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From the Principal's Desk...

The focus of this edition of LENS is on LOBA's Career Guidance initiative and the food-kit distribution jointly organized by the PTA and LOBA.

Career Guidance at Loyola

I congratulate Loyola Old Boys Association (LOBA) for initiating a Career Guidance centre at Loyola School. This will provide a great opportunity for the present Loyola students and past Loyola students to choose appropriate careers and advance in their career.

Alumni of Loyola have achieved great leadership positions all over the world and many of them have come forward to offer their services to the young Loyolites. They are offering four services:

1. **Sessions for parents and students** with experts/career advisors from diverse, specialized areas,
2. **Career guidance counsellors/counselling** in school, who would work with students & parents

3. **An ongoing forum or avenue to clarify/ask** specific questions and gather insights from experts/career advisors about career paths and further education,
4. **Career mentoring**, with opportunity to be mentored by experienced leaders or experts.

*The first of the talks is planned for 7th November.

*The second talk is planned for 21st November.

Loaf of Love programme was organized by the PTA and LOBA on 11th October. Together we distributed 1020 food kits to people who are suffering. I thank the members of the PTA, LOBA and the staff for taking time out to distribute food kits in the following places:

1. Cheruvickal - 44 food kits
2. Karunya- Cancer Palliative care centre and old age home- 90 food kits
3. Chengalchoola, Kunnukuzhy, Bund colony -260 food kits
4. Valiathura, Vallakadav -150 food kits
5. Bonacaud tea estate -226 food kits
6. Aryanad -250 food kits

Scholarships for the needy students

During this pandemic, several of our students expressed their inability to pay the fees. LOBA came forward to help them. I am happy for this wonderful gesture on the part of LOBA.

My thanks are due to the members of the Career Guidance team of LOBA for their contribution to this edition of LENS, and to Fr Roy Alex, S.J and James Thomas who got this volume ready for publication.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.

Transition to **CAREER CHOICES** **@ LOYOLA**



Tojo Eapen

A career guidance process provides avenues to assist students in making and implementing informed educational or occupational choices for their future path. Through this guidance, students are able to acquire the information and insights necessary to identify and pursue relevant career options.

During high school, many students find themselves in a state of dilemma or lack of clarity about their future direction. Parents may also not be aware of all the options available in today's fast evolving world. At this stage, having valuable avenues available to understand, discuss and clarify about higher education and career choices can be very impactful. For students who find it difficult to figure out the right career direction, a career guidance counsellor and mentor can help understand one's own strengths and preferences, and work through those findings to identify careers that match them. Personality assessments and related discussions can bring into light the student's preferences and interests.

There are multiple evolving career options available to choose from in today's world, and listening to an expert who has spent many years in a career path can help open new ideas and deeper understanding that was previously not available. An expert can also share their insights on the future potential of that career path, pros and cons to be aware of.

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Our LOBA career guidance initiative covers the following core elements and offerings for Loyola students and parents.

1. Sessions for parents and students with experts / career advisors from diverse, specialized areas, that would include discussions, insights and perspectives on related career paths. There would also be platform with videos of expert introductions to career paths. This helps to develop a deeper understanding of the various career choices available.

2. Career guidance counsellors/counselling in school, who would work with students, parents and experts to develop deeper insights about the student's preferences, strengths and relevant career options. School career guidance counsellors would also support in connecting students to appropriate mentors.

3. An ongoing forum or avenue to clarify/ ask specific questions and gather insights from experts/career advisors about career paths, further education, options to explore, perspectives and emerging trends.

4. Career mentoring, with opportunity to be mentored by experienced leaders or experts.

Key elements for a successful career guidance relationship for the students are interest, commitment and active efforts to develop self-awareness, identify, share areas of interest and openness to discussing actively with career guidance counsellors, advisors and mentors. There also needs to be openness and comfort between an advisor and student to discuss their interests and choices. Parents also play a key role in the process by developing their own awareness to help their children work out the right choices that are meaningful, fulfilling and aligned with passion and interests. That also increases the chances of success, meaning and happiness for the students in their respective paths.

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Key behaviours to keep in mind with respect to careers in today's world where many jobs are continuously evolving are the openness to learn and adapt continuously with a growth mindset. We live in a time where many traditional jobs continue to disappear, change and evolve faster and are actively influenced by technology. Students need to continue to stay curious, continuously learn and develop new skills and behaviours, while choosing career paths that they feel engaged and genuinely interested in.

We will launch this initiative during November 2020.

Please stay tuned for more information.

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LOBA'S CAREER-RELATED VIDEOS



FUTURE OF WORK

Click on the School Emblem to watch this informative video by **SANKAR KRISHNAN**



For this video by **ROHIT CHIVUKULA**, click on this School Emblem 



A Glance at Career Options

There are hundreds of career options available to aspiring youngsters who look for them.

Given below is a short list of career streams to choose from.

- ◆ **Engineering, Technology, Digital Technology, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Renewable Energy**
- ◆ **Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Alternative Medicines, Wellness & Healthcare Sector**
- ◆ **Science, Research & Development**
- ◆ **Commerce/Finance/Accounting**
- ◆ **Business Management & Entrepreneurship**
- ◆ **Sports & Sports Management**
- ◆ **Law & Politics**
- ◆ **Farming, Food, Fishing, Forestry**
- ◆ **Teaching**
- ◆ **Defence, Police & Security**
- ◆ **Arts, Music, Movie**
- ◆ **Media, Journalism & Creative Writing**
- ◆ **Non-Govt/Charitable, Social & Developmental Work**
- ◆ **Religious Institutions**
- ◆ **Social Sciences & Humanities**
- ◆ **Civil Services & International Affairs**

A Fraction of
LOBA GALAXY OF LEADERS



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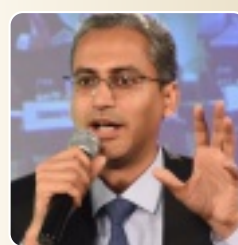
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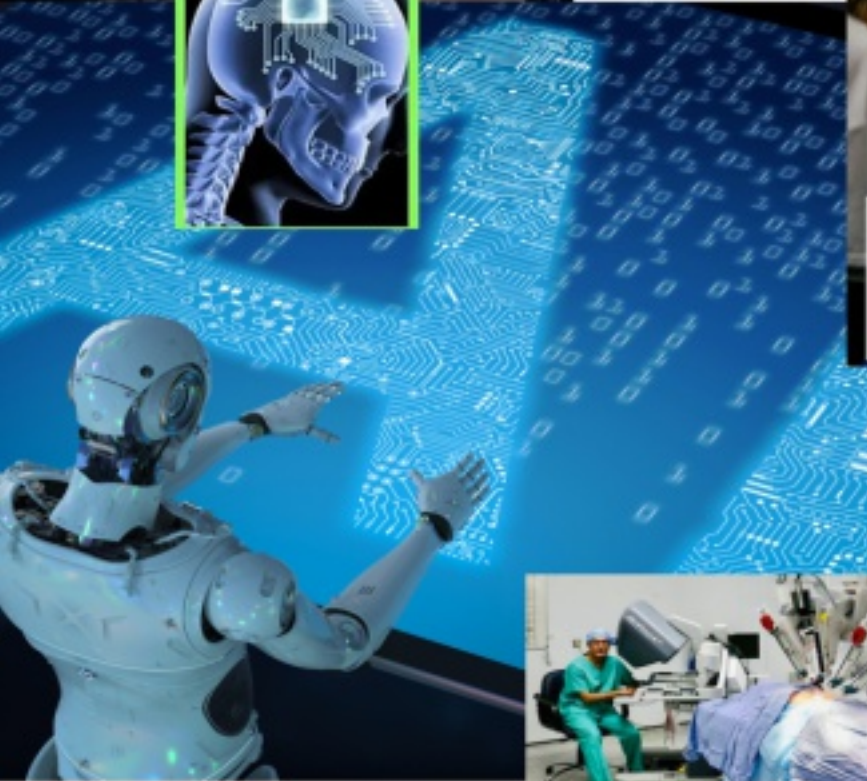
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"The only way to do great work is to love what you do."
Steve Jobs

Broaden Perspectives!



Changing Careers & Skills to Thrive in an AI & Robotics driven Gig Economy !

Connect with 100s of Loyolites with diverse & exciting careers Globally to talk about the rapidly changing workplace and help you think, Challenge, Guide & Mentor through some of the early but critical choices that can CHANGE YOUR LIFE !

Talk with panels on careers in Arts & Entertainment and Medicine & Life Sciences

7 Nov 2020 @ Loyola Town Hall

Organized by LOBA



Loaf of Love

An Act of Love



Loaf of love, a joint venture of Loyola school PTA and LOBA was not merely a food distribution programme. It was an amazing experience of getting together from every nook and corner of the world and sharing what we have with most deserving people in our district. This small gesture of sharing was an act of caring for the poor people around us. The corona virus pandemic has created an unprecedented situation in the lives of the ordinary people. Many of them lost their jobs and are not able to go out to find some other jobs due to the strict restrictions on travelling. This tiny virus has created a significant knock-on effect on the daily life of ordinary

people. Alive to the seriousness of this situation, the representatives of LOBA and Loyola School PTA decided to help the poor people in the immediate vicinity as well as the outskirts of Trivandrum district.

The representatives of the PTA and LOBA identified some of the badly affected areas where people do not have any means to make both ends meet. We decided to give food kits to 1020 families in Cheruvikal, Cancer Palliative Care centre and Old Age Home in Alathara, Chengalchoola, Bund Colony, Kunnukuzhi, Valiathura, Vallakadav, Aryanad and Bonacaud Tea Estate. The members of the LOBA and PTA contacted the local leaders and social workers in the locality and identified the deserving families. The free food kit distributed consisted of 21 items and each kit cost Rs.800. Fr. P. T. Joseph, S.J., our school Principal formally inaugurated the *Loaf of Love* initiative by distributing the kits to the families in Cheruvikal village. LOBA President Dr. Ram Mohan and PTA President Rakesh also spoke on the occasion. The students and parents watched the live streaming of the inaugural function through Microsoft Teams. After the formal inauguration the members of the staff, LOBA and PTA accompanied four school buses which carried the token of our love to 1020 families in different areas of Trivandrum district. We





received rousing welcome in all these areas and people expressed their deepest joy and gratitude for our effort to reach out to them. After the relief work, the last bus from Bonacaud tea estate reached the school campus at 7.15 pm.

We express our gratitude to all the members of LOBA, the PTA, teaching and non-teaching staff, especially Fr. Jose Pulinthanth S.J., Dr. Ram Mohan and Mr. Rakesh for taking the lead in organizing the *Loaf of Love* programme.

Fr Roy Alex, S.J.



A Confluence of Science & Fine Arts



Abhiram S. Nithin of Std. VI B enjoys his winning streak this year too, adding prestigious international and national accolades to his trove, in addition to many state-level awards. Given below are some of his achievements.

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

FIRST RANK IN:

- * VANDA International Science Competition 2020
- * World English Olympiad 2020

SECOND RANK IN:

- * SASMO 2020 (Singapore & Asian Schools Mathematics Olympiad)
- * ISFO Science Olympiad
- * ISFO English Olympiad
- * CREST English Olympiad
- * Painting competition of Sri Annai Kamakshi Music & Fine Arts College May 2020

THIRD RANK IN:

- * AIMO (Asia International Mathematical Olympiad)
- * CREST Science Olympiad

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- * Academic Excellence Scholarship for securing the highest cumulative marks in the SOF Olympiads in 2019-20.

GOLD MEDAL & CASH PRIZE IN:

- * Primary Maths Olympiad 2020
- * Primary Science Olympiad 2020
- * Maths One Olympiad, Jan 2020.
- * Rank I in Round 1 of Seek Olympiad in
 - * English, * Science & * Maths
- * Rank II in Cyber Seek Olympiad
- * Three Second Prizes in All India Mega Abacus competition, June 2020.
- * Position II in Sitar in Talent Hunt 2020
- * Rank III in Eye Level Maths Olympiad
- * Rank III in Astronomy Seek Olympiad
- * Bronze Medal in Tech Olympiad 2020

Winners of the Young Scientist Contest

(CATEGORY I: STD. V; CATEGORY II: STD. VI & VII)

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MANAV A. REJITH, V A

1



ABEN MATHEW ROY, VII A

2



SIDHARTH SIVAKUMAR, V A

2



VINAYAK KRISHNA, VII B

3



RISHIKESH R., V D

3



VAISHNAV A. NAIR, VI A

3



HARSHITH S., V B
(SPECIAL MENTION)



KESHAV ASHOK, VII A

Congratulations!
Continue to be
inventive.



TOM ALEX, VII A
(SPECIAL MENTION)

GALLERY OF ACHIEVERS

Waiting to be filled



Boys! Our campus is as clean and colourful as ever, but we miss you here. Excel in whatever fields you can and help us replace all these campus flowers with the photographs of achievers this year. We know you can, and you will!