



LOYOLA STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES
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“Students are our Friends”

Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS)

LSSS is a service unit of Loyola College that is committed to the holistic development of students by offering support services such as Scholarships, Management Concession (Jesuit Educational Support), Academic assistance like Remedial Programs, Peer learning, Special English Coaching, ACCESS program, Placement training, XAT coaching, Free noon meal, Part time jobs, Personality development instilling social concern through Art and Literary wing, Veedhi Virudhu Vizha and ensure admission for the students from the bottom of the pyramid of the society through Summer Camp, a residential camp for the rural poor Dalits.

Vision

LSSS envisions to empower the Dalit, Poor and Vulnerable students to face the challenges and lead a life of dignity.

Mission

Enabling the Vulnerable students to attain over-all and integral formation through instilling confidence, capacity building, improving the quality of life, providing financial and academic assistance, creating opportunities for employability and deepening their commitment for better future for all.

Major Activities of LSSS

- Identifies the Dalits, First Graduates, Economically Poor, Orphans, Semi Orphans and Vulnerable students and helps them in the process of admission.
- Takes note of various management and Government scholarships available to various categories of students, such as SC/ST, MBC, BC, Differently Abled, FGL, Rural Girls and helps them in process of applying and receiving the Government scholarships and benefits.
- Administers additional financial help through management concessions by identifying the target students in the first semester itself and help in reducing the burden of paying their fee during their studies.
- Taps the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in corporate sectors for the assistance of poor and vulnerable students in Loyola College.
- Helps in availing all the foresaid scholarships without any delay and difficulty by helping them with academic advice and logistical support.

- Caters to the needs of the academically poor students and helps them through Enabling classes (Remedial Classes) and Special English Coaching Classes in collaboration with respective departments.
- Monitors the academic activities by tracking the records of achievements for better monitoring and counselling.
- Coordinates with the management and helps the deserving students to avail the Noon Meal Scheme.
- Conducts periodic workshops and organize seminars on Indian history and culture with a focus on subaltern realities.
- Forms various fora and organizes seminars and workshops to develop their skills and self-respect.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT – Financial Services

LSSS identifies and provides private scholarships and management concessions to the poor, Tribals, Dalits, orphan and semi-orphan, differently abled students, refugees, migrants and victims of natural disaster are given preference.

1. Jesuit Education Support (JES)

JES administers additional financial help through management concessions by identifying the target students in the first semester itself and help in reducing the burden of paying their fee during their studies. During this academic year totally 859 students with poor socio-economic backgrounds benefited from JES for the tune of Rs. 83.18 Lakhs.

S.No	Type of Scholarship	No. of Beneficiaries	Scholarship Amount (Rs)
1	JES Full Scholarship	40	13,87,945
1a)	Management Non- teaching staff children scheme – Full Scholarship	20	9,03,720
1b)	Rector Scholarship	11	2,64,180
1c)	Poor Transgender – Full Scholarship	9	2,20,045

2	JES – Partial scholarship	867	76,85,545
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2. Government scholarships

Government had announced the application process via online mode. Hence, LSSS take a notes of scholarships available to various categories of students, such as SC/ST, MBC, BC, Differently Abled, FGL, Rural Girls and helps them in process of applying and receiving the Government scholarships and benefits.

3. Alumni Scholarships

Loyola with its illustrious alumni never hesitates to approach the benefactors in order to help the poor and the needy through ‘Help A Student Scheme’. As a result, totally 48 students have been fully sponsored by the alumni for the sum of Rs. 1097799 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Nine only).

S. No	Name of the Alumni	No. of Beneficiaries	Scholarship Amount received (Rs)
1	Loyola Economics Batch 76’	5	98,200
2	Dr. Gowtham Menon,U S - Scholarship including Hostel Accommodation	1	1,35,980
3	Mr. Andrew Vimal Magimaidass, U S	7	1,10,000
4	Mr. P.M. Rao, Washington DC, Including Hostel accommodation	1	1,07,430
	Total	14	4,51,610

3a) Alumni Endowment Scholarship

S. No	Name of the Scholarship	No. of Beneficiaries	Scholarship Amount received (Rs)
1	Shyam Kothari Endowment Scholarship	21	375000
2	Maria Savari - Kanickaimary Endowment Scholarship	3	65000
3	Ambrose and Cecilia Endowment	6	100000

	Total	30	5,40,000
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3b) Alumni Endowment Scholarship (FCRA)

S. No	Name of the Scholarship	No. of Beneficiaries	Scholarship Amount received (Rs)
1	Next Generation Foundation	1	20,794
2	Mr. Arun, USA	1	17,034
3	Joe Mahimainathan Endowment Fund	2	68,361
	Total	4	1,06,189



Alumni from Loyola Economics Batch 76' visited on August 7th 2023 & interacted with students

4. Private and Other Scholarship

S. No	Name of the Company	Scholarship Amount received (Rs)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	SUMITOMO Corporation India Pvt.Ltd	3,00,000	15
2	RKMF	6,77,510	9
	Total	9,77,510	24

For more than 15 years SUMITOMO Corporation India Pvt.Ltd has been sponsoring Rs. 300000 every year for the poor meritorious students. Apart from their financial assistance, they make it a point to visit the students at least once a year with their progress report.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

5. Remedial Program and Peer learning

Remedial program is arranged for students having more than two arrears to improve upon the major subjects in collaboration with their respective department staff. An average of 250 students from government schools and Tamil medium schools get benefited from this program.

Jesuit management is not only giving priority to admit under privileged sections of students' community, they support in their academic growth during their study if they need. So every semester HODs/Coordinators assign staff members to conduct remedial and monitor peer learning classes.

LSSS ropes in the academically sound students to assist their classmates who are in need of academic assistance. Students who help will duly be remunerated. Around 41 students per semester are assisted and accompanied through this program during this academic year 2023-2024.

Remedial Program- ODD Semester details

Students Benefitted through Remedial	1164
Total No. of. Faculties Involved	55
Total No. of. Subjects Handled	49
Students benefitted through Peer Learning	130
Over all Beneficiaries	1294

6. U.S. Access Microscholarship Programme:

‘English Access Microscholarship Program (Access)’ is an initiative of the United States Embassy/ Consulate General in India and the United States Department of State. Access is one of the flagship programs of Loyola College in collaboration with US Consulate Chennai. We highly value this program as it empowers the poor and rural students in our college with excellent communication skills. And also the students gain appreciation towards Indian, American and other cultures, values, ethos, customs and etiquettes. We are grateful to US Consulate and the department of State USA, our funding and collaborating partner in this unique and important mission of reaching the unreached and including the excluded.

The Access program provides foundation of English Language skills to bright, economically disadvantaged students worldwide through afterschool and intensive programming. Access students gain an appreciation for U.S. culture and democratic values, increase their ability to participate successfully in the socio-economic development of their countries, and gain the ability to compete for and participate in the future U.S. Exchange and study programs. The program will also support programming for alumni that can be conducted in-country, in the region or in the U.S.

The sanctioned period of programme is for 18 months i.e., the classes began on 23rd May, 2022 and it got over by 31st January, 2024.

Highlight of the Program - Intensive Session

Intensive Sessions were organized for the Access students from November 17, 2023 to November 21, 2023 as a part of the English Access Micro Scholarship Program. The sessions aimed at immersive learning and robust practices of what students have learned in classrooms from a holistic development perspective. Resource persons from various fields were invited to train the students on various themes like Personality Development, Social Development, Physical & Mental fitness, Counselling and Guidance and Folk & Media Skills.

Rev. Fr. Boniface Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary, Loyola College presided the inaugural Session. For the valedictory ceremony along with Rev. Fr. Boniface Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary and Rev. Fr. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal, Mr. Scott Hartmann E, Culture Affaire Officer from U.S. Consulate General Chennai, Ms Brindha Balachandar, and Brindha Jeyakanth were present in the event.



Access Graduation Ceremony

Access Graduation Ceremony was held on February 27, 2024 at 4 PM in Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium. The Chief Guest was Mr. Scott Hartmann E, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate General Chennai and the Guest of Honour was Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson SJ, Vice President & Rector, Loyola Campus. Rev. Dr. Boniface Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary & Correspondence and Rev. Dr A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal felicitated the event. Rev. Fr. Y. Poondy Rajan SJ, Director, LSSS & Coordinator Access Program welcomed the dignitaries and the gathering. Rev. Dr M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ, Vice Principal – Infrastructure & Director, Access Program proposed the vote of thanks to the dignitaries of Consulate, the college management and the Access team for the successful completion of the program. Certificates were distributed to the teachers and students on the successful completion of the program.



Finally, the Access program in collaboration with the United States Embassy/ Consulate General in India and the United States Department of State is successfully completed.

7. XAT coaching

Introduction:

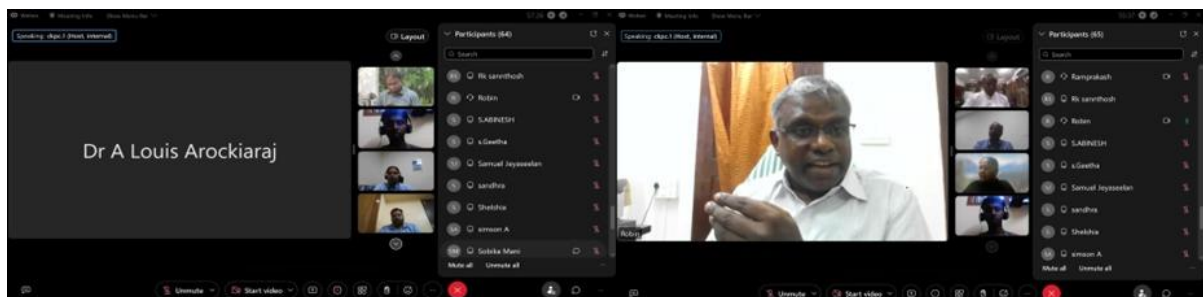
LSSS in collaboration with LIBA has been conducting XAT coaching for the management aspirants from the SC/ST students of Jesuit colleges of Chennai Jesuit Province consecutively from the year 2020. This year 19 students from Loyola College, Chennai, 20 students from Loyola College Vettavalam (LCV) and 40 students from Loyola College Mettalla (LCM) were admitted for the program.

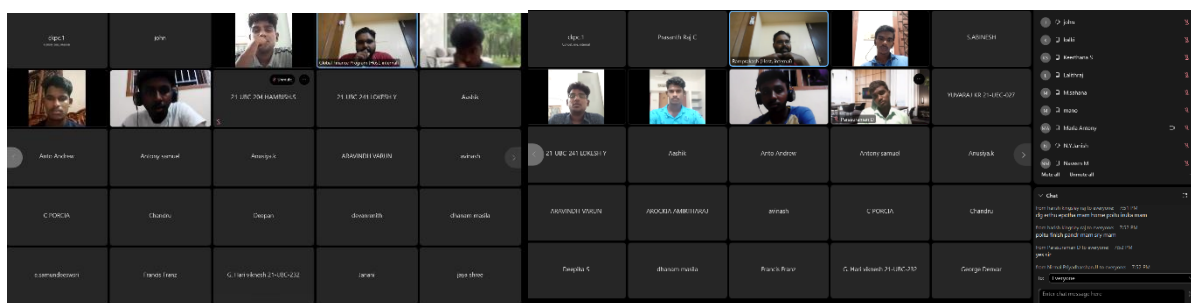
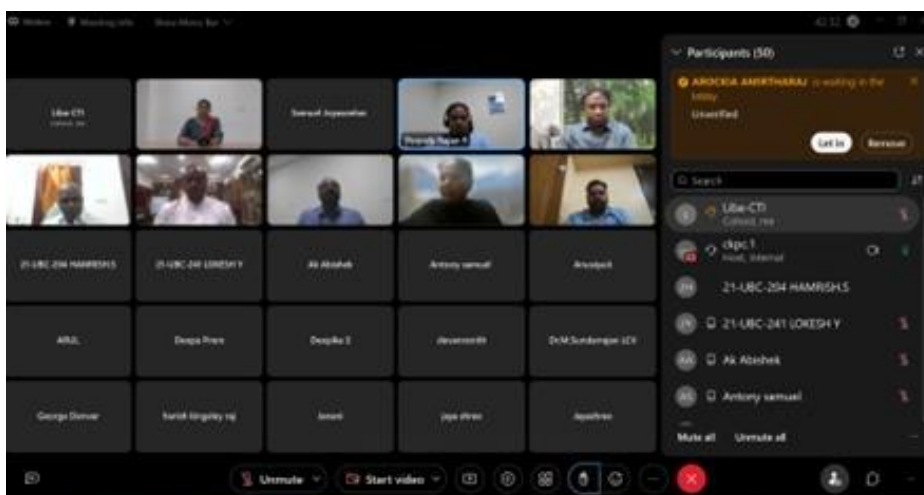
Rev.Fr. Poondy Rajan, SJ, Director, LSSS recommended to have coaching classes in Hybrid mode i.e., Classes for Quantitative ability & Data Interpretation in virtual mode and classes for classes verbal ability & Logical reasoning in the respective colleges. Online classes for Quantitative ability & Data Interpretation are scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays between

7 pm and 8pm and respective colleges can decide the timing and days based on their conveniences to conduct offline classes for Verbal ability and Logical ability in their campuses.

Inauguration

Inauguration of XAT Coaching 2023-2024 was started on 09-08-2022 with a prayer song. Rev. Fr. Poondy Rajan, Director, LSSS welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Joe Arun SJ, Director- LIBA talked about the aim and dynamics of XAT coaching class 2023, in which the main objective is to join more number of students in LIBA from the underprivileged sections of the society. He appreciated the idea of hybrid mode for conducting classes and he would bring XAT coaching experts from outside LIBA to gain more. Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson, Rector, Loyola College Campus said that it was one of the cherished moments of Jesuits. He asked the students to have a complete confidence on themselves and a positive attitude towards clearing the XAT/CAT examination. Rev. Fr. Louis Arockiaraj, Principal, Loyola College, Chennai, felicitated the students by mentioning three pointers namely 1. Be focused 2. Be confident 3. Be persevering to be successful in life. Dr. Lakshminarayanan, Dean of LIBA asked the students to be ready to hard work and encouraged to join in LIBA. Rev. Dr. Samuel Jeyaseelan SJ, Principal, LCM, emphasized the students to equip themselves in all aspects to clear XAT entrance examination and to have constant preparation for the same. Dr. A. Siluvai Raja, Chair C.K. Prahalad Centre (CKPC), Dr. Ramprakash Ramakrishnan, Teaching Assistant, Ms. Benita Rani, and Programme Coordinator (CKPC), Ms. Jeeva, Programme Coordinator (LSSS) were also present during the inauguration along with the selected students. Finally, Dr. D. Florence Isido, Vice Principal for Academics & services, LSSS, Loyola College, Chennai proposed the vote of thanks.





The program was ably structured by LIBA under the able guidance and supervision of Rev. Dr C. Joe Arun SJ, Director, LIBA based on the XAT syllabus.

SUPPORT SERVICES

8. Noon Meal Scheme

It is a free meal scheme provided for the poor and the deserving day scholars travelling from a longer distance. It helps around 250 poor students every year to nurture a healthy mind in a healthy body in order to focus on their academics.

9. Earn while you learn Scheme

LSSS promotes the concept of 'Earn while you learn' by providing part time jobs to an average of 101 poor students within the campus. It aims at helping them meet their academic needs and motivating them to grow in the virtue of responsibility as well.



On 28th February 2024, Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal discussed the students' academic progress and development, emphasized academic goals and achievements, as well as the purpose of part-time jobs.

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

10. Art and Literary Desk

It is a unit under LSSS that focuses on imparting leadership qualities and social consciousness to students through Study circle, folk and theatre training, interaction with the thinkers and writers from the field of education, politics, social work, media etc., It also brings about social transformation through various folk art forms, College Flash mob performance, through awareness program and cultural performance in slums, Government schools, Government and non-government organizations. More than 150 boys and girls benefit every year from this unit and become prominent leaders and artists.

11. Veedhi Virudhu Vizha

Loyola College, Chennai in collaboration with Alternative Media Center organized the 11th Veedhi Virudhu Vizha at Loyola College on January 03 and 04, 2024. Rev. Dr. Y. Poondy

Rajan SJ, Director, Loyola Student Support Services (LSSS) and Dr. Kaleeshwaran, coordinator, AMC were the main organizers of the event.

The objectives of this cultural extravaganza were to offer a definite platform for the performance of more than 4000 folk artists to a larger audience, to honor 100 senior folk artists with cash awards of 10,000 each, to offer an ex-gratia of Rs. 10,000 for each family of the artists who died due to their unfortunate health conditions and to advocate for the livelihood and upliftment of the families and to educate the children of the folk artists and transpersons in our Jesuit institutions.



INCLUDING THE EXCLUDED

12. Loyola Summer Camp – April 2023

Loyola Summer Camp - 2023 was conducted in Loyola College from 13 April, 2023 to 29 April, 2023. It was organized by Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS), LICET and Loyola College Society. 252 students (195 boys and 57 girls) were admitted in the camp and it was inaugurated on 13 April, 2023. The primary objective of the camp is to empower the poor and the oppressed, Dalit students from various districts of Tamil Nadu which belong to Chennai province who had studied Tamil Medium. The students were admitted and the inauguration was held on 13 April 2023 at LS Hall, Loyola Campus. Thiru. R.Suthan IAS, Rev. Dr. Jebamalai Raja, SJ, Provincial, Rev. Dr. Francis P. Xavier, SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr. Selvanayakam, SJ, Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Soosai Sebastian, SJ, Director of LICET, Rev. Dr. M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob, SJ, Vice-Principal – Infrastructure, Rev. Dr. G. Victor Roch, SJ, Director of LSSS, Dr. Florence Isido, Vice-Principal and Lay Dalit Coordinator, other organizers and volunteers were

present to encourage the students. A one-day orientation was conducted by Dr R. Kaleeswaran for the students on 14 April 2023. The regular schedules for the students included Voice Culture which was conducted by Scholastics, Holy Mass which were conducted by Jesuit Fathers of Loyola College, Newspaper reading, English classes to develop their communication, Mathematics or aptitude sessions to review the fundamentals for the future endeavors, Life skills to develop their personality and to understand the ethics of life, Folk Arts to teach them various Tamil traditional arts, guest talks and other special sessions to give them personality development, enhancement of life skills and career guidance which were delivered by eminent personalities like Dr Irudhayraj, Mr. Sidhartha and Mr.Saravanan IRS. Students were taken for an excursion to Palavakkam Beach and Seashore St Antony's Shrine. The Maxi Academy of Loyola Summer Camp 2023 was conducted on 28 April 2023 at 6.30 PM in Jubilee Quadrangle, Loyola Campus. Students made a grand display of what they learnt like vocabulary, pronunciation, voice loudness, clarity of speech and unison of voices. Mr. Nandakumar IRS was invited as chief guest and he delivered an inspiring address. They were given instructions about follow ups and application process and they were sent home on 29 April 2023. The camp was successfully planned and organized by Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch SJ, Director, LSSS and his team.





Conclusion

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Dr Francis P Xavier SJ, Former Rector and Rev. Dr. Antony Robinson SJ, present Rector, Rev. Dr Joe Arun SJ, Director, LIBA and Rev. Dr A. Thomas SJ, Former Principal, Loyola College and Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj, Principal, Loyola College for their ever approachable status and always a go ahead signals for all the activities organised by LSSS. This shows their interest in the welfare and upliftment of the marginalised society.

We are ever grateful for the accompaniment and encouragement given by the Loyola management. We hope the same in our future endeavours. It was an enriching experience for us and our students also.

Fr Y. Poondy Rajan SJ

Director, LSSS

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