



PODAR WORLD COLLEGE

"CAMPUS DRONE"

E-Newsletter of our B.A. Hons in Business Management Programme

"Our goal is to publish students' experiences and learnings through an array of platforms that include college events, their area of interests and areas of growth throughout the course curriculum."

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"Podars' are pioneers in education, offering the most progressive and modern programme in a reputable and globally respected institution."

- DR. MRS. VANDANA LULLA

From the Dean's Desk

Since I joined Podar almost 2 decades ago and then later took up the deanship in 2014, the enormous talents, capabilities, achievements and potentials of our senior leadership team, faculty, staff, students and alumni have never stopped to amaze me. Our teaching faculties are leading scholars, best teachers and experts in their respective subject. Our students are among the brightest in Podar and our alumni are some of the most influential in their own profession.



Podar has always been highly regarded and consistently ranked as the country's top educational institution since its foundation in 1927. Podar is committed to excellence in the delivery of education and providing students to access highest quality teaching, learning and recreation services. Ensuring Podar remains at the leading edge; in 2017 our new education building is nearing completion in Mumbai at our Santacruz campus. The largest redevelopment projects in the Mumbai city in recent years, this 155000 sq.ft. facility with basement plus ground plus 7 floors will transform the delivery of interdisciplinary teaching in Mumbai.

Podar is wholly focused in developing future leaders who make a difference worldwide. We take pride in providing a rigorously evaluated programme which is globally recognized and respected qualification from the University of London. The University of London International Programme offers undergraduate degrees in economics, management finance and the social sciences to students worldwide. Academic direction for these courses is provided by London School of Economics and Political Science.

Our curriculum put together the strengths of global excellence with regional relevance and a focus on India. Innovative content, market-oriented enrichment programmes, international exchanges, internships, mentorship programme, active student organizations and a highly globalized student base nurture communication and leadership, on top of the pursuit of academic excellence.

You are sincerely invited to get to know more about us and our undergraduate programmes. I look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to join our family – where successful leaders of the future are nurtured.

Dr. Mrs. Vandana Lulla
Dean, Podar World College



Proud Moment For Podar World College!!!

We are delighted to announce the Spectacular Academic Results of the students of our BA (Hons) Business Management Programme in the examination conducted by University of Wolverhampton- Year 2020.

Congratulations!

To Our Dean, Dr. (Mrs.) Vandana Lulla.
Students and Team-Podar World College.





Dr. Mrs. Vandana Lulla
Dean

Congratulations to all our **Module Toppers** 2019-2020

YEAR 1



Ms. Rubaina Shaikh
Organisational Structures
for Effective Management



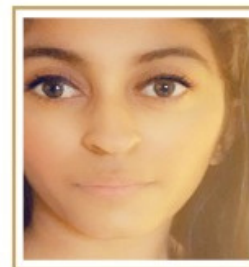
Mr. Rohit Patil
Learning for
Business Success



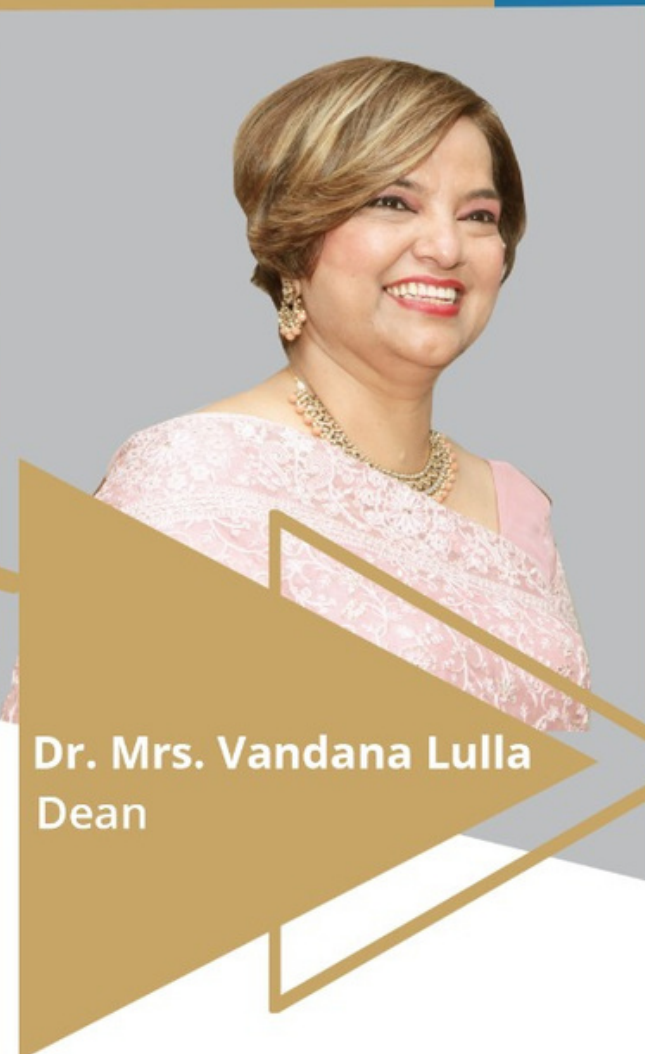
Ms. Devika Nandwana
Finance and Accounting
For Managers



Ms. Ghazala Kazmi
Business in
Global Context



Ms. Ishika Purohit
Introduction to People at Work,
Marketing Principles



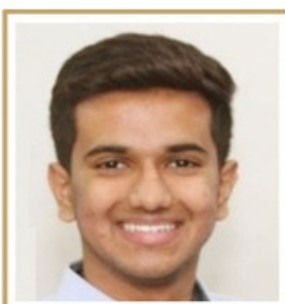
Dr. Mrs. Vandana Lulla
Dean

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Module Toppers
2019-2020

YEAR 2



Ms. Masumi Shah
Entrepreneurship,
Creativity &
Innovation, Digital
Business Innovation,
Marketing Planning,
Operations & Supply



Mr. Rahul Patel
Digital Business
Innovation



Ms. Riya Goyal
Leading and
Managing People in
Organisations



Ms. Krishi Jain
Economics for
Managerial Decision
Making



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2019-2020

YEAR 3



Ms. Jenaifer Sethna
Business Research
Methods, Dynamics
of Multinational
Companies, Social
Responsibility



Mr. Akshat Shrimal
Strategic
Management,
Economics of
Sustainable
Development



Mr. Yash Luharuka
Strategic
Management



Mr. Devrat Thakkar
Independent
Project

INDUCTION AND ORIENTATION WEEK

-21st July, 2020 onwards

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." -Benjamin Franklin



My journey at Podar World College began with a series of webinars, induction and bridging programmes, conducted throughout June and July of 2020. The sessions were conducted by the faculty and alumni at Podar World College in affiliation with the University of Wolverhampton, as well as guest lecturers. We were introduced to the course and briefed about skill sets required for it. We were encouraged to interact and participate actively.

The learning objective was to guide and direct the students into a new learning environment and bridge any gaps caused in and by transnational education. The induction week began with an address by our Dean Dr. Mrs. Vandana Lulla and Vice Chancellor Geoff Layer from the University of Wolverhampton, welcoming the new batch of the BABM course. During the week we were briefed about our curriculum by Academic Heads and introduced to the modules by Module Tutors. Ice Breaking sessions and Kahoot quizzes were conducted to familiarize ourselves with our batchmates.

That one week has changed my perception of the next three academic years which lie ahead. The induction programmes made me realize what an enriching learning experience truly is. Upon engaging with my peers through the ice breaking sessions, I learnt about their differences and ways in which I could contribute to their joy in future. Podar World College in association with University of Wolverhampton has showered us with opportunities for holistic learning as well as development. I look forward to a worthwhile experience of learning and growing with everyone.

**~KEANDRA PO (LEVEL 4),
CHAIRPERSON OF LITERARY CLUB**

POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

- 12th August, 2020

**'Hard work beats talent,
when talent doesn't work hard'**

This was the first competition held during our induction sessions. Our batch needed to make a poster on our favourite brand. It was a highly research-based project and required in-depth and accurate analysis on various parameters like the history of the brand, competitors, why it is favourite, referencing and our recommendations to the brand.



Initially, I was absolutely clueless as to how I am supposed to approach the making, despite a thousand orientations and explanations by my mentor teacher and other professors. I made a list of my favourite brands and the ones I thought which will have more matter to talk about. Out of those my mentor teacher recommended to choose 'Maggi'!

Indeed, that was an absolutely interesting brand, making me immediately dive into my iPad and spend a series of days and late nights researching pages and pages of data for each parameter. One of the most exhilarating parts of the preparation was this app called Canva- that enabled me to make my poster very dynamic with the myriad of options and creative elements and shapes. This not only gave my poster an edge but also made the process very thrilling.

Every stage was a new learning in my kitty. The submission of the draft and presenting it was something that pushed me out of my comfort zone and bubble of lockdown-laziness. All went well and the working for hours highly paid off. I was awarded with second prize and a certificate for winning the competition and the faculty appreciated me for the well-presented and informative poster. This experience was not only rewarding in terms of winning a position, but also enhancing my research skills, confidence, morale and drive to keep working hard.

**~RIDDHI DHANUKA (LEVEL 4),
EDITORIAL HEAD OF LITERARY CLUB**

WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

- 19th August, 2020

“When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence.”

— Ansel Adams



Photography is something that comes from your heart, it depicts what your eyes see and what one feels in a particular moment. Moreover, it captures moments that are very important and memorable for individuals so that they can look back at it and relive those precious times.

It was exceptional that the faculty of Podar World college organised the event online as that was the only medium available in these times due to the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic. The first event we had celebrated was World Photography Day which was held on 19th August, 2020. Since it was the first online/virtual event conducted this year, we were concerned as to how we'll be able to manage. It was very new and uncertain in the beginning and we members of the cultural club were quite unsure as to how we can pull it off. However, the faculty and all participants made sure that we put our best foot forward, communicated effectively with each other and were always on the same page.

We had people participating and presenting the photos that they have clicked and gave a small story behind it. It was celebrated on a large scale as many people from all the years had participated and given in their inputs and messages through pictures. This showed how creative people can be and come up with their own storylines. The event was absolutely thrilling to watch and was effortlessly hosted – all thanks to the hours of work and practice. We didn't feel the lack of physical presence and enjoyed just as much as we would on campus. This set an example for future events and a benchmark to cross through continuous interest and involvement.

Celebrating events and festivals will always be a part of our curriculum and will always be with the same enthusiasm and excitement.

**-RUBAINA SHAIKH (LEVEL 5),
VICE CHAIRPERSON OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLUB**

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

-26th August, 2020

"I want every little girl who's been told she's bossy to be told again she has leadership skills."

- Sheryl Sandberg, COO at Facebook



Women being able to start businesses independently, become CEOs of major multinational companies all over the world, manage firms and head to work...it was not always this way. For centuries we have lived in a society where women do not get the freedom to realise and explore their talents. Over the years, so many women have lost out on their significant potential for innovation and job creation.

Men founded a majority of the initial start-ups, and while women had the ambition for entrepreneurship, it was often more difficult for them to succeed considering the gender bias and viewpoint towards working women. However, slowly but steadily, things have changed and for the better. The women in India are now open to an ocean full of opportunities and possibilities. From driving taxis to flying choppers, women are exploring new openings like never before! They are showing the world how their entrepreneurial spirit is more than enough to break through all bias and do wonders for society at large.

Today, women have been playing a vital role in the growth of the Indian economy. They have done something different to boost the Indian economy and inspired other women. Top entrepreneurs include Indra Nooyi, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Priya Paul, Ritu Kumar, to name a few. These women have truly inspired people of their generation as well as future generations to go beyond the stereotypes and do the unthinkable. An Indian woman in today's world can do whatever she wishes to; she does not have to question herself or talk herself out of trying to do the impossible. We have seen this country go from endless gender bias to the country with so many successful women entrepreneurs, and that is indeed making an impact on the young entrepreneurial minds. As Hillary Clinton rightly said, "Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world." The future entrepreneurs of India are certainly set to prove that right.

-KASHISH KHEMNANI (LEVEL 4)

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

-4th September, 2020



"A teacher is a friend, philosopher, and guide who holds our hand, opens our mind, and touches our heart."

In India, Teachers' Day is celebrated annually on September 5 to mark the birthday of the country's former President, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. We remember the great work of the exemplary individual on this day.

We participated in the Teacher's Day celebration conducted on September 4th organised by the Cultural Club of Podar World College. The main objective of the event was to acknowledge our teachers' presence in our lives, who make our future bright by adding warmth to our learning environment and nurturing students' minds, while being a role model and empowering them.

Having a background of working offline, it was a big challenge to organise such a grand event on an online platform due to the ongoing pandemic. However, with the help of our team, we came up with many creative and innovative ideas which have set a benchmark for future events. We took the responsibility of structuring the entire event with various activities from singing and dance to poetry and a fun filled round of housie. We worked with an enthusiastic team to put forth a short play to keep our teachers entertained and engaged. With a lovely team of content writers and editors, we came up with a beautiful set of greeting cards with personal messages of heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.

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Although the event was conducted on an online platform, we did not feel like we were missing out on campus experience. Being active participants of this event gave us a sense of joy and satisfaction as we were given an opportunity to honour the contribution and efforts of our teachers.



The responsibilities were delegated appropriately and each team member worked to the best of their potential. While working under pressure, we were able to develop our skills of time management, decision making and communication more effectively. Due to our collaborative efforts and dynamic synergy, the event was a massive success and an exemplary experience.

**~KSHITIJ KAPOOR (LEVEL 5) & KEANDRA PO (LEVEL 4)
CHAIRPERSON OF CULTURAL CLUB AND LITERARY CLUB RESP.**

EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

-14th September, 2020

“Mental health needs a great deal of attention. It’s the final taboo and it needs to be faced and dealt with.” – Adam Ant

Podar World College has helped me understand how to carry out events and group work on an online platform. Ever since I joined the course, I learned several things during our morning assembly on Emotional Health and Wellbeing sessions.



I learned the benefits linked with emotional wellbeing like effective learning, creativity, good relationships, etc.

Moving to the next part, I also understood what we can achieve while taking care of our emotional wellbeing- we can maintain our relationships better while our mind is stable, we can put in more effort for jobs, our education and other activities. If our emotional health is stable, we will not have any issues in our financial, physical and spiritual health too.

Through my research, reading and group discussion with my mentor group friends, I gained awareness on tips we could use to keep our emotions healthy. Couple of them would include exercise, making time for ourselves, strolling early morning, opening up with friends and listening to good songs. Some of my key learnings are to be healthy from inside by believing in yourself. Furthermore, treating your senses and having a good night’s sleep. I now understand the value of introspection.

After attending this session, I feel that I am a person who is full of enthusiasm, who will be able to handle all situations at any stage. As they say, “Happiness is an inside job”, keeping a happy mind is a healthy mind.

-RAKESH JAYKUMAR SINGH (LEVEL 4)

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

-21st September, 2020

"Business opportunities are like buses, there's always another one coming."

– Richard Branson



The gap between what is expected and what you deliver is where the magic happens, in business and in life. It is so true! We were able to experience this magic at the time of the Business Plan Competition held by Podar World College online.

Both of us were in different teams but gained a lot of knowledge and understood what changes we needed to make in order to outshine others. We had 2 weeks of preparatory time to come up with not only an innovative idea but also a feasible one. All the team members started brainstorming, researching and questioning people about the problems they are facing, what their needs are and so on. After two or three days we shared our ideas with the team, but it was chaotic.

We all had fabulous ideas on each and every sector of industry. It took us more than 5 days to settle down on a plan. We had several queries in mind - how to pitch, how to create the slides, what content should be added in each slide, who is going to work in which department, what the initial cost of the company would be, the funding for next 5 years and many more. We were worried and nervous as we had never prepared a business plan till date. Moreover, we were competing with Level 5 and Level 6 students!



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Nevertheless, all our doubts were cleared when our teachers explained each and every department in detail, for instance - our finance tutor taught us how to calculate the seed money, breakeven analysis and more objectives of finance. Today, we have good hand over excel, powerpoint presentation, academic writing and communication skills. In addition to that, the guest lectures helped us make small changes in our plan and we were able to put the finest, innovative, presentable business idea in front of the panelists. The event taught us how to work as a team efficiently and manage every situation strongly. Secondly, we fostered IT skills, learned how to make a canvas for our business model and most importantly - time management. Lastly, we realized that we should have faith in ourselves to execute our project even if we fail or succeed. As 'Winston Churchill' often reiterated, "Success is not final; Failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

~DRISHTI MEHTA and ARYANKUMAR SHET
LEVEL 4

SENATE ELECTIONS

-30th September, 2020

**"I will prepare and some day my chance will come."
~Abraham Lincoln**

I could never forget this day in my life! I still remember it was the 23rd of September when we received the flyer of the Senate Council election. This was the first time Podar World College had conducted elections online. I was exhilarated as the time had come, for which I had been waiting for months.



Getting to know there are only two positions for class representative as well as student representative I was anxious because there were strong competitors out there. But I didn't give up looking at the nominees. Instead, I tried using some political skills to create a positive outcome. I used 5 political skills which could help me gain a greater number of votes - Social Astuteness, Interpersonal Influence, Networking Ability, Apparent Sincerity and Image Management. We also made posters, short videos, GIFs and a lot more to campaign online.

Moreover, there were two rounds. 'Know your Candidate' - where candidates were provided with a time slot of 5 minutes to canvas themselves. Secondly, 'Clash of the Titans'. In simple words, a debate round where the ability to work in teams, the ability to communicate, and lastly, respecting the opponents were inspected.

Albert Einstein stated that "The only source of knowledge is experience". Standing for elections made me understand networking and a unique style of convincing the audience is the utmost skill you should have. It also brought to my attention that leadership qualities, building trust, a balance between academics and extracurricular activities, commitment and, last but not the least, influential speech is essential to win the elections. In addition to that, the event also polished my public speaking skills and creativity. Therefore, Jack Ma once said, "If you have never tired, How will you ever know - If there is any chance?"

**~SIMRAN OSWAL (LEVEL 4),
CONTENT HEAD OF LITERARY CLUB**

The Senate Elections were held across three days i.e. from the 28th September 2020 to the 30th September 2020. First and foremost, it was a great opportunity for so many students who nominated themselves for the elections held today. Even though we're stuck at home amidst the pandemic, we managed to pull off an amazing campaign where every nominee could showcase themselves on a large scale and their inner ability of public speaking.



I nominated myself for the position of the Vice-President in both the Entrepreneurship Club and the Cultural Club. The most important thing that I learnt was not just about winning the elections, but also, to be bold enough to put myself out there.

I had to present myself as talking about my accolades and learning. Before preparing for the elections, I made sure that I would just be true to myself and address my skills about what makes me the ideal candidate for these posts.

Lastly, campaigning gave me a broad perspective of how elections run and how every single vote counts.

~MAHIRA FURNITUREWALA (LEVEL 5)
VICE PRESIDENT OF CULTURAL CLUB



The opportunity to participate and prove myself in the senate elections was an exhilarating experience. I wanted to be a part of the senate because I feel I possess the qualities to be a leader and I am convinced that my competitors possessed them too. I incorporated an interactive approach in my presentation, to involve the teachers, seniors and batchmates and prove the practical perspective of leadership.

My presentation went smoothly given the time limit. I was also impressed by my batchmates and seniors' presentations and had a lot to learn from them. The teachers were really supportive and positive about my approach. After it was announced that I was elected as the student representative, I really was surprised, filled with joy and excitement.

To conclude the experience was very enriching and at the end of the day, I had a lot to learn. I would like to thank Podar World College, especially the teachers who gave me an opportunity to pitch for the senate.

-ADITYA SHINDE (LEVEL 4),
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



The senate elections required a 2nd round for students to confirm their belief in whom they'll vote for. Called "Clash of Titans", a debate round, Year 1 candidates were split into groups of 2 and were given the topic 'Advertising is a waste of money'. Personally, our group had the inferior end of the debate- we had to prove a point that none of our teammates believed in. It was quite challenging, and provided us with a chance of researching more.

Considering more than half of our crew were experienced MUNers, looking at topics from a different perspective wasn't problematic. In aspects of teamwork, the harmony we maintained was appreciation-worthy. Our roles were delegated appropriately and we were clear since the start, any scenario of confusion was therefore avoided.

With each student having a defined responsibility, we made sure that the opportunity we'd been given was used to bring across that we're deserving of our future role. Like any other project, our preparation started off with a Google Meet. We had a great discussion on our point of view, noted everything down and felt ready to place our argument forward. Undergoing the debate, we've become better diplomats, prepared to face problems and oppositions and we've learnt how to tackle obstacles more efficiently.

If you're asking for what we've learnt- teamwork and maintaining harmony in a scenario like an election. We knew that we're competing against each other as an ultimatum, however, we didn't lose our cool and put across our points with utmost peace. This prepares us for the future where we will be employees and have clutching competition. In conclusion, debates compose us to the employers we aspire to become, and the senate round gave us that fortuity of exploring our diplomat side.

-DAMIA SHUKLA (LEVEL 4)

GRADUATION CEREMONY 2020

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” — Henry David Thoreau

Graduation day is always a day to rejoice, as it is the culmination of many years of hard work in the relentless pursuit of knowledge. It signifies a time of completion, a successful end to an academic era concluding with a ceremony, in which you are handed a degree.

For students, graduation is the beginning of their journey to self-discovery as they unravel what it is that they really want out of life, the beginning of their “real” lives as they fly out from the warmth and comfort of the college. Graduation is significant for parents as well; as it is their children’s achievements and theirs as well. The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has forced all of us to stay in our respective homes and maintain social distancing. This required the college to hold a virtual graduation ceremony this year, together with University of Wolverhampton, to provide a platform to all the graduating students to experience their special day with the same energy and excitement as during an in-campus, usual celebrations.

The event was led by our beloved Dean of Podar World College – Dr. Mrs. Vandana Lulla and honourable chief guest Mr. Tim Steele, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Wolverhampton, guest of honour Mr Joshua Whale, Link Tutor of Transnational Education from the University of Wolverhampton, esteemed leadership team, academic heads, module tutors and faculty.

The event began with pre-recorded videos of the bag piper ceremonial procession and series of performances to add glitter to the evening. This was followed by honouring student-entrepreneurs who’ve launched their own brands and Valedictory speeches by two first-class honours students - Nael Khan and Harleen Basra - on their inspiring journey of the holistic learning at Wolverhampton.

Further, came recorded and live messages of all first-class honours achievers’ parents, who shared their pride in the achievement of their wards. This was followed by messages from our guests of honour Mr. Tim Steele and Mr. Joshua Whale.

Academic achievement awards were presented to all the First-class Honours student of all levels and module toppers for the year 2019. Podar World College is proud to announce that out of 71 enrolled students, a glorious 23 first class honours and 26 upper second class honours have been achieved. Further, 49 students have achieved a heart-warming 60% plus grades. This was succeeded by felicitating the remaining graduating students were awarded their degree and applauding all the first class honours students from each level (4, 5, 6).

The most suspenseful segment was the Dean's award which was awarded to Mr. Nael Khan who had been the most outstanding student academically in his 3 years of journey with the university. In addition to showing academic excellence, he had also been a bridge between the students and the management demonstrating good leadership skills. He was one of the key promoters of the Wolves Football Fan Club in Mumbai in lieu with Wolverhampton University by carrying out end to end key activities.

The event was concluded by a few surprises in the form of poetry, music, cultural club dedication video and a compilation video of memories the batch had made in their 3 years with the university. Indeed, for the graduating students, it would be a nostalgic day of reminiscing all the fond memories with peers, learnings and experience gained through the BA (Hons) course. Finally, a vote of thanks was shared by our Dean and our very own Chief advisor Brig. Dr. MK Nag.

This day shall be etched in the memories of our alumni of 2020 and those who organised the first ever virtual graduation day event.

"You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as a ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world." —Tom Brokaw



Dr Mrs Vandana Lulla
Dean - Podar World College



BATCH OF 2019-2020

**BA (HONS) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- YEAR 3**

FIRST CLASS HONOURS



MS. HARLEEN BASRA



MS. PRANJALI BORKAR



MS. RAKHI GALA



MR. SANKET GANDHI



MR. SIDDHANT GOLCHHA



MS. KRITI GUPTA



MS. SOBIA HASAN



MR. NAEL KHAN



MR. YASH LUHARUKA



MS. SONIYA NIGAM



MS. URJA PASAD



MS. ROOTU PATELNOR



MR. RUSSEL PINTO



MR. RAHUL PRASAD



MS. JAHNVI RAICHURA



MS. JENAIFER SETHNA



MR. VYOM SHAH



MR. AKSHAT SHRIMAL



MS. DEVRAT THAKKAR



MR. ADITYA TRIBHUVAN



MS. DHRUMI VASANI



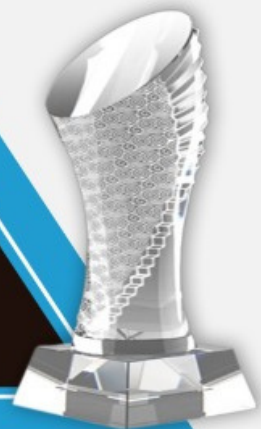
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BABM 2020

PRESTIGIOUS DEAN'S AWARD
AWARDED TO
MR. NAEL KHAN

DR MRS VANDANA LULLA
DEAN



ALUMNUS VOICE

**“दातव्यमिति यद्दानं दीयतेऽनुपकारिणे।
देशे काले च पात्रे च तद्दानं सात्त्विकं स्मृतम्॥”**



Chapter 17, Verse 20 of Gita states, “Charity given to a worthy person simply because it is right to give, without consideration of anything in return, at the proper time and in the proper place, is stated to be in the mode of goodness.”

I have grown up reciting this shloka as my ancestors always taught me that there is nothing superior than giving back to the society, which has helped us rise and blossom every single day. I have spent most of my birthdays at an orphanage or an old age home playing games with children, sharing laughter & listening to the endless stories of people residing there. We as a part of the privileged and fortunate families habitually forget to be appreciative for what our parents have provided us with & often take things very casually in life. For me, helping the unfortunate and keeping the environment safe is a way I keep myself grounded and be gratified for everything I have been provided with.

Being designated as the chairperson of the CSR Club of Podar World College in association with Indian Development Foundation has always been one of the highlights of my Podar Journey. When I was passed over the projects by my Academic Heads, I was initially anxious about how I would complete such impactful projects fruitfully. But my thinking changed when I picked my team. One of the projects I remember is “MissionEW2K” wherein we collected enormous volumes of electronic waste from different households across Mumbai for donating them to IDF for harmless disposal. Secondly, in the “Mission W2K” project we collected paper waste and donated it to IDF for their bal gurukuls. Furthermore, the Student Leadership Programme we educated government school children about soft skills, leadership & ethics for 8 Fridays & last of all, for Project LOG & Project Dignity where we raised funds for hygiene kits for females & sold handmade diyas made by people from the rural areas through ECI module events & Diwali Bazaar.

All the aforementioned projects had their own exclusivity and a marvellous influence on my life. I have learnt the importance of making a difference rather than just 'donating' for namesake. In addition to that I acknowledged that if you take a step for a virtuous cause, an army is already standing there to support you & push you to success. Leading these types of projects has taught me how to handle a demanding situation while working with others, to achieve the same results on a larger scale. In the curriculum of level 6th, a dedicated module to Social Responsibility, the importance of 'Corporate Social Responsibility' has been pinned in my brain because it is the continuing commitment by business to contribute to economic development while improving the quality of life of the workforce and their families, as well as of the community and society at large. For an ambivert like me, it was challenging to initially communicate, but once when I was on the field with my members, they always backed me up and that taught me the importance of working as one with the team. It has made me capable enough to mould myself into any situation & find a way out by tackling every problem. Today, I feel fortunate that all the activities taken up through my 3 years in Podar has actually made a huge impact on my resume and statement of purpose for admissions abroad and moreover helped me get offers from 19 out of 20 applied prestigious universities like Warwick, Manchester Alliance and many more as they are looking for students who have the willingness to actually make a difference in the society by their deeds in both economic & environmental ways.

Today, I feel privileged to be nominated to lead such impactful projects & also feel honoured that my mentors had enormous reliance on me that I would run the club and execute each project effectively. Lastly, I just want you all to know that, Social Responsibility is not just a responsibility but also, a goal to be achieved which begins within oneself so make sure that when you give back to the society, it is not just about making donations but about making a difference.

~ ROOTU KANJI PATELNOR
(BATCH OF 2020)

MY ENRICHING JOURNEY AT PODAR!

**"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."
- Abigail Adams**



My journey with Podar started three years ago, when I joined the BABM course from university of Wolverhampton. Things changed drastically when I came to the University of Wolverhampton- the environment was completely different from any degree college, the vibe was so welcoming. I remember being told on the first day that open your mind, there's no right or wrong, think like you are the next CEO!

Back then, I was very confused on how no answer was told to be incorrect or wrong and I went to my teachers asking how am I always right or how is no one ever wrong here and she replied to me saying, "Harleen we are not studying rules of business over here! We are here to not only study but also grow and know about everyone's perspective."

Now that I have graduated with a first class, I've become much more confident, more time punctual and I'm much more open to opinions.

This was only possible because of the course that was offered! We've been taught every angle required to run a business, the modules offered are unique and interesting - you have assignments and not hardcore learn and write exams! That makes a huge difference because you're putting forward your individual perspectives and how you would react to the changes in the organisational environment! So there's soo much more learning than narrow minded grading or judgments and hence I love the course that I'm doing!

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BATCH OF 2020**

MY JOURNEY WHICH NEVER ENDED

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

—B.B. King

My journey at Podar World College began in 2017! I believe, due to my bubbly personality and positive attitude I got elected for the Senate Council. From catering to my classes needs, to assisting teachers and making sure the attendance is maintained for continuous three years, I gave my heart and soul.



The First year was all about making everyone feel that we are one family; we together make a strong bond. My main aim was to create a sense of belongingness and cohesiveness.

Second year's goal was to work in teams and overcome hardships, along with performing senate duties and completing assignments. Furthermore, I helped my fellow classmates to host one of the biggest events on the Podar campus "IMPULSE".

My last year with the BABM course was full of happiness, motivation, thinking about career development and taking a big step ahead in life. Being a part of the senate council for 3 consecutive years, I attained a myriad of skills - Leadership being on the top of the pyramid followed by management skills, time management, presentation skills and the most important - communication skills.

As a former chairperson of the cultural club as well I planned over 15 events and hosted 4. I can say I've become somewhat of an expert when it comes to crisis management because every event doesn't run smoothly. Also, I learnt how to handle last minute changes and cancellations.

After 3 years, I can say I'm a changed person who thinks outside the box and challenges herself out of her comfort zone. Well I maintained a balanced diet of academics on the top most layer followed by the senate and extra curricular. This helped me bag the first class honours degree. I'm elated to reveal that my journey doesn't end here as I am a part of the IMBA batch 2020-2021, and am looking forward to the roller coaster of events to come this year.

**-SONIYA NIGAM
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