicants to the tune of twelve lakhs. Rev. Fr. Joe Arun, S.J., and Mr. Xavier Mahimairaj served as Admission Officers. Of the 21,257 applications sold, the College has received 14,780 filled in applications.

ADMITTED STRENGTH: 9877

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The admitted strength as on 30th August 2008 was 84 %.

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<td>324(12%)</td>
<td>1026(35%)</td>
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I thank the admission officers and the team of dedicated non-teaching staff for their commendable work. In the entire admitted strength, Catholics constitute forty seven per cent and first generation learners thirty two per cent. One hundred and fifty one students are pursuing research leading to Ph.D in 13 departments.

THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF THE STUDENTS

The Controller of Examination has published the results online within a month after the completion of semester examination.

THE OVERALL RESULTS IN APRIL 2008

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We acknowledge the services rendered by Mr. D. P. Venugopal, Controller of Examination and his efficient team.

The number of students who have completed Ph.D. programme in this academic year is thirty two. The Department of Physics, which has produced nine Ph.Ds during this academic year deserves a special mention.

GRADUATION DAY:

The annual Graduation day for the academic year 2007-08 was held on 21st February 2009. Dr. Mannar Jawahar, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai delivered the Graduation Day address. A record number of 1316 graduates were awarded degrees at the graduation ceremony. Fifty per cent of the graduates who passed out of the College are presently pursuing higher studies. The College thanks the efforts of the team of officials and dedicated non-Teaching Staff for the smooth conduct of the graduation day.

FACULTY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMES

Teaching Faculty with less than five years of experience were given an intensive orientation for five days from 9th to 13th June 2008. A two-day staff seminar was held on 16th and 17th June 2008. The second orientation programme was conducted for the junior staff on “Communication Skills, Testing and Evaluation Methods” by IQAC. During the same period the administration staff had an orientation on “Interpersonal Relationship”.

With Dr. Indra Rajasingh and Dr. R. Bharati, as nodal officers, the Department of Mathematics organized an Orientation Program for twenty one days to the newly recruited teachers of Government Arts & Science Colleges from 13th October to 8th November 2008. The program was sponsored by Tamilnadu State Council for Higher Education, Academic Staff College, University of Madras and University Grant Commission.

NUMBER OF REFRESHER/orientation PROGRAMS: 15

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NUMBER OF RESEARCH DEGREES AWARDED TO THE FACULTY MEMBERS: 10

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<td>Lazar Selvaraj M.</td>
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<td>Rebecca George</td>
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<td>Mr. A. Prince</td>
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CERTIFICATE OF HONOURS:

Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J., Director, ERI was appointed a member of the Planning Board of Alagappa University by the Governor of Tamil Nadu for a period of three years. He is also invited to serve as a member of the selection committee to recruit agricultural officers for the Government of India at New Delhi. He is invited to join as a Fellow of the NATIONAL ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES from 1st January 2009.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., of the Dept of English and Director, LIVE has been given extension for second term as a Member of the University Grants Commission. He is appointed member of the Syndicate of
the Tamil Nadu Open University in October 2008 for a period of three years. He was awarded “Aringer Anna Award” in appreciation of his contribution to community education in the International conference organized by the Department of Tamil, Loyola College. He was awarded Dr. Kalaivanar Award, St. Joseph’s College, Trichy in appreciation of his contribution to community education.

Abra Media Networks honoured Rev. Fr. Dr. Francis M. Peter, S.J., Director, RACE with “Guru Vanthana” for the notable service rendered into educational arena on 5th September 2008.

**Dr. A. Joseph Jeyapaul**, Head, Department of Economics was selected from The Tamilnadu State Council for Higher Education and received “The Best Teacher Award” from the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu.

**Dr. P. Sagayaraj**, Department of Physics was awarded “Aringer Anna Award” in appreciation of his contribution to research and student welfare in the International conference organized by the Department of Tamil, Loyola College.

**Dr. P. Sagayaraj**, Department of Physics is recognized as a reviewer for a total of nine International Journals.

**Dr. J. Judith Vijaya**, Department of Chemistry was awarded the Fellow of Indian Chemical Society.

**Dr. T. R. Joy**, Department of English is certified as an IELTS Examiner.

**Dr. P. Gandheewari**, Department of Bio-medical Instrumentation Science, received “Women Achiever Award” from Lions Club International.

**Dr. J.M. Arul Kamaraj**, Department of Social Work received the Award for Excellence in Health Awareness, Resource Mobilization and Humanitarian Services from Indian Development Foundation for the year 2007-08.

**WIDENING THE HORIZONS:**

As on date, the College has signed thirty seven Memoranda of Understanding with Foreign Universities and Corporates. In this academic year alone the College has signed eight MoUs.

1. With International Diagnostic Centre, Chennai so as to provide Medical Laboratory Technology students to have hands-on experience on wet lab.
2. Institute of Integrated learning in Management – Graduate School of Management (IGSM) New Delhi on Research Exchange of students and Staff with Department of Economics.
3. With Western Connecticut State University (WCSU)
4. With University of Winchester, UK.
5. With Valluvar College of Science and Management, Karur.
6. With University of Worcester, UK.
7. With National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development on Monitoring and Supervision of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme
8. With University Lane Technologies for eAdmit system configuration

**RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2008 – 09**

The following faculty members have been granted Research Projects totaling 29 by various agencies to the tune of Rs. one crore as detailed below:

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The College received special grants from UGC to the tune of Rs. One crore.

Entomology Research Institute and Department of Chemistry have eight major and minor projects each.

Dr. V. Alexander is the Principal Investigator of six projects amounting to Rs. 40 lakhs in this academic year. Our Congratulations to him.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS**


2. S. Ignacimuthu and B.V. David (eds), 2009, Ecofriendly Insect Pest Management, Elite Publishing House, New Delhi, p.325


6. Dr. A. Devaraj, 2009, Organizational Behaviour, a text for eMBA, ICMB, Chennai and Kuvempu University, Karnataka.


**RESEARCH PAPERS AND ARTICLES**

| Papers published (international journals) | 176 |
| Papers published (national journals) | 161 |
| Papers presented in seminar/conferences/workshops (international journals) (national journals) | 53321 |
| Conferences / seminars / workshops attended (international, national & regional) by staff | 504 |
| Conferences / seminars / workshops conducted (international / national / regional) | 31 |
CONFERENCES / SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

1. In order to promote importance of basic science and career advancement, LIFE organized Summer Vacation Training for the school children of Tamil Nadu Region on Biodiversity, Bio resources & Biotechnology for school children from 4th to 31st May 2008.

2. Training in Enumerating Techniques was organized by LIPS from 27th June to 1st July 2008.

3. ‘NARCISMA 2008 – Science Exhibition’ was conducted by the Department of Mathematics in Holy Child Matriculation School, Red Hills on 19th July 2008.

4. National Debate on the Civil Nuclear Deal was organized by Student’s Union and Loyola Society of Debators on 21st July 2008.

5. International Conference on Mathematics and Computer Science “ICMCS 2008” was organized by the Mathematics Department, from 25th to 26th July 2008.

6. A workshop on “Text Book Writing” was organized by the Department of Commerce on 23rd August 2008.

7. University of Madras and Loyola College organized a workshop on Community Outreach & Extension Services on 9th September 2008.

8. International Conference was organized by the Department of Tamil on “Perarinar Anna oru Samuthaya Sirpi” from 12 to 13th September 2008.

9. Regional Congress was organized by the Department of Foreign Languages on 12th September 2008.


11. Computer Society of India (CSI) Loyola Student Chapter was inaugurated on 6th October 2008.

12. “Entrepreneurship skills in Biotechnology” was organized by Dr. R. Ravindran, Department of Plant Biology & Biotechnology on 2nd December 2008.

13. State Level Symposium on “Role of Laboratories in Trauma care and pre-emptive prevention of human diseases” on 17th and 18th December 2008 convened by Dr. P Venkatesan, in collaboration with LVE.

14. International Conference on “Mathematics and Computer Science” ICMCS 2009 was organized by Dr. Indra Rajasingh, Head, Department of Mathematics from 5th to 6th January 2009.


16. “Eco-revolution Youth summit 2009” was organized by Dr. D. Sudarsanam from 20th to 21 January 2009 in collaboration with Tree Foundation – Roots & Shoots.

17. LIFE organized a two-week workshop on “Assays in Toxicology” in collaboration with IGCAR, SRM University, and Sri Ramachandra Medical College from 2nd to 13th February 2009.

18. ERI organized a National Symposium on “Non-chemical in Insect Pest Management” on 5th and 6th February 2009.

19. “Eco-revolution, An Eco Movement for Biodiversity Conservation” was organized by Dr. D. Sudarsanam on 8th February 2009 in collaboration with the Tree Foundation – Roots & Shoots.

20. Workshop on “Tamil Computing Technology” organized by Kani Tamil Sangam, Tamil Virtual University and Loyola College – CSI: Student Chapter from 12 to 13th February 2009.


23. National Conference on “Research Trends in Computer Applications” (NCRTCA 09) was organized by Dr. A. Clement King, Department of Computer Applications on 5th and 6th March 2009.

24. National Symposium on “Sustainable Development” was organized by The Loyola Economics Association for Development (LEAD) on 5th March 2009.
25. “Deconstructing Indian Reality: A Subaltern Perspective” was organized by Dr. V. S. George, S.J., Department of Philosophy on 6th March 2009.

26. Computer Society of India & Dept of Computer Science was organized “e-living 09” from 5th to 6th March 2009.

27. National Level Training & Workshop on “Modern approaches to Research Methodology for Biodiversity Conservation” was organized by Dr. M.C. Milton, Department of advanced Zoology & Biotechnology from 9th to 13th March 2009.

28. A workshop on “Question Bank” was organized by the Department of Commerce on 10th March 2009.

29. National Conference on “Recent Trends in Data Management (NCRDTM 09)” organized by Prof. M.D. Anandaraj, Convener, Department of Computer Science.

30. National Conference on “Social work profession – A future perspective” was organized from 16th to 17th March 2009 by the Department of Social Work.

31. Reelive Awards 09 was organized by the Department of Visual Communication and the School of Media Studies on 21st March 2009.

The College is grateful to all the donors and agencies for the generous contributions of Rs. Seventy lakhs for the conduct of seminars/workshops.

ENDOWMENTS & DONATIONS – 18

1. Endowment Lecture institute in memory of Thoudam David (05-EC-80) by his parents Mr. Thoudam Hemachandra Singh and Mrs. Thoudam Namita Devi for one lakh.

2. Sultan Chand Memorial Scholarship instituted by Shri Sultan Chand Trust for 60,000/- for the Department of Commerce.

3. A merit cum means scholarship for I UG Plant Biology & Biotechnology to be awarded on the College Day instituted in the memory of Vinayak Chhibber, 02-PB-057 by his parents for Rs. 20,000/-.

4. An annual prize for the Best Student in III UG Plant Biology & Biotechnology instituted in the memory of Vinayak Chhibber, 02-PB-057 by his parents for Rs. 20,000/-.

5. Patron St. Ignatius of Loyola Gold Medal-I for the top scorer in B.Com for the skill based course offered in the 6th semester for all B.Com students and Patron St. Ignatius of Loyola Gold Medal-II for the top scorer in B.Com, BBA and B.Com (Corps) for the skill based course offered in the 6th semester to be awarded on the convocation day instituted by Noble Trust, Chennai for Rs. 20,000/-.

6. Principal Rev. Fr. Albert Muthumalai’s Gold Medal for the top scorer in the College for the skill based course offered in the 6th semester for all UG students to be awarded on the convocation day instituted by Noble Trust, Chennai for Rs. 10,000/-.

7. In commemoration of Golden Jubilee of Fr A. J. Thamburaj, S.J. Golden Jubilee Medal to be awarded to a student from MA English on the day of Convocation for Rs. 10,000/- instituted by Thiru Irudayaraj & Sons.

8. Poor Boys Fund enriched by Dr. Rajalaxmi Rajagopal to the tune of Rs. 2,15,000/-.

9. Poor Boys Fund enriched by Ms. K. Daisy to the tune of Rs. 60,000/- on 8th July 2008.

10. Principal Rev. Fr. Albert Muthumalai’s Gold Medal-B for the UG Commerce student who has got the highest credit weighted average in an individual semester among all six semesters to be awarded on the convocation day instituted by Nathan Charitable Trust, Chennai for Rs. 10,000/-.

11. Mahatma Gandhi’s Gold Medal-1 for B. Com student who has got the highest credit weighted average in an individual semester among all six semesters to be awarded on the convocation day instituted by Nathan Charitable Trust, Chennai for Rs. 10,000/-.

12. Founder Principal Rev. Fr. Bertram’s Gold Medal-3 for B. Com student who has got the highest credit weighted average in the sixth semesters to be awarded on the convocation day instituted by Shri Haryagrivar Charities, Chennai for Rs. 10,000/-.

13. Patron St. Ignatius of Loyola Gold Medal-3 for UG Commerce student who has got the highest credit weighted average in the sixth semester to be awarded on the convocation day instituted by Shri Haryagrivar Charities, Chennai for Rs. 10,000/-.

14. Rajendran Ramasamy Memorial Scholarship instituted by Mrs. Sheila Ramasamy to a final year student of Physics to be awarded on the Convocation day for Rs. 40,000/-

15. Institution of Dr. K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture by Dr. Edwin Suresh Raj and Dr. Mrs. Agnes Suganya Raj at LIFE, Loyola College, for Rs. One Lakh to be paid in four equal installments from 2008 to 2011.

16. Contribution to “Lord Jesus Scholarship Fund” instituted by a former student of Loyola to very poor students for Rs. 30,000/-.

17. The students of M.Sc. Physics (1990-1991) Batch instituted a Rolling Trophy in the name of Prof. Ravichandran for the winner of the Quiz Competition as part of the departmental festival “PHYSICA” on 30th January 2009 for Rs. 25,000/-.
18. Prof. J. Emmanuel Raja Award instituted a sum of Rs. One Lakh by Dr. Mrs. Hilda Raja to two first year to final year B.A. English.

ENDOWMENT LECTURES
1. Thoudam David Memorial Lecture on “Rising Communalism and failing Economy” by Dr. Radmini Swaminathan, Director, MIDS on 25th July 2008.
2. Dr. K. Swaminathan Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. B. Viswanathan on 10th December 2008 endowed by Dr. Edwin Suresh Raj and Dr. Agnes Suganya Raj.
3. The Silver Jubilee Commemorative Jawaharlal Nehru Endowment Lecture on “Crime Law & Society” was delivered by Mr. X. Alexander IPS (Retd) organized by Department of Sociology on 19th December 2008.
5. Rev. Fr. Jerome D’ Souza, S.J. Fourth Alumni Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr C. P. Chandrasekar, Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University on 27th February, 2009.
6. Endowment lecture in memory of Prof. N. Subbhu Reddiar on commemoration of Veeramunivars’s 300th death anniversary on 4th March 2009 by the Department of Tamil.
7. The annual Racine Endowment Lecture, organized by the Department of Mathematics was delivered by Dr. V. Rajakumar Dare on “Computing using Biological Models” on 16th March 2009.
8. Rev. Dr. Joseph Inchackal, S.J. Endowment Lecture, organized by the Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology was delivered by Dr. P. Mullainadhan on “Diseases and Immune Responses”
9. Prof. V.A. Murthy And Dr. V. Mohan Endowment Lecture, organized by the Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology was delivered by Dr. S. J. Kingsley on “Contemporary Bioethical issues”
10. Fr. Yedanapalli Memorial Lecture, organized by the Department of Chemistry was delivered by Dr. A. V. Ramasamy, IIT, Chennai on 25th March 2009.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
- Siddharth Chawla, 06-EC-256 is one of the Awardees of Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program, Institute of International Education. He is one of the 15 students for the Global Leaders Institute of the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program, in New York.
- Dr. S. S. Jayaraj got RA fellowship from CSIR, New Delhi.
- Esther Vanchhawng received Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship, from UGC, New Delhi.
- Ms. K. Prabha, a research scholar currently doing Ph.D under Dr. P. Sagayaram, was awarded CAS-TWAS International Fellowship for young women by Government of India and China. She was in the State Key Laboratory, Beijing, China from March 2008 to March 2009.
- M. Yuvraj, 07-PBT-015, obtained a student fellowship in Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore.
- CDT S. Richards, Dept of English representing NCC, attended Thalsaimik camp at New Delhi and won All India Bronze medal.
- CDT K. Tamilarasam, a student of second year Advanced Zoology & Biotechnology course represented the college at Republic Day Parade in New Delhi.
- Nishan Goenka, a former Economics student has been selected for an internship in Germany under AIESEC.
- CSUO R. Aravindan, Department of Sociology was selected as a Youth Ambassador of India to SAARC nations in Sri Lanka under Youth Exchange Program.
- Sarkar Arun (07EC017) is one of the Awardees of Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program, Institute of International Education, invited for the Awards ceremony in Mumbai on March 19-21 March 2009. He is one of the 15 students for the Global Leaders Institute of the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program, in New York.
- Vijay Bhalak (07 PEC-21) won the University of Dayton and IBA Mindful Leadership 2009. He is expected to attend the RISE IX Forum and visit the University of Dayton, Ohio, USA from 24th to 30th March 2009.
INSTITUTES OF EXCELLENCE

ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ERI)

Activity profile of ERI includes biodiversity, bio-pesticides, biological control, molecular biology, microbiology, genetic engineering tissue culture, biochemistry, medicinal chemistry and extension program. Products PONNEEM AND DERRIMAX have been developed and marketed as bio-pesticides.

- Patents Filed: 01
- Ongoing Projects: 12
- Papers Published (International Journal): 07
- Papers Published (National Journal): 09
- Papers Published in Conference proceedings: 18

We thank Rev. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J. Director and his team of Scientists

LOYOLA INSTITUTE OF FRONTIER ENERGY (LIFE)

LIFE, an interdisciplinary research Institute conducts research programmes in disciplines from Chemistry, Physics, Plant Biology and Zoology, plans to make this facility into a research institute that can offer M. Sc and M. Phil and Ph.D. program on Biodiversity, Bio-resources, Energy, Environment and Bioethics. Efforts are being taken to optimize a common instrumentation facility and other infra-structure towards this goal for the future.

- Patents Filed: 01
- Ongoing Projects: 07
- Papers Published: 41

LOYOLA INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (LIVE)

In the twelfth year of its service, LIVE has restructured the syllabus for all the courses to keep pace with the requirements of the industry. Some of the courses offered in LIVE are accepted by a few foreign universities as the fourth year of college education.

LIVE is recording 90% of placement in all the branches.

RESEARCH ACADEMY FOR CUMULATIVE EXCELLENCE (RACE)

With excellence made affordable as its motto, RACE trains in ELT, other foreign languages, competitive exams and media. With eleven projects undertaken, the quality of the training, the dedication of the faculty and the concerted effort of the program speak the orbit of success. We thank Rev. Fr. Francis M. Peter, S.J.

LOYOLA INSTITUTE OF DIALOGUE WITH CULTURE AND RELIGIONS (IDCR)

IDCR involved in four levels of activities: 1. Research. 2. Training 3. Seminars and conferences 4. Publications. There are thirteen Ph.D research scholars. Plan for the next year include strengthening, research on Caste conflicts, Peace Rangers and The Change.

IGNATIAN INSTITUTE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Subash(01 HT 93), Sasikumar(06 PHT 10) and Verapandian(WI 53) have cleared the IAS main examination 2008. With the financial assistance from UGC, programs like IAS, NET, and remedial are carried out. The SC/ST students belonging to minority religious communities are given the opportunity to equip themselves for better career. We thank the Director Dr. T. Pathinathan for his service.

LOYOLA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE TRAINING AND RESEARCH (LISSTAR):

LISSTAR has invited minor research projects from nine faculty members. Workshop on SPSS for data analysis was conducted and 38 students benefitted out of it.

85 teachers from different colleges attended the workshop on Writing & Publishing Articles in National & International Journals. We thank Dr. M.J.Mahalingam, S.J., its Director and the Team.

CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

This centre offers two Post-Graduate and one Under-Graduate programmes in collaboration with Universities abroad. The admission process and the visits of international faculty motivate the students to excel in their studies and face life globally. We thank the coordinators Rev. Dr. Joe Arun, S.J. Dr. S. J. Kingsley and Dr. Oscar Nigli and M. Vijayan, office administrator and Mr. Baskar, office assistant.

PONDICHERY UNIVERSITY – LOYOLA COLLEGE TWINNING PROGRAM

In its tenth year of its existence, the total strength of the students is 3,353. A three day management seminar was organized on “Functional Research for internal and external fit.” We thank Dr. S. Arockiasamy S.J., Director and Mr. Robert Bellarme, Coordinator of the Centre.

TRAINING & PLACEMENT CENTRE

Twenty four companies both national and multinational visited our campus for direct recruitment. So far 155 students have received appointment orders. More than 600 students were placed under earn-while-you-learn part time jobs in various companies in the city. The training and placement centre in collaboration with alumni association organised “LOYOLA Career Fair 2008” on “Bright Career Beyond Loyola”. We thank

We thank Dr. Lazar Selva, the Director and Mr. Mathew, office Assistant for their services to the college and the outgoing students.
CENTRE FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT
The centre conducted many activities to spread entrepreneurship among students. There are 30 student volunteers currently active in the cell. Dr. Francis Jose, the staff coordinator was ably supported by Mr. Xavier Mahimaraj, Mr. Charles for all the activities of the unit.

CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DALIT STUDIES
Dr. Udaya Mahadevan, the Director of the centre, conducted sessions for various batches of PG students. Awareness on self employment and specific income generation training programs have been initiated for the women family members of the non-teaching staff. Free counseling services on academic matters and personal problems were offered to students from the marginalized sections.

LOYOLA HEALTH CENTRE
The management has appointed Dr. E. Prabaker M.B.B.S., an ENT specialist as the medical officer, Ms. Shanthisree as the staff nurse and Ms. Shannugyi Priya as lab technician on full time basis. We thank the services of the health team in the campus.

CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Student’s welfare in diverting their youthful vigor apart from the academic performance is the most important need of the hour. The reports of the extra-curricular activities, such as AICUF, AESEC, Debating Society and Quiz Club, Enviro Club, Forum for Intellectual Advancement, Friends of Police, NCC- Army, NCC-Navy, NSS, Pro-Life Forum, Rotact Club, Student Union, Students In Free Enterprise, Women’s Forum, Youth Red Cross Society were presented on the vaedictory function of the Students Union. We thank the Dr. K. S. Antonysamy, Dean of Student Affairs and all the Coordinators for accompanying the students in their Co-curricular and Extra-curricular activities.

SPORTS & GAMES:
Sports activities are a way of life in Loyola and continue to maintain our tradition of excellence also in the field of sports and games. This year 19 of our sportspersons have represented Tamil Nadu or India in National and International competitions.

58 sportspersons have represented the University of Madras and they have lifted over 45 cups and shields, 7 sportspersons have received appointment orders from reputed organisations. We thank Fr. Arockiaraj, President of Sports & Games, Mr. Vijayakumar, Physical Director, Mr. Senthil, Asst. Physical Director for their untiring and selfless services.

LOYOLA EMPOWERMENT AND REACHOUT NETWORK (LEARN)
All the second year undergraduate students of both aided and self-supporting courses numbering 1817 were involved in the outreach program organised by the Department of Outreach in collaboration with the Chennai Corporation and the State Resource Centre. The activities are streamlined and focused on women, children and youth covering the areas such as health, literacy and women empowerment. A total of 311 different programmes were conducted during the year to 25,693 beneficiaries. We thank Fr. Xavier Vedam S.J., Coordinator and faculty advisors of all the departments.

LOYOLA EXTENSION AWARENESS PROGRAM (LEAP)
To enable the first year post graduate students to be socially conscious and to imbibe a spirit of concern for others, LEAP organized rural exposure camp for five days in Sendivakkam, Mambakkam, Thiruppachyur, Arrapakkam, Ammayappanallur and Kovalam. We sincerely appreciate the Coordinators and the faculty advisors of all the departments.

SERVICE CENTRES

CAMPUS MINISTRY
The new campus Coordinator Rev. Fr. M.S.Jacob, S.J., organized monthly Eucharistic celebrations with specific themes and retreats with the generous help of Dr. Albonse Raj, Mr. Amalakha, Mr. Ramesh and Mr. Michael. The annual penitential walk to St. Thomas Mount was on 28th February 2009. Nearly 500 faithful took part in the pilgrimage. The campus ministry team is profusely happy to have rendered meaningful service to all.

STUDENT COUNSELLING CENTRE
Students and parents, self-referred and referred by Teachers & parents, received counselling for academic, personal and family problems. Where required, students were referred to neuropsychiatrists and speech therapists. We thank Mr. Keith Gomes and Fr. Xavier Rajan, S.J.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL - IQAC
Having been successful with the introduction of online registration of allied optional and general elective papers, the IQAC experimented with online staff assessment by students in the even semester. Parent’s evaluation of the college was done successfully. The Exit Poll was also conducted by the IQAC for the outgoing students.

FOUNDATION FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ACCESS (FAEA)
Dr. S. Albonse Raj and Fr. Xavier Vedam, S.J., participated in the two day national conference of FAEA, meant for Associate college Principals & Coordinators. A variety of skill development programs were offered to first generation learners.

ADMINISTRATION STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION
The office bearers of the Association worked as a team to make its 26th annual day celebrations a memorable one. A large number of our Administration staff participated in
the agitation in front of the Government guest house asking the Government to fill up the vacancies in the aided post. We thank the team of non-teaching staff.

**PARENT-TEACHER FORUM/MEETING**

Two meetings of the forum were conducted on 26\textsuperscript{th} July 2008 and on 24\textsuperscript{th} January 2009. A large number of parents attended the meeting and expressed their concern on the matter related to their wards with respect to their studies and extra curricular activities. The General Body of the forum along with the Coordinators passed two resolutions fully endorsing the management and approving the miscellaneous fee collected along with the semester fee to revise the salary of the management staff and to improve the infrastructure in the college campus. The parents expressed their wholehearted support and willingness to support financially the project “School of Business Studies”.

It was also decided to send a printed request form to all the parents of the students studying at present in Loyola College and asking them to support the project on building the ‘School of Business Studies’. Parents’ assessment about the infrastructure of the college, staff, quality of teaching, different programmes conducted by the college were also collected in the form of response to a questionnaire. We thank the Coordinators Mr. John Vincent Kumar and Mr. K Viswanathan of the forum for their support and guidance.

**WEBSITE OFFICE**

Our website is an indicator of the activities of the College. It reports most of the activities of our college, based on the timely and proper information provided by the concerned authorities. We thank Mr. Clint Eastwood, Web Co-coordinator for his service. The site is hosted by Easylink.

**LOYOLA HOSTEL**

With nearly 1,330 students, Loyola Hostel is truly a home away from home. They had many useful and educative programmes throughout the year. We thank Rev. Fr. P. Susai, S.J., the Director, the Assistant directors and Co-workers for their dedicated service.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Loyola Alumni Association is one of the most vibrant wings of the College. The total membership of the association is 19,161 as on 19\textsuperscript{th} March 2009. Nearly 2,189 fresh graduates have become members of Alumni Association in the current academic year alone. Financial assistance to the tune of Rs. three lakhs was extended to the poor and deserving students to help them pay their semester fees, hostel mess fees and semester examination fees. The Alumni Association of Loyola College honoured Prof. C.K. Prahalad with the distinguished alumnus award on 23\textsuperscript{rd} March 2009. We thank Rev. Dr. N. Casimir Raj, S.J., Director, and Mr. B. H. Kothari, the President for initiating various activities.

**COLLEGE EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE THRIFT AND CREDIT SOCIETY**

The total number of members in the society is 905. The society is placed under `A` class. It is managed by a Government appointed Special Officer Thiru S. Lakshmanan, CSR and a full time Junior Assistant Ms. S. Dhanalakshmi.

**OBITUARY**

With profound sorrow, I place on record the demise of the following during this academic year:

1. Mr. K. Antony, retired non-teaching staff passed away on 12\textsuperscript{th} May 2008

2. R. Parameswaran (07 CO 193) met with an accident and passed away on 2\textsuperscript{nd} June 2008.

3. K. Naveen Deep (06 VC 152) met with an accident and passed away on 19\textsuperscript{th} July 2008.

4. Dr. S. Samikannu had put in 28 years of dedicated and exemplary service in the Department of Chemistry. He had served as a member in the Governing body of the College and as a Treasurer in Loyola Staff Association. He was a man of principles and was highly systematic. He was very humane and always willing to help the students particularly from rural background. He offered voluntary retirement in the month of June and passed away after prolonged illness on 19\textsuperscript{th} September 2008.

5. Mr. Rathnam, retired Office Assistant passed away on 19\textsuperscript{th} November 2008. He served the college for 42 years.

6. S. Badrinarayanan (08 CO 243) met with an accident and passed away on 13\textsuperscript{th} February 2009.

7. V. Milton (07 CO 031) met with an accident and passed away on 26\textsuperscript{th} February 2009.
AWARDS BY THE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Elango Parimalam, Dept of Economics: 100% Attendance

Mr. S. Peter, Physics Lab: 100% Attendance

RESEARCH AWARDS

★ Rev. Fr. C. Racine S.J. Award instituted by Rev. Fr. Racine SJ Centre, Department of Mathematics, Loyola College is awarded to the best student who published the highest number of research papers. This year the award is given to Mrs. Joice Punitha, Department of Mathematics, RMD Engineering College and a part time Research Scholar, Department of Mathematics, Loyola College.

★ The research committee of Loyola College is pleased to present Rev. Fr. Yeddanapalli S.J. Award for Science Faculty for the academic year 2007-08 to Dr. J. Madhavan, Department of Physics.

★ The research committee of Loyola College is pleased to present Prof. T. N. Ananthakrishnan Research Award for Arts faculty for the academic year 2007-08 to Dr. J. M. Arul Kamaraj, Department of Social Work.

★ The Good Samaritan Award instituted in the name of Fr. Xavier Vedam, S.J. is given to the most deserving student who helps others at the time of their need. This year the award goes to N. K. Vivekanandan (08-PEL-012) and X. Leo (08-PEL-37).

★ The Best Non-Teaching Staff Award instituted by Dr. G. Francis Xavier Raj is given to Thiru A. Michael

★ The Best Outgoing Student of the Year : Dixon L.D’ Souza (06-AZ-019)

★ The Best Loyolite of the Year : Thiyyagarajan, N. (06-CH-021)

JUBILARIANS

Four of our faculty members and a non-teaching staff have completed 25 years of service. We thank them for their dedicated service to the Student community.

★ Mr. A. Augustin was appointed on 1st July 1983 as an administration staff in the College. At the introduction of Autonomy he served in the office of the Controller of Examination. He always performed his duties with smile. His sense of belonging and loyalty to the college is highly commendable and worthy of emulation.

★ Dr. Francis Jose was appointed on 5th July 1983 in the Department of Commerce. He is highly systematic and a dedicated teacher. He has enthused a lot of activities in Entrepreneurial Cell. He is a man of principles and highly helpful in moulding the younger teachers in the Department. He served as Dean of Arts for a period of two years.

★ Mr. T. Eugene was appointed on 7th July 1983 in the Department of Economics. He served as the Director of Training and Placement Cell of the College for a period of three years. As the Director, he rendered commendable service in providing Training and Placements to our students. The “Career Expo” organized in Loyola for the first time by Mr. Eugene in 2006 deserves a special mention. As a trainee himself, he has brought in Corporate to collaborate and to train students in soft skills.

★ Mr. James Sundararaj was appointed on 11th July 1983 in the Department of English. Currently, he is the Head of the Department. A committed and sincere teacher, he is very focussed and a man of principles. He is well acclaimed for motivating AICUF students.

★ Dr. S. P. Thiruthuvadoss was appointed on 18th August 1983 in the Department of Commerce. He was always willing to share administrative responsibility. He has served as a member of Governing Body of the College. He has also served as a member of the Academic Council and Senate of University of Madras. He is very systematic and compassionate to the students. Presently he is the Principal of SIVET College, Gownivakkam.

We wish all the Jubilarians many more years of fruitful service in the College.

RETIRING STAFF

Mr. I. Issac has put in 39 years of service as Lab Assistant in Loyola College. He has always performed his duties with a smile. He is dedicated, and highly cooperative with all his colleagues. He is good at training the young Non-teaching staff of the department very effectively in the laboratory techniques. The Management of Loyola College is highly thankful to him and wishes him a happy retired life.

Mr. A. Michael has put in 31 years of dedicated service as office assistant in Loyola College. He is very simple, affectionate and loyal to the College always. He performed his duties with respect and a smile. He is a role model to all office assistants. His sense of belonging and loyalty to the institution is highly commendable and worthy of emulation. The management of Loyola College thanks him for his dedicated service and wishes him a happy retired life.
Mr. Alston Rozario has put in 37 years of service in the Department of Commerce from 1973. He is a hard working and sincere teacher. He served Loyola College in many capacities including Vice-Principal for both Shift-I and Shift-II. He was the vice-captain of the Hockey team in his college days in this College. He is a man of principles and extremely systematic in his approach. We thank him for his devoted service at Loyola College and wish him a very happy retired life.

Dr. Muniratham Naidu, the Professor of Telugu from the Oriental Languages Department has put in 39 years of meritorious and fruitful service at Loyola College. He is a University first rank holder and a Gold Medalist in Telugu literature from the University of Madras at 1972. His depth in the knowledge of Telugu literature and accountancy are exemplary. Dr. Naidu is very compassionate and sincere to the learning community. We sincerely thank him for his services in Loyola college and wish him a happy retired life in future.

Dr. K.S. Nagaraja was appointed in 1982 as Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry. He has put in 26 years of service in Loyola College. He is very committed and a serious minded Professor involved much in Chemical research work. He has guided 13 Ph.D.s in addition to several M.Sc. and M.Phil. students. He has 5 Patents and 150 publications in pronounced international and national journals. He is the principal investigator of many major projects funded by agencies like DST, IGCAR, BRNS and UGC. He has taken voluntary retirement from service in this academic year. We thank him for his devoted service in Loyola college and wish him a happy retired life.

Mr. Stanislaus Santiago has put in 24 years of service in the Department of Sociology. He is compassionate to the students and a forward thinking person with unflinching loyalty to the College. He is a hard working and a dedicated teacher. He is presently the Head of the Department of Sociology. We thank him for his devoted and dedicated service at Loyola College and wish him a very happy retired life.

Rev. Dr. Francis M. Peter, S.J., Reader in the Department of English joined as a Lecturer in St. Joseph’s College, Trichy in 1983 and later he was the Principal for St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai for three years. He served Loyola College as the Secretary of the College for three years and was instrumental in bringing intranet connectivity to the campus. He is the founder and Director of Research Academy for Cumulative Excellence. We thank him for his dedicated service at Loyola College and wish him a happy retired life.

Rev. Fr. L. X. Jerome, S.J., joined the Department of Visual Communication as a Lecturer in 1996 and built up the Department to the acclaim of international calibre. During his tenure as the Rector, the Platinum Jubilee of the College was celebrated in a grand scale. He has served as the Vice-Principal and Dean of Sciences for Shift II Courses. He is an excellent teacher and loved by students of creative media. We thank him for his dedicated service at Loyola College and wish him a happy retired life.

**FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

As I conclude this annual report, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for the wonderful way He has guided the destiny of the College for the past 84 years. I am grateful to the Jesuit community for their whole-hearted support and guidance. I profusely thank Rev. Fr. K. Amal, S.J., Rector, for having shared his vision and for having participated in all the activities of the College, Rev. Fr. Peter Xavier, S.J., Secretary, for his dynamism and stewardship.

I am grateful to the officials of the college particularly the following members:

- **Dr. S. Anthony Selvanathan**, Dean of Arts is completing his three year term. He is always willing to share administrative responsibility. He is very systematic and compassionate to the students. He is mainly instrumental in the successful conduct of “Add on Courses” and in the introduction of online registration for Allied and Elective General courses. The Management of Loyola College is highly thankful to him for his services to the students’ community.

- **Mr. C. Robert Bellarmin**, Coordinator of PULC is completing his three year term. He is hard working and took upon this administrative assignment with all seriousness and dedication. He has given a new thrust to the vibrancy of Twinning Program with the Pondicherry University, a unique form of distance education. The Management of Loyola College is highly thankful to him for his services in the cause of education.

I was extremely fortunate to have an inspiring and wonderful and dedicated officials. They stood by me and helped me in every possible way. I profusely thank each one of them.