SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our Alumni Newsletter. "Bridging Generations: Connecting Past Achievements to Future Ambitions in Our Alumni Community." This edition is a vibrant showcase of our esteemed alumni's enduring impact and ongoing contributions to their fields. Within these pages, we celebrate your successes, share inspiring stories, and provide updates on the latest developments from our alma mater. Together, we continue to build on our legacy, fostering a dynamic network that supports and uplifts each generation. Join us as we explore the diverse paths our alumni have traversed and the significant marks they have made on the world.

Alumni Connect Centre - AIKTC School of Pharmacy

Alumni contributions play a crucial role in fostering growth, building industry connections, and ensuring academic excellence for educational institutions. Alumni are an essential pillar for any educational institution, often serving as a long-term resource for support, growth and reputation. Their relationship with their alma mater is unique—marked by a sense of shared history, pride, and ongoing commitment. At School of Pharmacy our Alumni have contributed in many facets in terms of sharing knowledge, financial support and acting as peer mentors to the prospective students.

Alumni Coordinator SoP: Lal Maria Ahmed

1. Alumni Expert talk series

The Alumni Expert Talk Series was initiated to bridge the gap between current students and successful alumni, providing a platform for knowledge sharing, mentorship, and networking. Alumni with expertise in various fields often return to their Alma Mater to offer guest lectures, workshops, or seminars. This helps to enrich the curriculum and provide real-world insights that enhance academic learning.



An expert talk on "Scope of Medical writing as a career" was delivered by Ms Nigar Malik on 5th August. She is currently working as Senior scientific writer at Sanofi. Ms Nigar elaborated on the various prospects in Medical writing in various national and multinational companies. She explained the art of writing scientific documents of different types which include regulatory and research-related documents, disease or drug-related educational and promotional literature, publication articles like journal manuscripts and abstracts, content for healthcare websites, health-related magazines or news.





The second session was taken over by Ms Afroj Azad Shaikh .She navigated through the different opportunities for pursuing career in overseas. She is currently working as CDIS instructor at Canscibe Career College,British Columbia,Canada.She also revived beautiful memories about AIKTC .



An expert talk series was conducted on 2nd September by our three star alumni. The first session was conducted by Mr Zaid ,Medical Bussiness Associate,GSK Pharmaceuticals Limited.He summarized different aspects of role of Pharmacist in medical marketing.Pharmaceutical marketing segment is a significant link between the innovator and the healthcare practitioners.

Mr Baktawar, Director, Socomed Pharma Pvt Limited had conducted an interesting session on "Entrepreneur-Mindsets and skills". An entrepreneur is an individual who initiates, develops, and manages a business venture with the aim of making a profit, often taking on financial risks in the process. Entrepreneurs play a vital role in the economy by driving innovation, creating jobs, and contributing to economic growth.









Second session was delivered by Ms Afsheen Lakdawala, Associate Clinical Data Team Lead.PPD Pharma. She explained how a Clinical Data Lead plays a crucial role in managing and overseeing the data aspects of clinical trials. They ensure the integrity, accuracy, and compliance of data collected during clinical research, working at the intersection of data management, clinical operations, and regulatory requirements.

As a part of first year induction programme alumni expert lecture series were conducted by our distinguished Alumni.

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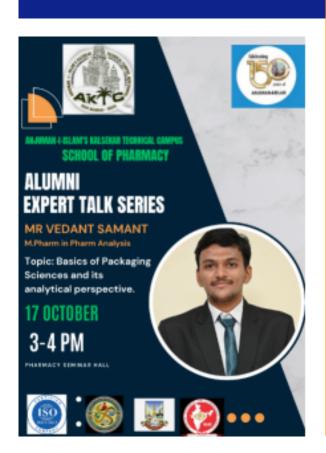


Ms Pranali Darne, a distinguished Alumni expert in the field of Regulatory Affairs delivered an insightful lecture on the intricacies and importance of regulatory processes in various industries. The lecture was attended by First year students, aimed to shed light on the evolving landscape of regulatory affairs and its critical role in ensuring compliance, safety, and efficacy of products.





Ms Pradnya Mahadik, Quality assurance officer, Raptim Research, a prominent expert in pharmacokinetics and regulatory science delivered an enlightening lecture on the crucial topics of bioavailability and bioequivalence. The lecture concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to ask questions about specific challenges in bioavailability and bioequivalence studies, regulatory expectations and future trends in the field.







An engaging alumni talk on "Basics in Packaging Sciences and its analytical perspective" was held on October 17, 2024 by Mr Vedant Samant(Masters in Pharmaceutical Analytical sciences). The event aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning industry practices, providing students with insights into the dynamic field of packaging. He emphasized that effective packaging not only protects products but also plays a crucial role branding in and consumer engagement. The talk covered recent advancements, including smart packaging technologies that enhance user experience and safety.

An informative alumnus talk on "Drug Regulatory Systems" was held, aimed at enhancing understanding of the complex landscape governing pharmaceuticals in India. The session was led by Ms Amina Hajwani, an accomplished alumnus with extensive experience in drug regulation and policy. She speaker provided a detailed overview of the drug regulatory system in India, focusing on key bodies such as the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and State Drug Standard Control Organizations. She alos explained the role of these organizations in ensuring drug safety, efficacy, and quality. She discussed the step-by-step process for drug approval, including clinical trials, regulatory submissions, and post-marketing surveillance. The session also highlighted the importance of adhering to stringent guidelines to protect public health.





2.Alumni Guidance and Mentorship

Navigating university life or starting a new career can be stressful. Alumni mentors often serve as a source of encouragement, helping mentees build the confidence to overcome setbacks or doubts. Knowing that an experienced individual has "been there" and succeeded can be highly reassuring for students. For many students, moving from academia to the professional world can be daunting. Alumni mentors, who have gone through the same transition, can provide realistic advice on what to expect, how to adjust, and how to make the most of their education in the real world.

Workshop was conducted on CV/Resume writing and mock interview session by Ms Sonal Singh (Regulatory Affairs lead, Genpact Pvt Limited) for SY D.Pharm students.Participants gained practical knowledge on structuring resumes and preparing for interviews. The mock interview session allowed participants to refine their communication skills and gain confidences in articulating their experiences and expertise. It was well received by the students.



SEEING IS BELIEVING



The workshop on LinkedIn profile creation was conducted by our Alumni Mr Gaurav Bhatti.Mr Bhatti adeptly navigated through the intecacies of crafting a compeling profile emphasizing key elements such as headline,summary and skills.Morever participants gained valuable insights into harnessing Al tools to enhance their profiles from resume building to content analyzers.

EMPOWERING GIRLS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Empowerment begins with education and opportunity. **Establishing strong networks of** mentorship and support with alumni can make a profound difference. Experienced Alumni can guide and inspire the next generation, sharing their experiences and wisdom. Ms Shafak Zariwala. Site Activation coordinator ,IQVIA motivated our blooming girls for dreaming big and setting goals for the same. They gave the Mantra for balancing personal and professional life as a forefront professional. She elaborated her journey from college life to professional life with challenges and their solutions.



BE THE LEADER, BE THE CHANGE





Mr Nizam Khan and Ms Aashna Shaikh, (MBA pursuing, SEIS College Nerul) conducted expert lecture on "Future prospects on Pharmaceutical Marketing" for final year students. They elaborated on the scope of pharmaceutical management in the field of Pharmacy.

ROLE OF CLINICAL RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR IN CLINICAL TRIALS





Mr Suhail Masalawala, Senior Clinical Research Co-ordinator, Abu Dhabi delivered a brainstorming session on "Role of clinical research co-ordinator in Clinical trials" for first year students. He explained the role of clinical research co-ordinator as a mediator between the CROs, clinical research personnel and research industries for conducting smooth clinical trials. They are also responsible for Working closely with investigators in identifying and managing adverse events and report events according to FDA requirements.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SCHOLARSHIPS



Alumni are often key contributors to fundraising campaigns, donations, and endowments. These financial resources can be used for scholarships, research grants, infrastructure development, faculty support, and program expansion. Alumni giving strengthens the financial health of the institution and ensures its ability to offer high-quality education. Through contributions, alumni help the school adapt to changing educational needs. Their donations can fund new academic programs, technological upgrades, and campus renovations, which directly improve the student experience and institutional capacity.

Mr Bakhtawar Dange, CEO, Socomed Pharma has contributed immensely as an alumnus to financial needs of the students. His company has provided scholarships to students from the CSR funds for meeting the educational needs of the students. His company has also contributed funds for installing LED smartboards in classroom helping in holistic learning.

CONTRIBUTION	CUMULATIVE AMOUNT
Socomed Pharma Scholarship- Pharmacy	18,26,989/-
Socomed Pharma Scholarship- Engineering	9,07,244/-
LED smartboards (2 no's)	3,00,000

BRAND AMBASSADORS AND REPUTATION BUILDERS





Alumni achievements in their respective fields—whether in business, academia, politics, arts, or technology—serve as a reflection of the institution's quality and value. The success of alumni raises the institution's profile and reinforces its reputation as a provider of quality education. An Aluminate series was carried on social media pages to boost the reputation of the Alumni by spotlighting them on social media.

Networking

These events foster a sense of community and enable ongoing professional networking. They also serve as occasions for alumni to reconnect, share their experiences, and offer advice to the next generation of students.



ALUMNI REUNION (BATCH 2011-15)

An alumni reunion was organised by Alumni Connect centre, School of Pharmacy on 16th December for the batch of 2011-2015 students. It provided a platform for sharing achievements, rekindling friendships, and setting the stage for future collaborations. Our beloved Alumni were felicitated for the outstanding achievements in their respective fields. The enthusiasm and participation of the attendees contributed to the event's success and the strengthened of the alumni network.





ALUMNI MEET 2023-24

An Alumni meet was conducted for the pass out batches of 2019,2020 and 2022. Alumni often take pride in the achievements of their peers, whether it's a new business venture, academic accomplishment, or significant contribution to society. These events are an opportunity to celebrate these successes and reinforce the institution's legacy.



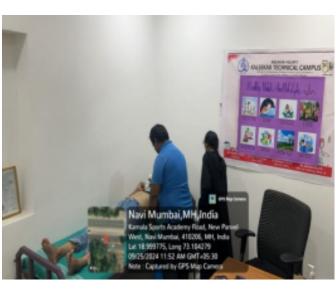


ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS



Successful Alumni in research or industry collaborated with AIKTC SOP on professional events such as World Pharmacist day. Also their involvement elevated the institution's academic reputation and contributed to cutting-edge work in various disciplines. Distinguished Alumni have conducted various health camps for ECG monitoring, Thyroid and Asthma camp on the occasion of World Pharmacist Day in collaboration with their respective industries.







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***Warm Greetings to
Our Cherished Alumni!** *
We deeply appreciate your
efforts in empowering our
student community and
reconnecting with your
alma mater. Your expertise
and support make you an
invaluable part of our
journey.

Wishing you all the best for the future!



PROF. MARIA LAL ALUMNI COORDINATOR