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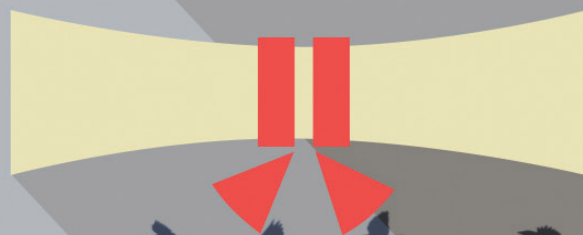
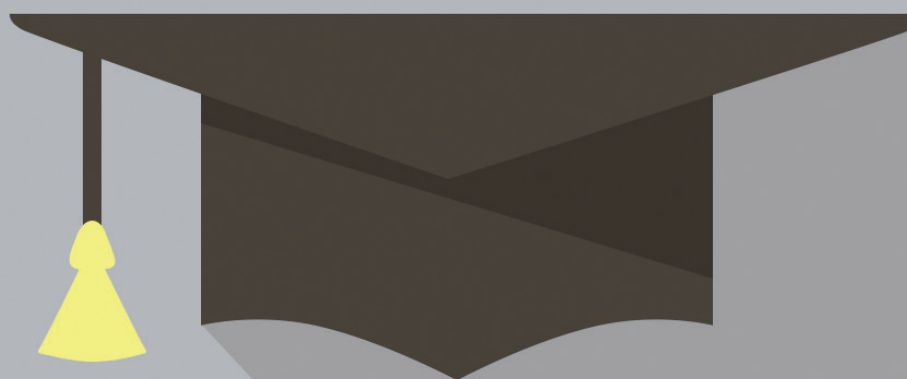


A Newsletter for Don Bosco University family, alumni and friends

*Third Convocation Special*

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*...chasing dreams!*



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# CONVOCATION

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## Message from the Chancellor

### BE M.A.D. – MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Once there was a blind boy who sat on the steps of a building with a begging plate by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the plate. A young man who was walking by took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the plate. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words on it. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the plate began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon the young man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said, but in a different way." What the young man wrote was, "Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it." That attitude and action had made all the difference.

Your attitude determines your altitude. Attitude is such a little thing that makes a major difference. There are many factors that determine one's success throughout life; however, I strongly believe that having the right attitude towards life, yourself, and others is one of the greatest factors.

Professor Erwin Schell, one of America's most respected authorities on leadership, says, "Obviously, there is something more than faculties and competence that makes for accomplishment. I have come to believe that this linkage factor, this catalyst if you will, can be defined in a single word – attitude. When our attitude is right, our abilities reach a maximum of effectiveness and good results inevitably follow."

William James, an American philosopher and psychologist, who was also trained as a physician tells, "The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." Great buildings have great foundations. The foundation of our happiness, our success and our productivity is our attitude.



The right attitude can take you to the top of your profession, can build powerful marriages, can create an everlasting legacy and can bring out the best in others. The right attitude can spark hope in those who are in need. Be M.A.D – Make A Difference for yourself and others.

You have ultimate control over your attitude. You are not different from the next person. You have the ability to live your dream and create whatever it is you desire. It depends on your attitude. And what you choose will greatly determine the quality of your life. The best way to predict your future is to create it.

God bless you abundantly! Make a Difference with your life.

*Fr VM Thomas SDB  
Chancellor*

## Message from the Vice Chancellor

'Traditional and transformative – the Don Bosco way!' was the motif on the calendar of the University this year. 'Traditional' and 'transformative' – two words that undergird the 'Don Bosco Way' of education here at the University.

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'Traditional' – yes, here at the university, we value and we hand on that rich heritage of shared values and wisdom coming down to us across the ages from our ancient cultures and religious traditions.

The mandatory Course in the University on 'Thoughts that moved the World' is a melange of seminal ideas that has fashioned human thinking and behaviour from across centuries and continents, a Course that opens your minds to the finer things in life – a love for reflection and abstract thinking, a passion for reading, an appreciation for good music, an appetite for history, an ability for logical thinking and communication, a way with the use of words and their nuances, a deeply rooted conviction that a cultured person is compassionate, is socially committed, knows his or her own place in the world and has a modest and realistic image of himself or herself...

No education is complete if it does not impart an understanding of and appreciation for this legacy from which we are nourished and on which we build.

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'Transformative' – yes, here at the University, we believe that 'education', as its Latin root implies, is the task of 'drawing out from within', leading you to discover the treasure within – the inner resources of resilience, determination, compassion, godliness, magnanimity, dependability... The rest is just information, facts and figures, which today you can have at your fingertips without necessarily a teacher or an institution dishing it out to you...

When conceptualizing the University, we expended considerable effort to visualise for ourselves the profile of a typical 'Don Bosco Graduate'. Reading through that document today as you graduate and move out into the wider world, you would realize how your experience here at the University has indeed been 'traditional' and 'transformative'.

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"Dare to dream... make a difference... God be with you!" THAT is the theme we have chosen for our Third Convocation, with you in mind. Dreamers, as always, keep propelling us all into higher orbits all the time – 'the rest,' as the poet says 'drift on the misty flats, to and fro'.



'Do dare to dream' – we have given you the ropes.

'Do make a difference' – we have shown you the way, and walked the talk, along with you, all these years.

'...and God be with you' – 'as you meet with triumph and disaster; and treat those two imposters just the same'... and, as day after demanding day down the years, you strive to 'fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run'.

'The capacity to dream, the urge to make a difference, leaning on an abiding force and a strength beyond your own (God-centredness) – these are the defining characteristics of a typical Don Bosco Graduate...

It is my firm belief that you will signal to the world a very distinctive type of person – cultured, competent, knowledgeable, broad-minded, never done with education the whole life-long, genuine leaders in society who, while immersed in the task of making a life for themselves, are also intimately involved in the life of their community!

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In the name of Don Bosco University and its staff, it is my privilege to warmly congratulate you and wish you the best in life. You are now a part and parcel of the great Don Bosco Family that is looked up to and held in high esteem all over the world. You have a noble heritage you can take pride in and a name to live up to... Be proud to be a Bosconian!

As you graduate today, and as you begin to navigate your own unique, individual careers, we pray that God's blessings will accompany each one of you down the long journey of life wherever that journey takes you...

Fr Stephen Mavelly SDB  
Rector & Vice Chancellor



## *The year that was...*



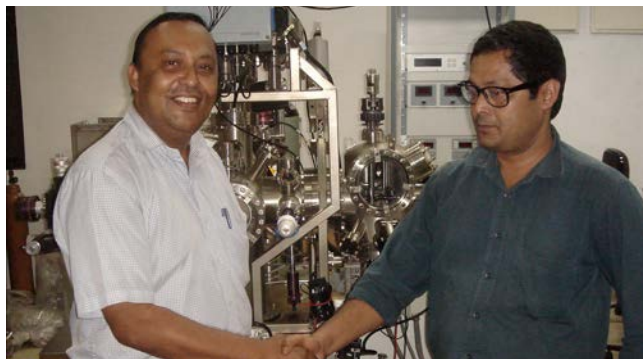
### UGC Team's Visit

The Inspection Team from the University Grants Commission, led by Prof. Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay, Pro-Vice Chancellor of University of Calcutta, visited the University on 29-30 October 2013.



### Journal of North-East Indian Cultures

The first volume of 'Journal of Northeast Indian Cultures', an International Peer Reviewed Journal of the University, was released on 29 October to coincide with the visit of the UGC Team.



### Research Collaboration

The University signed MOUs for joint research projects with 'Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)' and the 'Satyendranath Bose National Center for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS)', Kolkata.



### A march for Gender Justice

An initiative of the Department of Social Work to highlight gender issues, a candle light solidarity march along NH-37, saw an enthusiastic participation from staff and students on 28 October at 5 pm.



### DBIM Excellence Award

Rajat Dutta and Sweetly Mathew, MBA graduates of the School of Commerce and Management, were awarded the DBIM Excellence Award 2013 for all-round excellence in academics, social responsibility and overall conduct.



### SWASTYAYAN - a commitment!

The free coaching classes for the neighbourhood children, a combined initiative of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Technology, under the outreach project christened 'SWASTYAYAN- a commitment', celebrated its Annual Day on 29 November 2013.

### Counselling Skills for Social Work Students

A workshop on Counselling Skills and Techniques was organized for the students of Social Work on 7-8 October 2013 at the University's Conference Hall. Sr. Christine Mynsong msmhc, a post graduate degree holder in Psychology and Counselling from La Salle University, Metro Manila in the Philippines, animated the sessions for both the days.



## *The year that was...*



### Farewell to Fr. V.A. Cyriac

The University bade farewell to its first Controller of Examinations, Fr. V.A. Cyriac, at a farewell lunch on 9 October. After two eventful years at the University, he goes on to pioneer a new venture of the Society at Dispur.



### 3rd Annual Techno- Management Festival

Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology of the School of Engineering & Technology celebrated "PRAJYUKTTAM 2013", the third annual techno-management festival from 6 to 9 November.



### An Interactive Session with Rahul Gandhi

An interesting session on a wide range of developmental issues facing the country, and especially the North-East, was held on 26 February at the Azara Campus of the University with the participation of students from Don Bosco University and 9 other Universities across India.



### "A Shared Vision, a Cohesive Team and an Engaging Work Culture"

Three concepts that characterize the ambience at Don Bosco University - A Shared Vision, a Cohesive Team, and an Engaging Work Culture - was the theme of the Staff Enrichment Programme professionally animated by Dr Joe Arimpoor on 24-25 January at the beginning of the Spring session.



### International Conference on Education on 'Teaching to Learning'

The University, in collaboration with the Department of Education, Gauhati University, hosted an International Conference on Education on 24-26 February 2014, at its Azara Campus. 55 scholars and academicians from 26 university colleges participated in the conference.



### Project Exhibition cum Competition at the School of Technology

An engineering project exhibition cum competition was held at the University's School of Technology at the Azara campus on 29 January 2014. A brilliant display of projects by the 6th Semester B. Tech students, the exhibition attracted hundreds of high school students.



## *The year that was...*



### Renowned Violinist Sunita Bhuyan's Visit

A soulful recital by internationally acclaimed Assamese violinist, Sunita Bhuyan, at the Azara Campus, left the students and the staff spellbound on 22 January.



### Student Orientation Programmes

A series of student orientation and development programmes in January and July organized by the campus ministry department of the University, concentrated on setting goals for life, team building and the importance of seeking counsel.



### Workshop on 'Women at Workplace – Current Trends and Concerns'

The seminar, organized by the University's School of Commerce and Management, on 1 March 2014 at its Kharguli Campus, focused its attention on sensitizing the community on the issues facing women at the workplace.



### Workshop on Open Source Software

A workshop on Open Source Software was organized by the University in collaboration with ICSSR-NERC on 6 - 8 February 2014 at its Azara campus. Over 35 scholars from the University and other Institutions participated in the workshop.



### National Conference on 'Emerging Global Trends in Engineering and Technology'

A National Conference on 'Emerging Global Trends in Engineering and Technology' (EGTET) held on 7 and 8 March, brought together eminent personalities, engineers, professionals, researchers and academicians from across the nation. EGTET 2014 was the first of its kind wherein all engineering domains were included with an aim to bring together those interested in the state of the art in various engineering applications for exchanging knowledge across a broad range of disciplines.



### Research Collaboration with Bangkok University and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok

The first batch of M. Tech students - Hironmay Deb, Sunil Deka, Sandhyabanti Dutta Borah and Rajkumar Joydev Borah from the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering - successfully completed their three-month long research study at the Center for Research in Optoelectronics, Communication and Control System (CROCCS) of Bangkok University and at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, in pursuance of the student exchange programme signed by the two Universities in June 2013.



## *The year that was...*



### D'Verve 2014

D' Verve, the most awaited cultural and sports fiesta of Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology, was organized from 11 to 15 March at the Azara Campus of the University.



### Rural Practicum at PAJRA

The first semester MSW students organized their 10-day Rural Practicum from 9 December, at Bhutiali, Dekhijuli, in Sonitpur District, Assam, 148 km from the University campus, at the PAJHRA Centre.



### Study Tours

The final semester MSW students of the University undertook their study tour (December 4 – 21, 2013) in three teams to Mumbai, Goa and Kathmandu to visit and learn from civil society and voluntary organizations working in their specific areas of specialization - community development, medical and psychiatry, and family and child welfare.



### Entrepreneurship Development Camps

In an effort to promote and cultivate the entrepreneurship culture among the graduates of the University, the Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation Centre (EDIC) of the School of Technology organized 3-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Camps 30 January - 1 February, 20 - 22 March, 2014.



### International Student Volunteer Exchange Programme

The University's Department of Social Work teamed up with University College of Dublin, Ireland, for an International Student Volunteer Exchange Programme, codenamed "Northeast India-14". 11 student volunteers of Don Bosco University with Teacher in-charge Jacob Islary and 7 Irish Volunteers teamed up for a month long practical field work. They worked on energising the Anganwadis, organising evening classes for young students, putting together sports events for the local children and exhibiting their creative works.



The joint team also brought out a comic book titled 'Comics for Social Change' – a compilation of artworks of 50 students, to raise awareness on pressing local and global social issues.



## *The year that was...*



### Summer Practicum for Students on Electronic Systems Design

The department of Electronics and Communications (ECE) of the School of Technology organized a "Short Term Course on Electronic Systems Design" (STCESD 2014) from June 3 to 14 at the Azara campus.



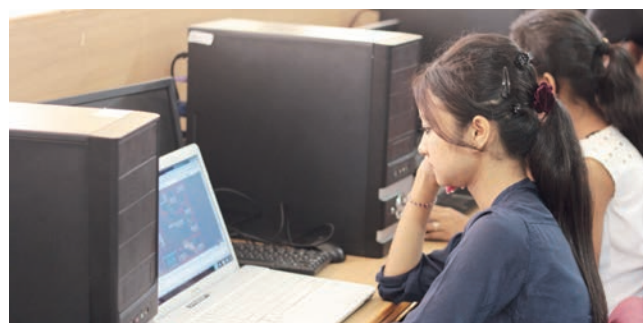
### First General Assembly of Assam Don Bosco University Alumni Association

The Alumni Association of the University was launched on 27 April 2014 at its first General Assembly at the Azara Campus of the University.



### Developing Web Applications... National Workshop cum Summer Internship

A two-week long National Level Workshop cum Summer Internship on Web Applications Development (NSIWAD'14) in collaboration with CMC Academy, was inaugurated on 2 June at the Azara campus of the University. Organized by the Department of CSE & IT of Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology, it had the objective of exposing the participants to state-of-the-art tools and technologies for designing and developing professional web applications.



### AutoCAD Workshop on Creative Design

A two week long summer training on the applications of AutoCAD was organized by the Department of Civil Engineering from 2 to 14 June 2014 for the students of the 5 Semester, Civil Engineering.



### 5 Week Computer Classes for neighbourhood children under Swastyayan

The University's Outreach Programme, SWASTYAYAN, ventured yet again into another commitment on 21 April 2014, namely, that of offering a short-term "Computer Education Programme" to the Class X students of the community schools of the Azara locality.



### Promotion of FOSS...An ADBU obsession

In an effort to underline the importance of getting used to the Free and Open Source Software (FOSS), the University in collaboration with ICSSR-NERC, organized a workshop on 16-20 June, 2014 at its Azara campus. About 30 scholars from the University and other Institutions from across the country participated in the workshop.



## *The year that was...*



### **Curtin University Team, Perth, Australia, at the Azara Campus**

A three-member delegation from Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia, visited the University and met with the University Administrative Team and the various departments of the School of Technology to explore areas of mutual interest and collaboration..



### **Student Orientation Programmes**

15th and 16th of July will remain indelible in the minds of nearly 500 freshers as they participated enthusiastically in training sessions geared to help them to develop themselves as dependable individuals right at the beginning of their technical and professional life.



### **New Light on Cognitive Behaviour**

The Department of Psychology and Counselling, organized a workshop on 'Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT)' on 22-23 April, 2014. The workshop focused on the wider applicability of CBT as a therapeutic technique.



### **Advances and applications in Remote Sensing: GPS and GIS**

The Department of Civil Engineering conducted a day-long symposium on "Recent Advances and Applications in Remote Sensing: GIS and GPS" for the 4th and 6th semester students at the School of Engineering.



### **Nano Sensor for testing water contamination**

Researchers of the Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) Department of the Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology have developed an on-the-spot water contamination sensor that can assess the degree of contamination by metal ions in water, indicating also the range that is safe for human consumption. The design, testing and fabrication of the sensor were carried out by Sandhyabanti Dutta Bora and Arup Bora under the guidance of Dr. Sunandan Baruah.



### **ISTE workshop on Fluid Mechanics**

Don Bosco College of Engineering & Technology hosted a two-week long ISTE workshop on Fluid Mechanics under the National Mission on Education through ICT (MHRD, Government of India), 20-30 May, 2014. The Azara campus is the only remote centre for NMEICT in North-East India.

## *The year that was...*



### Ensuring Transformation through Critical Thinking and Reflection

The Global Head of Training & Development at Larsen & Toubro, Mr Neville Lobo, and its Training & Development Officer Mr Rohan Athalye, led the professional development retreat of the faculty at the Azara Campus on 15-16 July on the theme of 'Ensuring Transformation through Critical Thinking and Reflection' – one of the four pillars of the style of functioning at the University.



### Inauguration of Academic Year 2014-15

Mr H S Das IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam and Principal Secretary for Finance and Tourism, was the Chief Guest at the inauguration of the Academic Year 2014 held on 31 July 2014.



### Code-Unicode 2014 Competition

Students from CSE & IT Department attended the "Code Unicode 2014" competition organized by International Council of E-Commerce Consultants in collaboration with Coding Club of the School of Engineering and Technology on 9th August 2014.



### Computer Networking Workshops for Teachers

Twenty-nine lecturers from nine University colleges of North-East India attended a week-long workshop on Computer Networking, 30 June to 5th July 2014 at the Azara Campus of the University – a project under the National Mission on Education through ICT under the Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.



### University Launches Masters in Mass Communication

With a focus on 'Convergent Media and Technologies', the University launched a fresh Masters Programme in Mass Communication with the pioneering batch of 14 students on 31 July 2014. A feather in its cap as the University systematically introduces course after course in socially relevant areas!



### Social Media Immersion Workshop

A three day programme entitled 'Social Media Immersion Workshop' saw 22 students learn the ropes to navigate the most common social media platforms, 4-6 August 2014.



## *The year that was...*



### University Launches Master of Science in Physics

On 7th anniversary of the launching of its first academic courses with Undergraduate Programmes in Engineering at its Azara Campus, the University launched a Masters Programme in Physics with dual specializations (Electronics and Nano Sciences) on 11 August 2014. This inter departmental venture between the Department of Basic Sciences and the Department of Electronics and Communications has a pioneering batch of 14 students from across North-East India.



### National Conference on Entrepreneurship Development

Dr Joshua Thomas, the Deputy Director of ICSSR and NERC inaugurated the two day Conference on Entrepreneurship Development in North-East India, planned and organized as a joint venture between Assam Don Bosco University and Gauhati University. Over 80 experts and research scholars attended the conference to identify alternative and sustainable entrepreneurial options.



### Sister Shiji James bids adieu to the University

The University community gathered around Sister Shiji James, the Director of Communications of the University for the past five and a half years, on 14th August. Her unique touch in all instruments of communication of the University remain etched in the annals of the University. "SPARK", the University's quarterly newsletter, which she nurtured with personal care, is known all over the world today as the information flagship of the University. We do miss her... and look forward to her return to the task as soon as she completes her doctoral thesis on media in the North-East.



### International Youth Day Celebration

The Red Ribbon Club in Association with Assam State AIDS Control Society organized 'Poster-making Competition' under the theme of International Youth Day 2014 'Youth and Mental Health'. The key objective of the initiative was to make the student community of the university realize their full potential in creating awareness that mental health matters to us all.

## *The year that was...*



### Student Exchange Programme with University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Two B.Tech students, Ms Imlirena Longkumer (Computer Science and Engineering) and Mr. Pynshailang Nongsiej (Electrical and Electronics Engineering) from the School of Technology left for UALR as exchange students.

With this new addition, there are 8 students of the School of Technology, pursuing their degrees at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, USA as International Exchange Students.

### Research at the University

Doctoral Programmes: The University has gained a reputation for quality research, with 160 doctoral candidates spread over 17 departments:



- Humanities: North East India Studies, Social Work, Mass Communication, Management, Language Studies, Comparative Religion, Psychology Counseling, Education
- Engineering: Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
- Basic Sciences: Physics, Chemical Science, Mathematics
- Biological Sciences: Biotechnology

The first three research scholars are on the verge of submitting their dissertations: Jose K Jacob (N E India Studies), Utpalparna Kalita (Chemical Sciences) and K M Baharul Islam (Social Work).

Projects and Collaborations: Three major research projects, from AICTE, DBT and ICAR, and over 50 publications in journals of repute in 2014, have catapulted the University to cutting edge areas of research in collaboration with leading institutions from India and abroad in areas like biotechnology, nano-sciences, medicinal chemistry, X-ray crystallography, spectral studies and engineering.

### Placement Activities

With an upturn in the employment market, upscale companies like TechMahindra, TCS, General Electric and many others have given an early start to the placement season. Increasingly, there is also a pronounced trend among the students to opt for further studies or to try their hands at entrepreneurial start-ups of their own.



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### Student Exchange Programme with Bangkok University

Four MTech students from the Department of ECE left for Bangkok University to carry out a part of their final year project using the facilities at the Center for Research in Optoelectronics, Communications and Control Systems (CROCCS). Mr. Mridul Pathak will be working in the area of 'Embedded Systems' with Dr. Karel and Dr. Poompat, Ms. Kakoli Nath will be working on 'Optical sensors' with Dr. Waleed, Mr. Abhijit Kakati will be working on 'Distributed Sensors' with Dr. Pakorn and Dr. Romuald and Ms. Dhritishri Das will be working on 'Evanescent wave sensor' with Dr. Waleed. All the students will be guided by Dr. Sunandan from DBCET side.



## *I'll always remember...*

### *Being an International Exchange Student...*

It was a shiny day of June 2013 and we, the M.Tech second year students of both ECE and CSE department were in a meeting concerning Research Methodology. All of a sudden,



our HoD Dr. Sunandan Baruah suddenly talked about sending a few students of the ECE department to Bangkok to pursue their master's project, since ADBU had just signed an MoU with Bangkok University and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, for a student exchange programme. This news came just like a bolt from the blue. I could not even believe that this could happen to me.

I always had a dream about studying abroad, but the dream had not yet been fulfilled. So, when I heard about going to Bangkok, specially AIT, I started feeling restless and decided to grab this opportunity at any cost. Being the topper, I eventually got the chance to go to Bangkok and pursued my master's project successfully there. I can still feel the excitement of that day. I thank ADBU, my university, for giving me this golden opportunity for which my career had an international touch with lots of good memories.

- Sandhyabanti Dutta Borah, Gold Medallist, M. Tech, Electronics and Communication Engineering

### *Student Development Programmes...*

Now that I am about to attend the convocation ceremony, the memorable first day at DBCET seems to have been just yesterday; and that today we are 'alumni' of DBCET. Did I really spend three years at DBCET? Time flew by so swiftly.

Every day in the campus was a new experience for me. The classroom was just one source of learning at DBCET; student development programmes each semester, D'Verve,



Prajyuktam, Annual Convocation, Fresher's Meeting, seminars and many more contributed to our knowledge and growth. Ultimately, it was always fun with performing and learning.

I always remember the caring and helpful nature of every faculty; they are really inspiring and always ready to help. Their support and guidance made us more and more confident in meeting the challenges that came our way. In these three years I have built up a very good memory for a life time, to help me to establish myself as a better person.

- Ankur Jyoti Das, Gold Medallist, Master of Computer Applications

### *Helpful and supportive faculty members...*

1st August, 2012, my first day at ADBU for the M.Tech studies, was one of excitement and curiosity. I was greatly spell bound by the discipline and the systematic way of doing things by the college (my college) on the very first day. That discipline continued for the next two years. I was blessed to have faculty members who were really helpful to all the students and who regularly guided them. I remember the student development programmes, especially of the second semester, on leadership, group discussions, brain storming sessions, etc. - real fun and learning.



In our third and fourth semesters we had our major projects, and as beginners in the field of research we were really guided by our faculty members on how to proceed in a particular direction and to complete our projects within the stipulated time. It was great being a student of ADBU where I actually enjoyed the process of learning. Thanks to Dr. Yumnam Jayanta Singh, HoD of CSE & IT, and all the faculty members of our department for their constant support and help.

- Gitimoni Talukdar, Gold Medallist, M. Tech, Computer Science & Engineering

### *The pedagogy of St. John Bosco...*

It has been a couple of months since I left ADBU, the place where I spent two years for my studies before I jump into the next phase of my life, the so called 'job'. Since then, I often press the backspace button to recall those two intense years at ADBU - how, on the first day, I stepped in for the admission interview during which I felt apprehensive, perplexed and in a dilemma; and the last day of my course when I was delighted and proud to have been part of ADBU.



One of the many things that mesmerizes me most was the 'first lesson' where I was a stranger to many and that day accelerated me on to reach my goal and kept my enthusiasm and aspiration alive till I dropped my pen for the last full stop in the last exam. In the journey of my aspiration to be someone in life, the teachers of ADBU have become part and parcel of my well-being through their constant guidance, help and support. My sincere gratitude to ADBU for spurring me on and imbibing me with the 'pedagogy' of St. John Bosco the 'Father and Friend of Youth'. I will cherish for years what I have learnt, seen and experienced at ADBU.

- Elpius Lyngkhoi, Gold Medallist, Master of Social Work

## *I'll always remember...*



### **That Field Work Experience...**

Remembering and cherishing the memories of a life event is like a golden chain that one would always wear for a lifetime. I remember the day when I first started my course here in the University,

there was a mixture of feelings, excitement and apprehension as any student would be on his/her first day.

As days go by I knew that I have come to the right place and I came to notice that this course has helped me a lot both as a person and as a professional. One of the events that touched me most was when I visited one of the organizations as a part of the field work experience. Initially I could not interact with the people much because of the language difference, but being with them as well as trying my best to communicate with them was wonderful. I began to grow fond of them. Listening to them, seeing their expressions of joy and sadness really have an effect on me as a counselling student. I also find out ways and means of how to communicate with them. I realized that communication is an important component in every relationship. Without it people are like total strangers and even strong bonds will melt away.

My student life here have taught me a lot. Two things I would like to take with me from this place are the warmth and support of the people whom I have come in contact with during my two years of study and the other is knowledge and skills imparted to me by my teachers and my supervisors. I wish them a fruitful life in the future. May God be with them and protect them always..

- Marbanylla Lyngdoh, Gold Medallist, Masters in Psychology (Psychological Counselling)

### **8 hours never seemed too long...**

I'll always remember the first day of classes. I met a Sister on the ground floor and asked her where I could find the



B.Tech Computer Science classroom. She was so kind to me and showed me the classroom. That was where I met my new friends. 8 hours a day never seemed too long as every day was a new day, a day we enjoyed and learned new things; and before we realized, four

years have passed and here we are, graduating from the College. Let me take this opportunity to thank the University, my teachers and all my friends who have helped me to be where I am today, thank you.

- Soureen Das, Gold Medallist, Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science and Engineering

### **Impeccable Coursework...**

First day... first time... new place... new people... Incredibly awesome scenery... 'Am I in the right place?!' was the first thought in my mind as I entered the campus. The initial doubts slowly faded into the background and, since that day till today, the scene never ceases to amaze me. Joining DBIM has been one of the best decisions I have made in my life. It will not be an exaggeration if I say that it has made me the person I am today.



What made DBIM so special are the values it instilled in us. This place, made of concrete and cement, became a home for us. The professors, acting like the pillars on which it stands, enabling us to fly while still keeping us grounded, reminding us never to forget our roots; they were our teachers, our guides, and much like our parents.

The course work was impeccable, no doubt; but it was the extracurricular like Prajjwal which made our experience so much more worthwhile, what helped us become better human beings. While working with the less privileged children I realized that 'being selfish wasn't an option'.

When I look back now, there are only fond memories. I will always be grateful to God for leading me to this place... an oasis hidden in the valley of Brahmaputra.

- Nang Trishna Namchoom Kulshrestha, Gold Medallist, Master of Business Administration

### **A joy undeterred...**

We'll always remember this course of Child Rights & Development; For me and my fellow students it was a boon God sent. Of this maiden course we are very proud students.

Of this course we are the first batch;

The bonding among us and with faculty was a treat to watch; For us, it'll be always an experience, hard to match.

Everyone involved in CRD are driven by a mutual passion; Care and concern for children's welfare is our connection; At Snehalaya, memorable were our lively interactions.

In our hearts, we hold for children concerns that matter; This course has made us child friendly individuals better; So our engagement in it gave us a joy undeterred.



- Neelakshi Dutta, Gold Medallist, Masters in Human Rights (Child Rights and Development)



*I'll always remember...**Being a team player...*

My four years sojourn in DBCET has come to an end. I have many vivid memories of this place, and I certainly have learnt many life lessons here. Here is one of such memories during the Annual Festival of the College, D'Verve 2013.

I, along with my friends, were sitting in the atrium when suddenly three girls from the senior batch approached me and two of my batch mates asking us to play in the volleyball semi-final match with them, as their teammates were absent. I was reluctant to play the match as I didn't have even an iota of knowledge about volleyball; but they insisted that I play and said that I just needed to stand there to complete the team.

During the match I observed my team members and became familiar with the game. Eventually, after a few minutes of play, I actively joined in the game and even scored a point for my team. We went on to the final. I guess being on the final team isn't bad for someone who didn't know the tricks of the game.

- Bhaswati Kalita, Gold Medallist, B. Tech,  
Electronics and Communication Engineering

*Best days of my life...*

On my first day at DBCET - 27th July, 2010 - I was totally awestruck with the college infrastructure and the lush greenery of the campus. As days passed by, I got to know more of the people around me and we became friends. The teachers were always a source of inspiration and guidance for me. Without their help all my hard work would have been in vain.

We never know how time flies, and how quickly four years had passed by. The last day of my college life was, for me, the saddest day of my life. I still remember it clearly—how my friends cried, some danced with joy and enjoyed the last moments in college and what not.

As I walk down the aisle of my memory lane many things are coming to my mind—my classroom, the canteen, the quadrangle, the outside of college gate where I had spent my most memorable moments with my friends. I would miss my friends, my teachers and DBCET a lot. ... These four years in DBCET were the best days of my life.

- Plabita Kalita, Gold Medallist, B. Tech,  
Electrical and Electronics Engineering

*Dreaming at Tapesia Gardens...*

It is out there... at Tapesia... where the 'real' jostles with the dreams... or so it would seem... The first cluster of buildings (an Academic Block, 2 hostels, 55 staff quarters and a Food Court) are finding form and shape on the verdant hills... The jumbos still rule the roost today... but, come June 2015, we shall be home at Tapesia!





God be with you!  
 Dr. B. B. B. B.  
 Auckland, N.Z.

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 true Bosconian and  
 make a difference wherever  
 you are because you were  
 in a Don Bosco Institution.

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 keep you changing  
 day by day  
 Registrar, ADBU.

Praying and Wishing that you  
 reach heights of success in all  
 your ventures that lie ahead  
 of you.

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 benefit to people  
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 by all around you. May God  
 bless you with profound  
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(Development Officer)

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 in whatever you do in  
 life. Success may not  
 always be there, but  
 at least you won't regret  
 that you never tried!  
 Reach for the stars...  
 ...my best wishes are  
 always with you.

Good luck!

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HOD, ECE

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 happiness & success.

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