



# OBA Calling



February 2019

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### ***Celebration of the Feast of St Joseph (March 17, Sunday)***

The feast of our Patron Saint St Joseph will be celebrated to convey our gratitude to our institution and parents for giving us the opportunity to benefit from Jesuit education. We have been inspired to be persons of excellence for others. We have imbibed the spirit to give back wherever possible. Josephites take this opportunity to say, 'Thank you!'.

### ***Jimmy Anklesaria OBA Inter Batch Cricket Tournament 2.0 (March 16 – 17, Saturday - Sunday)***

The second edition of the highly successful Jimmy Anklesaria OBA Cricket Tournament will be held at our beloved school grounds on March 16 – 17, 2019 (Sat-Sun). The Tournament will be played in the 7-a-side format. Please mark your calendars, get ready to join us to cheer and play, and enjoy the fellowship. Teams and individuals are invited to register.



Registration and payment may be made at the OBA office or online: <https://sjbsoba.net/donate/oba100/oba-inter-batch-cricket-tournament/>

### ***Saleh Ahmed OBA Inter Batch Rink Hockey Tournament (March 31, Sunday)***



The third Saleh Ahmed 5-a-side Inter Batch Rink Hockey Tournament will be held on March 31 (Sunday). Acclaimed international hockey stars – Old Boys Anil Aldrin and Sandeep Somesh – will weave their mastery once again. The OBA invites you to play and cheer your batch mates.

Registration and payment may be made at the OBA office or online: <https://sjbsoba.net/donate/oba100/oba-inter-batch-rink-hockey-tournament/>

### ***SJBS OBA Connect – Kerala 2019 (May)***

The Kerala Chapter of the OBA will once again be hosting Josephites and their families at the SJBS OBA Connect – Kerala 2019 reunion proposed to be held at a picturesque location. Together with warm hospitality, the reunion promises to be a rollicking event. Details will be available shortly.

The OBA looks forward to your support for the reunion. The OBA Kerala Chapter has been hosting Josephites and their families – without a break – for a decade. Thank you very much, OBA Kerala Chapter! We appreciate your efforts!

### **Memorial Service for officers martyred in 1962 (May)**

The OBA plans to hold a memorial service to honour two Josephites martyred in 1962: Major Percy Williams and Captain J A Dalby. The ceremony is likely to be held towards the end of May. The War Memorial in school is one among very few in Bangalore that date back to World War 1.



### **OBA Tri-Series Tournament 2.0 – Badminton, Snooker, Squash – at Catholic Club (June)**

The OBA Tri-Series Tournament 2.0 will be conducted in June. Old Boys compete to win individual prizes in Badminton, Snooker and Squash. Please practice and be ready! The prizes are waiting!

### **OBA Buzz 2019 (June 24 – 28, Monday – Friday)**

The OBA Buzz has grown to be a week that students eagerly look forward to, with the multi-disciplinary cultural and talent event having grown to about 20 areas across which students compete, from Std 7 to Std 12. Guided by teachers and OBA volunteers, the event is designed to uncover and encourage not only art and cultural skills, but leadership skills, as well. The OBA calls on volunteers to help structure (and judge) the event that student leaders learn to execute.

### **Recently concluded OBA Events (November 2018 – February 2019)**

#### **SJBHS OBA Connect – North India 2019 (February 9, Saturday)**

On Feb 9, 2019 Cariappa Marg saw a very different set of gentlemen and officers gather around noon for a unique occasion, to meet other Old Boys, many of them they had never met before belonging to a distant school, St Joseph's Boys' High School, Bangalore. Pulled together by the fond memories of the great times at school and for acknowledging the debt they owe to the institution that taught them all that really matters in life.



The North India Chapter of SJBHS OBA was inaugurated in New Delhi by Principal Rev Fr Clifford Sequeria SJ. Thirty-four Old Boys gathered together with the OBA President George Ollapally orchestrating a joyous and successful reunion of fellow Josephites spanning more than four decades, from batches of 1962 to 2007.

George and his team from Bangalore joined the gathering that included seven serving and retired army officers, two of whom came from towns far from Delhi. The purpose was to create an opportunity in Delhi for generations of Old Boys to meet each other and to reassure us that despite the age gap and diversity we will all stand together to honour the school that everyone holds in high esteem. The avenues to offer younger students' advice and invaluable network as we spread our 'school's renown'. Much nostalgia was shared, many teachers remembered fondly and memorable incidents embellished with spicy add-ons. The new-found camaraderie was easy to experience and there was no generation gap experienced by anyone.



Maj Gen (R) Anil Dere was instrumental in arranging the venue and we were all welcomed with great food and beverages. The gala time we had inspired George and team to promise to come visit again the following year with a larger team from Bangalore. The second Saturday of February 2020 will be set aside for SJBHS OBA Connect - North India 2020. Meanwhile Old Boys in Delhi will meet over the year to make new friends and establish a larger network in Delhi!

### ***Prestige SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament 4.0 (January 25, Friday)***

Friday, January 25th dawned clear and cool, it was the day of the Prestige SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament 4.0, a day that all Josephite golfers had long awaited. By 11.00 AM the golfers who had registered, the three PGTI professional golfers, volunteers who had come to provide support for the event, and the referees were in Golfshire. The players made their way to the change room - where goody bags awaited - emerging for breakfast in matching T-shirts proudly displaying the school logo. By 11.45 AM, the school song was sung, the tournament briefing done by Sagar Muthappa and referee Kaveri Thammana, all the players drove to their respective tee boxes and the game started in earnest.



Five hours later everyone was back in the clubhouse, handing in the scorecards and chilling over beverages and finger food. After changing for an evening of fun and camaraderie with spouses and other non-golfers who had come to party to experience fellowship, live music with Ajit Nambiar's band "Strange Brew", prize distribution and dancing, the scorecards were tabulated and the prize distribution got underway by 9.30 PM.

The Inter House Fr Hedwig DaCosta Rolling Trophy was won by St David's with 325 points. The Inter Batch Fr Dennis Coelho Rolling Trophy was won by the Class of 88, individual prizes for seniors Winner - Kishore Rao & Runners-up Bala Thambiah. The Open category winner - Tarun Kunzru & Runners-up Jawad Ayaz. Gold Category winner-Ananda Ranga Moola & Runners-up Amitabh Poddar. Silver Category Winner - Torun Mathias & Runners-up Dev Patel. Bronze Category Winner - C S Madappa & Runners-up Noaman Razack. Generous prizes sponsored for winners and runners up, comprising 43-inch flat panels TVs, designer watches, gift coupons, and sundry gifts. In addition, winners of on-course prizes and putting and chipping contests also walked away with stunning prizes. The results and photographs which were uploaded were shared with all participants, all of whom have promised to come for the tournament next year, which has been confirmed to be on Saturday January 18, 2020.

The OBA thanks the Razack brothers for their generosity in sponsoring the event and Prestige Golfshire for assisting with another flagship event. The OBA appreciates and acknowledges the contribution of individuals and companies: Venkat Vardhan - DNA, Jimmy Anklesaria, KURLON, Sandeep Maini, Ravi and Ashwin Pai - Century Builders, Gaurav Hinduja - Capital Float, Sanjay Wadhwa - Nash Industries, Prasanth Sakhamuri, Legacy Builders, Surin Automobiles, Anixter, Nikhil Nayak, BanyanTree Advisors, D M Purnesh - Not Just Wine and Cheese, Barton's - for sponsoring the trophies and medals for winners and runner-up.



We reiterate our view that there is no other alumni golf event like this in the country. It only reaffirms our bonds of friendship and camaraderie, at a world class venue with first class hospitality. The OBA places on record appreciation to our organizing sub-committee. Deepak Krishnankutty, Nishant Gurjer, Sameer Gurjer, Cornrad D'mello, Shashi Lewis, Brian D'Lima, Arjun Nambisan, Sagar Muthappa and George Ollapally produced a stunning hole in one for the fourth successive year! Fide Et Labore!

#### ***Welcome to OBA – 2019 (January 21, Monday)***

SJBHS students who are about to write the ICSE and ISC exams are welcomed into the OBA every year. Dr Sudhir Krishnamurthy (1991), Professor at the Azim Premji University, was the guest of honour. Dr Sudhir was an all-round student in school who participated in sports and games, and fared well at academics. Dr Sudhir described instances where Fr Principal encouraged students to inquire, and this has helped his own career take shape.



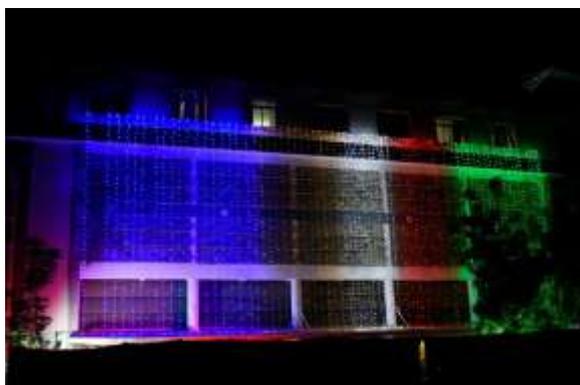
Dr Sudhir has won the Prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. In a career that has spanned continents, he has taught and consulted for private and government organizations, published and reviewed numerous papers and books, and he also participates in the OBA Football Tournament representing his batch. George Ollapally, President, OBA and Rev Fr Clifford Sequeira, Principal, SJBS spoke about the charter of the OBA. The members of the MC of the OBA welcomed the students into the OBA with mementoes. The OBA wishes the students the very best as they embark on their diverse career paths.



### **OBA Christmas Dinner 2018 (December 8, Saturday)**

OBA Christmas Dinner 2019 drew a record attendance of over 200 adults and about 50 children. Nandita and Nitin conducted a Quiz for the adults while Sanjay Xavier played Santa Claus for the children, distributing gifts to the eagerly waiting children. Fabian and his band played lively music till way past midnight. The food stalls were a huge hit, and the variety of food and deserts was well appreciated. The prizes of the OBA Football Tournament were distributed at the Christmas Dinner.

The OBA thanks Josephites and their families for participating, and also thanks the Sub-committee and volunteers who helped plan and execute the joyous Christmas dinner.



### **Josephite Sporting Excellence Celebratory Lunch – JOSEXCEL 3.0 (November 24, Saturday)**

JOSEXCEL – now in its third edition – is the OBA’s way to recognizes past sporting legends, award and wish current Josephite sportsmen the very best as they prepare to leave school, thank parents for their support (without which it is impossible to nurture sporting talent), and to reward an outstanding young sportsman emerging on the international scene.



#### **JOSEXCEL legends – 2019**

<b>Badminton</b>	Anup Sridhar
<b>Cricket</b>	Carlton Saldanha, Sadanand Vishwanath
<b>Hockey</b>	Alan MacBride, Hunga Shaw, Rui Saldanha, Walter D’Souza
<b>Football</b>	Fabian Correa
<b>Swimming</b>	Rehan Poncha

#### **Outstanding Sportsman Award (Cash and Trophy) - Devdutt Padikkal (2016)**

Devdutt Padikkal made his first-class debut for Karnataka in the 2018–19 Ranji Trophy, he was chosen by Royal Challengers Bangalore for IPL 2019, and is a member of the India Under-19 Cricket team. The OBA wishes Devdutt the very best in the years to come.

### **OBA Inter Batch Football Tournament 4.0 (November 24 – 25, Saturday – Sunday)**

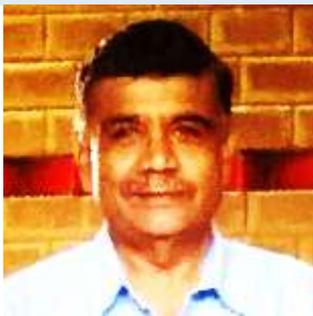
The OBA Inter-Batch Football Tournament has grown to be a massive event for Josephites across batches. The Sub-committee divided the event into three tournaments. Participation is increasing every year: 24 teams and over 200 players registered. The OBA thanks Josephites for participating in large numbers, and thanks the Sub-committee for meticulous planning and execution.

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runners-up</b>
Pre 2000	1997	1999
2000 – 2010	2006	2005
Post 2010	2016	2012



### **Featured Old Boys**

#### **Prof Nanda Kumar (1968)**



Nanda Kumar was born in 1952 in a family of flower merchants. His father, Shri C Narayan, who had only studied till middle school without any exposure to the English Language was determined that his son got English education. He joined St. Joseph's European High School in 1962. Sometime later the school was named St. Joseph's Boys' High School. Before joining St Joseph's, he studied in St Anthony's Primary School, Bangalore.

He had the privilege to be interviewed by the then Principal, Reverend Father Jacques, for his school admission to IVth Standard as his father brought him late for taking the school admission test. It was not easy to get an appointment with Fr. Jacques but for his father's perseverance. The next Principal was Fr. Hillary Pereira who instituted the Parent Teacher Association in 1965. Nanda's parents did not attend any of the PTA meetings as they had no idea of PTA!

Nanda Kumar joined IVth standard "A" section whose class teacher was Miss G Dias who was strict with her students. On the very first day of his class he was reprimanded by her for not reading English properly from the text book while his parents presumed that he could speak the Queen's English! Down the memory lane, he remembers running to Nilgiris Café' for lunch – usually bread, butter and jam with grape juice. He had no idea of the bill amount as his father had dotingly prepaid them. He and other friends fondly remember making a dash to Widdy's tuck shop to feast on hot samosas and sweets named "bull's eye". One unforgettable incident was swiping of the samosas by kites who equally loved to relish them. He was a part of the Leaders Training Squad of the school with fellow student Chandra Mohan taking the lead. His father bought him a cycle in VIIIth Standard and he loved riding it to school with his friends Ramaligam and Chandra Mohan.

He fondly remembers being an NCC cadet under the then sports master Mr Clifford Wilson. His experience in the NCC camp held in Tumkur is embedded in his memory as many prizes were won under the command of his class mate Mark Lushington. Nanda's favourite subject was Chemistry which was taught by the late Mr. Alec Alvarez who was an inspiration for him to pursue a career in Chemistry.

The late Fr. Claude D'Souza had a great influence on all students associated with him when he was the Principal. Other teachers who moulded him for his career were Mr Percy D'Silva, Mr Mckenzie, Mr Luke D'Souza and Mr Hartwell Yates. In his career path, he was awarded a gold medal in M.Sc. (Chemistry) and Ph.D. in Polymer Chemistry from the Indian Institute of Science. He now works as a Technical Director in Plastics Industry and as an independent consultant to polymer industry and Research Organizations.

In conclusion, he is indebted to St Joseph's for his professional achievements.  
Fide et Labore!

### ***Major General Harsha Kakar (1973)***

A Josephite in every sense, Harsha Kakar is a product of ISC 1973 batch (boarder). He joined the National Defence Academy in 1975 and was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in Jun 1979. He superannuated in Mar 2015.

He holds a Masters Degree in Defence Studies, a Masters Degree in Management Studies, a PGDA in Human Resource Management as well as a diploma in National Security Studies from the Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Canada. He is the first Indian officer to have attended the National Security Studies program in Canada.



During his service, he served in every sector in the country and in varied appointments. During the initial stages of the insurgency in J and K, he was in the Rajouri sector and then subsequently on staff handling insurgency operations of the Jammu Sector. He commanded his regiment in the extreme eastern part of the country and the brigade in central India. He was also part of the United Nations Mission in Mozambique.

His most notable appointments during his service include a tenure with the Military Secretary's branch in Army HQs and as Staff Officer (Operations) in the Jammu sector. He has also been the Head of Department of Strategic Studies at the College of Defence Management, Secunderabad. It was here that he presented and published papers in multiple academic institutions and military journals.

Post his superannuation, he has settled in Lucknow where he continues to write extensively on national security and international relations. He has weekly columns in The Statesman and The Daily Excelsior of Jammu. In addition, he writes regularly for Centre for Joint Warfare Studies Delhi, Observer Research Foundation, Rakshak News, Amar Ujala, Deccan Herald and other online journals.

He participates regularly as a security expert on TV channels, discusses and debates on matters pertaining to national security. He has published two books, both of which are a select compilation of his articles. The books are titled: 'Harsha Kakar Writes' Volume I and II.

An avid golfer, he could be seen on the course almost daily. He is married to Archana and they have one son, Ullas, who is a product of St Joseph's College of Management, Bangalore. Memories of the hostel and escapades from there, remain etched in his memory. Every visit to Bangalore has always resulted in a visit to his alma mater. Luke D'Souza and Papa Yates are those whose depth of knowledge and manner of instruction would never be forgotten. Nor would the tuck shop, located in the corner of the playfield. He recalls visiting the tuck shop last in 2011 with his son, to relive the past.

### ***Dr Vijay Kamath (1990)***



Dr Vijay Kamath is a consultant spine surgeon at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, Bangalore. He passed out from school in 1990 and completed his pre-university college education at St Josephs' Arts and Science College. He is proud of his Jesuit education, and the values they inculcated have been a big influence on his professional career and life. He did his Medicine from St Johns Medical College and Hospital in Bangalore. On completing his internship, he did two years of rural service at Good Shepherd Hospital Vythiri, Wyanad, a remote area in Kerala. He considers those two years precious, as they shaped him as a person, a doctor and impressed upon him the need to give back to society.

Following a master's programme in Orthopaedics at St Johns Medical college, he did a National board accredited fellowship in spine surgery. This was followed by a Fellowship in Spinal deformity surgery at the University of Hong Kong. On his return to India, he joined Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore as faculty in Spinal Surgery. In 2014, he shifted base to Bangalore and joined Bangalore Baptist hospital as a consultant Spine surgeon, where he was instrumental in setting up the spine surgery services. A unit that has rapidly grown into eminence in Bangalore. His major interest is spinal deformity correction and complex cervical spine surgery.

For him, medicine and patient care is not just a profession but a vocation, the emphasis being on affordable and ethical health care. He has won many awards notably the prestigious "Young investigator award" from the Association of Spine Surgeons of India, Best paper presentation at international conference on spine surgery and was part of the team that won the "ISSLS research award" by the International Society for Study of Lumbar Spine, Canada. He has numerous research publications in national and international journals and has authored many chapters for Spine and Orthopaedic surgery text books and monograms. He has been invited as faculty to many local and national conferences. He is involved in teaching Orthopaedic post graduate students and devotes time to research.

One of his happiest moments he says, was when he was invited back to school as the chief guest for the Annual Speech and Prize Day. It brought back lovely memories of his time in school with friends and some wonderful and kind teachers. He strongly believes that St. Josephs not only prepares you for a career, but shapes character and prepares one for life. So many of the eminent alumni from the institution are a testimony of this fact as they continue to shine and be the torch bearers. Vijay is passionate about his family and sports and whenever time permits, he enjoys playing golf with his son Adithya, also a proud Josephite.

### ***Allen Rodrigues (1998)***

Allen Rodrigues is from the 1998 batch of St. Joseph's Boys' High School and he was Head Boy of his batch. He is also a proud member of St David's House. After a degree in Telecommunication Engineering, Allen was accepted into the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM Bangalore) where he did his MBA. Specializing in strategy and finance, he published a number of papers which won awards. Upon completion of his MBA Allen joined Ameriprise Financial in Minneapolis, MN, USA.



At Ameriprise, Allen spent a number of years in the Strategic Transformation Group, where he worked across multiple financial services lines of business including Wealth Management, Asset Management, Banking, Life Insurance and Property Casualty. This experience also spanned multiple geographies including the US, UK, Europe and Asia as Allen was instrumental in the buildout of Ameriprise's India office, as well as the expansion of the Asset Management business in Europe and Asia.

In Allen's current position at Ameriprise he is a Vice President in Wealth Management Solutions where he works on product development focused on Asset Allocation and Retirement solutions for retail clients. Allen contributes to the community through his volunteer work and was most recently the President of the Network of Indian Professionals, Twin Cities. In his free time he enjoys spending time with his 2 children or playing football, which he still enjoys as much as he did in the good old days of playing football during every break and after school at Josephs.

### **Josephites are giving back!**

SJBHS OBA is driven strongly by their passion to 'give back' to their Alma Mater. The OBA has, for the past two decades and more, championed several causes to support students and teachers.

- 1 Academic scholarships and prizes
- 2 Sports scholarships and prizes
- 3 Mid-day meal Programme
- 4 Medical insurance for teachers and dependents
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*The OBA sincerely thanks Josephites who have donated for several causes over the years – individually and through their batches.*

### **OBA Award Nominations – 2019**

The MC invites nominations for OBA Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 and OBA Award for Significant Achievement 2019. Please submit nominations on or before May 31, 2019.

Please read the award guidelines: <http://sjbhsoba.net/awards.html>

Please download the nomination form: <http://sjbhsoba.net/pdf/OBA-awards.pdf>

### **Obituary**

We regret the sad demise of Old Boys. May their souls rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

- Dr H Satishchandra '68 - February 19, 2019
- Christopher Albuquerque '70 - January 20, 2019
- Raghu Ramachandran '86, November 26, 2018
- Roland Baker, 70 - November 16, 2018
- Chetan Shetty, '87 - November 4, 2018

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