SRM COLLEGE OF NURSING, KATTANKULATHUR -603 203 Alumni Event Report

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SRM College of Nursing, under the SRM Institute of Science and Technology, successfully organized **Alumni Day 2024** on December 21, 2024, at the Multipurpose Hall, First Floor, SRM College of Nursing. The event was an important occasion aimed at celebrating the achievements of the college's alumni, renewing bonds with the institution, and inspiring the current generation of nursing students. A total of 75 alumni returned to their alma mater for the celebration, joined by 96 students from the third year of the B.Sc. Nursing program (V Semester). The gathering provided a unique platform for alumni and students to engage, share experiences, and explore avenues for future collaboration.

The event began promptly at 2:00 PM with a warm welcome address delivered by Dr. R. Vijayalakshmi, Vice Principal of SRM College of Nursing. Her opening remarks set the tone for a memorable and engaging session. This was followed by a special address from Prof. (Dr.) Helen Shaji J.C., Dean of SRM College of Nursing, who emphasized the significance of alumni connections in fostering a culture of mutual support, continuous learning, and academic excellence. She highlighted the essential role alumni play not only as role models but also as potential mentors, collaborators in research, and contributors to the institution's ongoing development.

A highlight of the event was the reflections shared by distinguished alumni who have risen to prominent leadership positions in the field of nursing education. Dr. K. Prema Sekar, Principal of Sri Sathya Sai College of Nursing, Chennai, reminisced about her formative years at SRM and acknowledged how her time at the institution shaped her personal and professional growth. Similarly, Dr. K. Latha Raja, currently serving as Dean cum Principal at Narayanan Nursing College, Bihar, and Dr. Hema Malini, Principal of Hindu Mission College of Nursing, Tambaram, shared their heartfelt journeys, expressing gratitude to their mentors and reaffirming their connection to SRM College of Nursing. Their stories were not only inspirational but also a testament to the quality and impact of education imparted at SRM.

The afternoon also featured cultural performances by current nursing students, which added a vibrant and celebratory touch to the event. These performances served as a reminder of the college's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals. The program concluded with a

vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. V. Priya, Assistant Professor, SRM College of Nursing. She expressed her appreciation to all the alumni, faculty, and students who contributed to making the event a success. The formal session ended with the National Anthem at 3:10 PM.

The feedback received from alumni was overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed a deep sense of nostalgia, pride, and emotional connection to their alma mater. They appreciated the efforts taken by the institution to stay connected and welcomed the opportunity to contribute through mentoring, research collaborations, and future alumni initiatives. The event also emphasized several strategic goals for alumni engagement, including the promotion of joint research projects, alumni-led workshops, and knowledge-sharing sessions. Mentorship and professional networking were identified as key areas for ongoing involvement.

Looking forward, SRM College of Nursing plans to enhance its alumni engagement through structured follow-up activities. These include monthly alumni meetings, guest lectures, alumni mentoring sessions, and participation in collaborative research initiatives, including multi-centric and funded research projects. An alumni events calendar will be developed to ensure regular and meaningful interaction throughout the academic year.

Despite the success of the event, certain challenges were noted, particularly with mobilizing alumni who are engaged in demanding professional roles across various regions. To address this, the institution aims to strengthen communication channels and build a dedicated alumni digital platform to facilitate more efficient coordination, engagement, and updates.

In summary, Alumni Day 2024 was a celebration of legacy, leadership, and lifelong learning. It served not only as a reunion but also as a reaffirmation of the strong bond between SRM College of Nursing and its alumni community. The college remains committed to nurturing this relationship for the continued benefit of its students, alumni, and the broader field of nursing.