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Message from the Principal

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Welcome To

LA GRANDEE EXPO - 2018
"Bridging Academia to Community"

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to LA GRANDEE EXPO-2018. As the theme of this expo is *'Bridging Academia to Community'*, our aim is to offer you the very best environment where academia, corporate sectors and communities will work together to find out their actual needs and requirements in today's global competitive world.

In the course of completing its 18 years of successful academic excellence, LA GRANDEE has set a blissful landmark. We are now moving forward with new missions to celebrate this grand occasion as we firmly believe that academics can only be meaningful when we can produce the human resources to fulfill the ever changing demands of our community.

We have often been engaged with rhetoric where academics, corporate sectors and communities go through never ending debate on each one not getting the benefits of the other side. The major reason behind this argument can be the lack of inter-relational exposure in stating their requisites or their perspectives to the other.

Bringing together this conflicting situation, we have announced a mega event entitled **LA GRANDEE EXPO-2018 : "Bridging Academia to Community"** to be organized on August 3 and 4, 2018. This shall be a platform for our students to explore their knowledge and skills; identify the real time needs of the stakeholders; and build confidence to fulfill their future requisites. Furthermore, the community will also have an opportunity to observe the grand event discovering reasons to promote and encourage students towards innovation and setting career goals.

On this auspicious occasion, I, on behalf of LA GRANDEE International College, invite you all to make valuable presence to support, guide and encourage our future treasures. We will be extremely delighted to welcome you to LA GRANDEE EXPO-2018.



BCA MICNIC COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

LA GRANDEE International College has remained as one of the MICNIC(Microsoft Innovation Center Nepal Innovation Cell) colleges of MIC Nepal, hosted by Unlimited Technologies, Kathmandu. It is in association since 2013. Since then both have collaborated for many training proposed for students and faculties as well. Similar to us, many of the IT colleges in Nepal are in association with it. Each year, MIC Nepal awards special recognition to the best IT colleges based on the collaborative activities conducted by the college amongst all in collaboration. For the year 2017/18, LA GRANDEE has been awarded as the MICNIC College of the Year for Pokhara on the occasion of its Education Summit – 2018 held on February 3 & 4, 2018 at Dhulikhel Resort, Dhulikhel. BCA program Coordinator, Er. Dipak K.C. participated in the summit as college representative and took the award presented by Microsoft Regional Director, Mr. Allen Bailochan Tuladhar.



BEST WISHES

LA GRANDEE International College of Pokhara has become well recognized institution in management education along with other programs that it runs.

Regular publication of such newsletter helps the college to communicate with its stakeholders and larger groups of the society. Nepal's business schools need to improve their communication and interaction with the businesses, providing the students opportunities to experience and observe the real life businesses so that they become capable to take the responsibilities from the day one in whatever job they start after graduation. Initiatives like this newsletter help in this.

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BBA AWARDED BEST BUSINESS SCHOOL FOR PROVINCE NO. 4

New Business Age Pvt. Ltd., publisher of a leading business magazine New Business Age and National Business Daily Aarthik Abhyan, organized the 4th NEWBIZ B-SCHOOLS Rating-Ranking-Award 2018 on 22 June 2018 at Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu. It has been continuously organizing the rating-ranking of the Business Schools of Nepal since 2013 and has now successfully concluded the 4th year event in the series. It was an open rating-ranking event in which the organizers had invited all the business schools throughout Nepal running the Bachelor's or Master's program in management stream, specially focused on 5 different categories - MBA, MBS, BBA, BBS, and BHM. This year, as declared by the organizers, out of total 1274 business schools all around Nepal, around 350 colleges were shortlisted and the award was distributed to the best colleges (BBA, BBS, BHM, MBA, MBS) through a series of evaluation by a panel of experts. While total 37 colleges were awarded in various categories, among all the business colleges, LA GRANDEE International College has been awarded with the Best Business School Award - 2018 for the Province No. 4. The award was presented by the Chief Guest, Khagraj Baral-Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of Nepal.

2001. It is pleasant to note that the country's business landscape has improved tremendously over the period of these two decades. Business schools like LA GRANDEE are the causes as well as results of this transformation. Business media like New Business Age and Aarthik Abhyan and business schools like LA GRANDEE International can join hands to further speed up this process. I wish LA GRANDEE International College, including its faculty and students, all the success in their future.

Madan Lamsal

Editor-in-Chief
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STUDENTS' INTERNSHIP RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP TRAINING ON KOBO TOOL FOR ONLINE DATA COLLECTION

Students of BCA 7th Semester completed at minimum six weeks' internship for the partial fulfillment of the program as per curriculum. Internship orientation was conducted on January 1, 2018. Students were then recommended to various organizations as per their interest letter submitted to the department. Students were placed into 10 different organizations which include telecommunication, internet service providers, software development, graphic design, digital marketing and some other technical support organizations. Students completed their internship in the period between February and March. Supervisors from the internship providing organization partially evaluated the students' performance as per format and criteria recommended by the college. After the completion of the internship, students submitted final report and final internship presentation program was conducted on April 16, 2018. BCA department along with external evaluator Er. Nirfesh Gautam assessed the students' final presentation. Faculty/BCA program coordinator, Er. Dipak K.C., supervised all the internship activities in coordination with faculty Er. Rishi Saran Khanal.

A resume writing workshop was conducted on January 2, 2018 by faculty Bijay Shrestha for the 7th semester students. The main theme of this workshop was to help equip students pursuing career advancement opportunities. Focusing on developing skills and other attributes that qualify candidate's job, he also guided students for being creative with the uses of modern technology. Each participant had the opportunity to create or update a resume by the end of the workshop. The workshop also focused on developing interview and resume-writing techniques. Professionalism in the workplace was also discussed.

Three hours training session was conducted for online questionnaire preparation and data collection on February 2, 2018, session



led by Ritesh Thapa, a final year student of BCA program. The session was conducted especially for BPH 5th semester students which was jointly supported and facilitated by BCA and BPH department. The program was mainly focused on live demonstration of open source, online data collection and analysis with knowledge existing technology. A free application software and data collection platform KoBo collect was implemented to prepare questionnaire and collected data were automatically analyzed from same software. This software also provides offline data collection via mobile application which support to collect data in remote areas. The collected data were extracted in excel and SPSS format for further processing and analysis. Overall, the training session became much productive and fruitful. The participants got some basic knowledge about what database is; and how online data collection and analysis is being executed using software and open source applications. This tool was also supposed to be implemented during the field research of BPH students in the coming semester.

PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION SUMMIT CASE STUDY ON E-BUSINESS

BCA Program Coordinator, Er. Dipak K C, participated in the Education Summit conducted by Unlimited Technology Pvt Ltd, host of Microsoft Innovation Center Nepal, on February 3 and 4, 2018 held at Dhulikhel Lodge Resort, Dhulikhel. MIC Nepal annually organizes such summit to bring together the

On March 23, 2018, students of BCA 7th Semester (Batch 2014) completed their final presentation on their case study relating to the course eBusiness. All together, 13 groups of students completed their case study on different eBusiness sites. The study included national as well as international popular eBusiness sites, some of which were esewa.com, helmetsnepal.com, ebay.com, Amazon.com, alibaba.com, flipkart.com, etc. Besides the fulfillment of requirements as per the curriculum for the course E-Business, students self-learned the eBusiness models, business management, promotion as well as payment and security strategies. Such case based learning methodology further enhanced student's knowledge and understanding of the real case scenarios and the practical implementations of eBusiness prospects. The study was carried out under supervision and mentorship of the Principal, Er. Kiran K.C., who was also the faculty for the course eBusiness. The final presentation was conducted in presence of BCA program coordinator, Er. Dipak K.C.



IT colleges, experts and educators throughout the nation to exchange ideas, discuss the latest trends, challenges and advancements in education and technology, with a distinct focus in Nepal. This year also, the summit was successfully concluded with fruitful discussion amongst the participants and the stakeholders to bring about some inspirational changes for the digital transformation of education and discover the innovation. Around 40 other college representatives were present during the 2 day's summit. During the program LA GRANDEE International College was awarded as the best MICNIC College in Pokhara.

of developing a 3D module and its animation to develop a project ranging from a small multimedia project to a large scale gaming, movies project. Students further got to know how eye catching animation and entertaining VFX are created in movies, videos and games through Graphics Design and Visual effects. Since these days, animation is taking lead in any sector business promotion, entertainment or even data and information presentation, students were quite happy to attend the seminar and learn at least some basic concepts and the current prospects of animation.

ORIENTATION IN 3D ANIMATION AND VISUAL EFFECTS

An orientation program in 3D Animation and Visual effects with the theme "Animate your Dreams" was conducted on June 29, 2018 at LA GRANDEE International College.

It was facilitated by Mr. Manoj Shrestha from Axis Animation Academy, a training center for animation in Pokhara. The program was conducted for BCA 4th and 6th semester students. The participants learnt basic knowledge about the procedures

of developing a 3D module and its animation to develop a project ranging from a small multimedia project to a large scale gaming, movies project. Students further got to know how eye catching animation and entertaining VFX are created in movies, videos and games through Graphics Design and Visual effects. Since these days, animation is taking lead in any sector business promotion, entertainment or even data and information presentation, students were quite happy to attend the seminar and learn at least some basic concepts and the current prospects of animation.



BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

For encouraging students to start up their own business, BBA department conducted orientation classes from January 4, 5 and 6, 2018 for developing Business Plan that students wanted to pursue upon completion of their university graduation. Students from BBA VII semester both morning and day shifts took part in the event. At first, they were facilitated with orientations and guidelines by the faculty of Entrepreneurship Bijay Shrestha and Ganga Ghale. After a series of discussion, students eventually came up with their own proposal and submitted it to the department. As developing a proper business plan was blueprint for any business success, students attended the sessions with great vigor and enthusiasm. They were able to understand how a perfect business plan guides a young entrepreneur during the starting phase of business. The workshop remained very productive. Students also came to realize that business plan does not only guide in mapping the business future but also supports in securing loans and attracting investors along with uncovering new opportunities.

LEARNING SERVICE MARKETING: THE MARKET APPROACH

Students of BBA VII semester were involved into real field study throughout the Fall Semester 2018. They visited different organizations in Pokhara valley in order to explore the marketing practice. Having students witness first-hand daily activities and successful strategies of service marketing is an important part of BBA studies. Framing what we teach in the classroom with examples of practical application both motivates and prepares students for employment after graduation. During their visits, students met HR Manager, Marketing Analyst and Executives in different companies. They talked about the importance of understanding the market and the role of big business in the local economy. They also talked about how expansion can only be successful with thorough research of each new location. Students vigorously studied the product and service attribution, pricing, distribution and promotion process of different business organizations in Pokhara valley and presented their field visit report on March 23, 2018 under the supervision of faculty Bishnu Timilsina. Students clearly understood that how the practice of aforementioned four components of marketing determine the success and failure of any business organizations.

WORKSHOP ON BANKING LITERACY

Encouraging financial participation and providing access without creating literacy programs will create problems for banks. Mixed group of students from



BBA I, III, V and VII participated in workshop organized at LA GRANDEE in coordination with NIC Asia (one of the leading Banks of Nepal) on February 27 and March 2, 2018. The workshop was lead by Jayram Tripathi, a chartered accountant & also Relationship Manager along with Nabin Subedi from credit department of NIC Asia. The workshop was conducted for raising awareness of saving, transacting with the Bank for saving/loan and thereby enhancing entrepreneurship amongst the people in general. Students also gained knowledge on emerging technologies in the financial sector of Nepal and proper ways to use them. It was also discussed in the workshop that how internet can be used to access the facilities provided by banking sectors of Nepal giving references of NIC Asia.

FIELD BASED STUDIES

With the aim of applying theoretical knowledge into practical, at initiation of respective faculties and students, field visits related to various courses were conducted at different schedules as follows:

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Date of Visit: December 29, 2017 and January 24, 2018.

Program/Semester : BBA V

Course : Human Resource Management

Organizations Visited : Nepal Bangladesh Bank, NIC Asia, Laxmi Group, Karmacharya Group, Balaji Technology P. Ltd.

Final Presentation : January 28, 2018

Field Supervisor/Faculty : Nimesh Karmacharya

Field Learnings : Staff recruitment and selection process, working conditions, training and development program in Nepalese organizations in Pokhara.

SALES MANAGEMENT

Date of Visit : March 15 - 25, 2018

Program/Semester : BBA V

Course : Sales Management

Organizations visited : Karmacharya Brothers Pvt. Ltd, Ichhashakti Auto Mobiles, Hotel Crown Himalayas, Citizen Furniture Tradelink, Flight Connection, Khilung Kalika Suppliers and General Trading P. Ltd.

Final Presentation : March 28, 2018

Field Supervisor/Faculty : Bishnu Timilsina

Field Learnings : Actual management and operations, quality and standards in production and service, process of developing sales force, coordinating sales operation and implementing sales techniques.

LEARNING THROUGH EXPEDITION

Students of BBA VI semester specializing in Marketing went for a field visit as supplementary study on the course "Advertising and Sales Promotions". The field visit was organized on Saturday, June 9, 2018 and destined to Back to Nature Resort, Tented & Hiking Camp located at Dandakharka, Paame, Kaski, Nepal. All together

31 students participated in the field visit who further interacted with the owner of the resort, Mr. Damber Pun. Mr. Pun, a local resident of Dandakharka,



is a young entrepreneur who has set up his own business and contributed in the tourism and hospitality sector. Students enjoyed the trip as it was also a recreational sightseeing along with informative session. They received information on various prospects of tourism and the real time business scenario. As per subject requirement, students should further prepare a report including advertising plan, a print and video ad based upon the field visit. The report and the ads will be presented by students before the final assessment of the college in presence of Mr. Damber Pun who has already announced to reward the best ad in order to motivate them to give the best of their effort. Mr. Bishnu Prasad Timilsina, faculty of BBA program at LA GRANDEE International College coordinated the visit and will also be mentoring the project.

PARTICIPATION IN BANKING AND BEEMA EXPO

Students of BBA Ist semester day and morning shifts participated in Banking and Insurance Expo at Exhibition Center, Nayabazaar, Pokhara, which was organized by Media International Group on March 26, 2017. Students visited to different stalls for collecting more information on the theme of the expo. They were also involved in presentation session and made interaction with the representatives of different financial institutions. They got an opportunity to understand about various products and services provided by financial institutions in Nepal. Students were monitored and guided by college faculty Bishnu Timilsina during expo visit.



PICK AND SPEAK

Regardless of the career you have planned, you're bound to find yourself in situations where you'll need to give an oral presentation. Why not go ahead and discover how to make your presentations interesting, informative, and entertaining? Students of BBA I semester both day and morning shift participated in Pick and Speak activity throughout the Fall Session 2018. It is a popular co-curricular activity at LA GRANDEE where, students have to impart speech on randomly provided topics related to the overall field of management. "Teach 1, Each 1 and Motivate 1" was the main motto of the event. Faculty, Puspanjali Bhandari, who supported students in this activity during the session noted regular alertness and up-to-date in students towards their own field of study. With their enthusiastic participation, students not only built their confidence in presenting themselves, they even practiced being more logical and deliver more appropriate contents with the provided constraints, mostly in the field of management. By the end of semester on March 30, 2018, student Sanjay Sunar was awarded the best among all the deliverance.



TRAINING ON COMPUTER

APPLICATION IN REPORT WRITING

Report Writing is a complex and creative process but an essential requirement. It involves the refining of ideas and their expression, coupled with presentation and editing. Writers move back and forth between these aspects of composing as their document evolves any writing, particularly report writing, can be modeled as a recursive problem solving process and it would remain incomplete without being proficient to computer application tools. To fulfill such aspiring needs of management students of BBA VII semester, the department organized training on "Computer Application in Report Writing", facilitated by Ritesh Thapa who is one of our talented disciples from Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) program. From the training students learnt about composing, revising, editing text and compiling more formatted documents using computer during the process of report writing. More than training it is a unique example of how students in LA GRANDEE share and transmit their knowledge and skill among them.

GROUP PRESENTATION

Students of BBA I semester day shift carried out a group presentation session on different topics related to management on April 15 and 16, 2017. The entire session was facilitated by BBA faculty cum Deputy Coordinator, Narendra Ghimire, who provided the topics; set the deadlines and evaluated the presentation and provided feedback to the students. One of the major objectives of it was to develop their interpersonal communicative skills and make them realize how theories and different aspects of management could be implemented practically in an organization.

PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP

This Proposal Writing workshop was on March 17, 2018. Students of BBA V semester took part in the workshop. This intensive workshop introduced participants to essential concepts and tools for writing and preparing research proposals. Participants in this collaborative-learning workshop also gained significant new insight into the logical structures and narrative pathways of persuasive arguments that are essential to effective proposal writing. Faculty of Business Research, Ms. Puspanjali Bhandari, led the program on which she also illustrated the principles for writing proposals clearly and concisely through constructive peer review and discussion on participants' draft research proposals. Students later prepared their own proposal and submitted it to the department within the set deadlines.

COMPETITION ON PRESENTATION SKILLS

With the aim of enhancing speaking skill and building confidence, students of BBA I morning shift were engaged in paper presentation entitled 'Basics of Management' on March 28 and 29, 2018. They were given individual task and therefore all the students had to compulsorily participate on it. After assigning the tasks, they were also guided on developing some basic skills of presentation including how to make the effective presentation; how to overcome the stage fright; how to communicate with the audience; and how to grab their attention. Two days competition was conducted and facilitated by Puspanjali Bhandari, a full time faculty of LA GRANDEE. Based on the criteria like content, time, overall impression, gesture and others, Sachin Gurung and Sushmita Gurung were declared the winners. The joy and happiness of their first achievement was shared by clicking pictures as they claimed it to be the first reward ever received in LA GRANDEE. The winners shared their feelings with full of motivation and are looking forward for more activities like the one they did

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

January 9, 2018, BBA department organized an orientation program for probable interns of BBA VII semester. Faculties Suraj Gaudel, Narendra Babu Ghimire, Puspanjali Bhandari and Bishnu Timilsina led the students' internship activities. Internship program is designed as an activity under the curriculum of Pokhara University and is compulsory for the students of BBA VII semester. One of the major objectives of such program is to give students the real exposure of their knowledge and understanding; and make them prepared with some professional skills and experiences for future. In coordination with BBA department, students spent almost one and half months in around 40 different organizations inclusive of financial institutions, corporate houses and service industries. Upon completion of their internship, they prepared and presented their internship reports and experiences in front of their fellow students, teachers, supervisor, experts, coordinators and the principal on April 25 and 26, 2018. Through such activity, students not only enhanced their resume for further career but also developed their leadership, professional and presentation skills. Most importantly, they created a web of mentors and references and developed self-confidence for future competitive market through test-driving their talent.

REPORT ON CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES IN NEPAL

Social and political issues can influence both domestic as well as international trade of any nation. Hence it is vital for students to understand the social and political issues of their own nation. With this vision student of BBA VII semester day and morning shift were asked to prepare report on "Contemporary Political and Social Issues in Nepal". Faculty members Janardan Thapa and Anil Khadka guided the students. With the insights of decentralization, election procedure, composition of parliament and emerging social and political issues, students prepared the report and submitted it to the BBA department by the end of the session.

INTEGRATED CONCURRENT FIELD PRACTICE (ICFP)

BPH 3rd Semester students completed their Integrated Concurrent Field Practice (ICFP) in four different areas of Pokhara valley viz. Hanuman Tole, Malepatan, Krishna tole, and Mahatgauda. The study was carried out throughout the semester while the field studies were actually conducted from March 23, 2018. ICFP is a curricular activity for practical approach designed by university generally focused to identify the trends and situation of any health contributing and determining factors in a community and also to provide basic concept to overcome the effects related to health. Students were divided into four different groups with 9 – 10 students in each focusing study on Communicable Diseases, Non- Communicable Diseases, Reproductive Health, Environmental Health and Nutrition as per curriculum. Two of the groups were centered to more civilized residential areas whereas the other two groups were centered to the underprivileged and low economy areas. Each group used both questionnaire and physical assessment methods conducting analytical study in at least 50 households and determine their health related status and all the environment related factors in 3 days' field visit. Each group also visited one specific hospital; Metro City Hospital, Fewa City Hospital & Research Center, Fishtail Hospital & Research Center, and Paschimanchal Community Hospital to collect data on communicable and non- communicable diseases that were

registered in the respective hospital's record. After analyzing the data from the hospitals and the community, students presented the health status



as per their observation to the target community and also in the college. Their study revealed that health status of all these areas seems to be average but more attention should be given mostly to population with low economy and low literacy rate for improving their health status and environmental sanitation maintenance. They further recommended a course of actions that people could undertake to deal with the health problems and environment. BPH Department coordinator, faculties, and Ms. Srijana Wagle (Lecturer-PU) as external evaluated the students reporting during their final presentation on April 20, 2018.

ONE MONTH RESIDENTIAL COMPREHENSIVE FIELD PRACTICE

The Comprehensive Field Practice of BPH 7th Semester (Batch 2014) was conducted from March 14 to April 14, 2018. It is the integral part of field exposure to the District Health Management for developing skills and competency as Public Health Professionals. It also helps to develop attitude to identify the health problems and health needs of district. Total 39 students clustered into three different groups executed one month's residential field practice in District Public Health Office (DPHO)/ District Health Office (DHO) in three different districts i.e. Lamjung, Gorkha and Dhading under direct supervision of the in-charges respectively. Students visited local communities, various community based organizations, bilateral and multilateral related organizations, which coordinate and collaborate in the implementation of various district's development activities in terms of health, education,



agriculture, WASH, and many more. Data were collected from both quantitative and qualitative approaches which were later analyzed using SWOT analysis method. Students also carried out some health awareness activities including pamphlet distribution and sensitizing public about gastric, encephalitis programs, school programs and community awareness programs. BPH faculty and supervisor Sandeep Pahari visited the sites during preliminary field selection and final presentation on April 13, 2018. College Chairperson Devraj Chalise and Program

Coordinator Keshab Raj Adhikari also observed the final presentations in Dhading and Gorkha district. Final presentation and reporting of the field activities were presented to BPH department which were evaluated by the External Supervisor, Prof. Dr. Arun Koirala from Pokhara University.

Students Rewarded in the Autism Photo Competition

A photo competition was organized on the occasion of 11th World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2018. Besides the awareness rally, many of the participants took part in the Photo competition on the theme related to Autism. LA GRANDEE BPH students Khushi Sara Rana, Ruchi Rana Magar and Pratiksha Chalise won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in the photo competition.

WORLD THYROID DAY CELEBRATION-25th May



colleges, mother groups and other civics on the occasion of World Thyroid Day on May 25, 2018. The rally started from BP

Chowk and ended at Pokhara Thyroid and Diabetic Clinic, Nayabazar (in front of Gandaki Medical College). The event commenced at 7:30 am and terminated at 10 am after inaugurating the clinic's services formally by honorable MP of Province 4, Mr. Bindu Kumar Thapa as Chief Guest. Thyroid is a common problem, especially in women, and it induces many complications. To prevent and to minimize, World Thyroid Day is celebrated every year on 25th May. The World Thyroid Day is observed to raise awareness among thyroid disorder patients and to educate all public, globally.

IT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR BCA STUDENTS

LA GRANDEE has been collaborating with Microsoft Innovation Center Nepal since last 5 years from 2013 with a common goal to contribute towards technology exploration and create opportunities for innovation. With similar objective, LA GRANDEE and MIC Nepal through its host Unlimited Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, had renewed the agreement for the year 2017/18. This year, the agreement was centered towards more specific trainings and workshops. Students throughout the period received various trainings with major focus on Microsoft Office Specialist (Word, Excel & Powerpoint), Microsoft Technology Associate (Networking Fundamentals) and the Universal



Windows Platform Application Development, which has further helped them to become more skilled in the contents they were trained. Around 26 students from BCA had registered for the annual training while many others also voluntarily attended all the trainings. Bibek Chaudhary delivered all the trainings as appointed by MIC Nepal. Meanwhile, the participating students had also appeared and many of them passed the Microsoft Technical Associate and the Microsoft Office Specialist examinations as part of training. MSP of the college, Ritesh Thapa along with BCA department coordinated all the training sessions.

2 DAYS' WORKSHOP ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

On the very occasion of International Women's Day, March 8, 2018, LA GRANDEE organized a workshop on Women Empowerment. With the main motto of bringing more enthusiasm on the potential students (girls), motivating them to be independent and more confident to speak out their words for themselves, certified coach and the media personality from Trainer Nepal, Mr. Robin Gurung came up with 2 days Training concept. The main theme of workshop was "Change" with inclusion of Public Speaking, motivational training, confidence building and Emcee. The program was conducted with the best selected student's team from three different programs BBA, BCA and BPH.



Students were selected based on their articles submitted on the theme CHANGE. The first session of the 2 days' workshop was conducted on March 8, 2018 while the second session was conducted on March 14, 2018. All together around 60 students participated in the 2 days' workshop. As remarked by students, they found it as a great opportunity to unveil their own hidden talents and know their inner self. The sound and echos "YES!! I CAN" and the energetic field activities made it a grand success. The program was coordinated by BBA faculty Mrs. Puspanjali Bhandari.



WORKSHOP ON EFFECTIVE RESUME WRITING

A Workshop on Effective Resume Writing was organized on May 30, 2018, at LA GRANDEE International College conference hall. Suyesha Sthapit, Program Coordinator for Social Innovation



from Bikash Udhyami, Kathmandu, facilitated the workshop. Bikash Udhyami is a social innovation hub led by Nepali professionals from different backgrounds based in Kathmandu.

Total 55 students, majority from final semester along with few from 6th semester of BBA program actively participated in the workshop. They were highly motivated and pleased to have the opportunity to learn and enhance their skills in effective resume writing, which can be one important content for their future career prospects. Faculty Bishnu Timilsina in support of BBA department coordinated the session while college Principal, Er. Kiran K.C. expressed vote of thanks and presented token of love to the facilitator, followed by a group photograph.

Besides her concentration on the theme of the workshop, Ms. Sthapit also highlighted on free online educational platform Padhna Jaane (www.padhnaJaane.com), a recent innovative activity of Bikash Udhyami which is serving as a gateway to Nepali youth to access higher education opportunities in Nepal and abroad.

LEADERSHIP COACHING BY INTERNATIONAL TRAINER

Curriculum are never sufficient unless students are taught to handle issues practically and dynamically. Giving skills other than the course related matters encourages students to face real life challenges and solve problems more logically. With this intent, a series of workshop was organized at LA GRANDEE on June 24, 2018. 4 sessions were conducted on the same day for 4 different groups of students from BPH and BBA. All together 130 plus students explored different Dimensions of Team Work, Decision Making and Entrepreneurship. The program was hosted and arranged by the IDEAS for LA GRANDEE group., especially Kamal Bishowkarma & Samrat Gurung took the initiative. The workshop was very inspirational through which students could



achieve valuable insights in being more practical towards achieving career objectives.

An International Leadership Coach and Organizational Development Consultant, Ms. Ganga Sharma, from Jyotirmaya-Igniting Conversations, India facilitated all the sessions.



Being in community is one reason that we should serve our community. It's also the other reason that serving community and acting on humanitarian services gives meaning to existence. With this perspective, conceptualized by Principal of the college, Er. Kiran K.C., LA GRANDEE has been delivering knowledge and skills to the community heading with the slogan "LA GRANDEE for COMMUNITY" since 2017. Besides institution itself, students have made greater contribution towards making this concept actually work. All the programs are being managed by the College, however, the real activist or the facilitators

for most of the activities are the students currently studying at LA GRANDEE. We are proud that we have students who are happy to share their knowledge and skills taking every opportunity to serve the community, further learning the real life scenario and build confidence in themselves as well.



TRAINING ON WEB PAGE DESIGNING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOL

With an objective to serve the community, LA GRANDEE has been regularly conducting community based activities since a long time. As part of CSR activities, college has initiated a different concept to empower students and motivate them to explore and further enhance their skills. Rather than the experts, Students themselves are actively involved to deliver their skills to the community students or the general public periodically either in the sector of technology, management or health. Recently, on June 15, 2018, students Pradip Poudel, Pradip Dhakal, Prabhu Gurung and Raju Lamsal (team named as Eversoft Group) of BCA 6th semester studying in LA GRANDEE conducted a training on effective Web Page Designing for the class 10 students of Bhadrakali Secondary School, Banjhapatan, Pokhara.

All the training arrangement was made by college in coordination with Bhadrakali Secondary School. It was organized as part of LA GRANDEE for Community. 50 plus students participated in

the training. BCA Program Coordinator- LA GRANDEE, Er. Dipak K.C., opened up the session by highlighting the program objective and the

concept while Principal of Bhadrakali, Ghanshyam Rijal and computer faculty Indra Pd Bhattarai expressed sincere thanks for organizing the training in the school. All the trainee were also happy to learn web design concepts beyond their regular curriculum.



PROMOTING POKHARA VALLEY GRAND CLEANING CAMPAIGN

One extensive campaign being weekly conducted with objective to keep Pokhara clean and



healthy is the Pokhara Valley Grand Cleaning Campaign. Started since June 4, 2016 (2073/02/22), it was the 108th week's campaign in which students from LA GRANDEE along with local people and other organizations made their active participation. The campaign has been led by social activist Mr. Ram Bahadur Poudel in coordination with the local people/community, public and private organizations, clubs and many other volunteering organizations. The 108th week's cleaning campaign was organized from Ratnachowk - Airport - Mustangchowk on Saturday, June 23, 2018. As per the commitment made on June 19, 2018 by Principal of the college along with other college's representatives, community and social organizations during a pre-meeting for preparation at Janapriya Multiple Campus, the campaign was found effective and successful with huge participation of all the volunteers. As per their report, around 17500 people, 875 organizations/community/academic institutions have participated in the campaign through which around 465 ton of wastes have been collected, and the number continues.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON 'WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY 2018'

With the aim of reducing the use and impacts of tobacco products by the provision of knowledge to the school students and educating them about the risk factors and effects of the tobacco use, students of BPH



program conducted an awareness program in three different schools namely Janapriya Secondary School, Barahi Secondary School and Srikrishna Secondary School in Pokhara. The activities mainly included presentation about the tobacco and its types; provision of knowledge about the global and national scenario of use of tobacco; impacts of the tobacco use to different parts of our body; presentation on how to avoid or prevent tobacco use; refreshment program and talent show (students sang different Nepali songs); and group discussion within the students about the possible preventive measures of tobacco use in Nepal. 'World No Tobacco Day' is observed around the world every year on 31st May. It is intended to encourage a 24hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe. The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to the negative health effects, which currently lead to nearly 6 million deaths each year worldwide including 600000 of which is the result of nonsmoker being exposed to second hand smoke. The focus of the World No Tobacco Day 2018 is "Tobacco and heart disease".

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2018: 'BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION'

June 5 is marked by the United Nations as World Environment Day, a day set aside since 1974 to promote "worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment." This year's theme is "beat plastic pollution." On the very occasion, BPH students of LA GRANDEE took an initiation of awareness campaign in Barahi Secondary School in Pokhara. Students, Teachers, Women's Groups and Local Community Groups were invited in the program. One of the major objectives of it was to reduce the use of plastic by increasing awareness among adult population of ward 11 of Pokhara lekhnath. They also focused to educate people about short and long term negative impacts of plastics, and to educate people about the concept of reduce, reuse and recycle of plastic as our world is swamped by harmful plastic waste. Every year, more than 8 million tonnes end up in the oceans. Microplastics in the seas now outnumber stars in our galaxy. From remote islands to the Arctic, nowhere is untouched. If present trends continue, by 2050 our oceans will have more plastic than fish. Focusing on the theme, students made a presentation, video show and interaction programs with the participants. On World Environment Day, the message is simple: reject single-use plastic. Refuse what you can't re-use.



PARTICIPATION in AUTISM AWARENESS RALLY PROGRAM

On the occasion of 11th World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2018, Autism Care Nepal Society, Kaski, organized a program entitled Light It Up Blue Program (LIUB 2018) with the purpose of bringing awareness in



the public about the Autism, its causes, preventive solutions and the way we should treat such victims. Autism is a mental condition, present from early childhood and a lifelong, developmental disability, characterized by great difficulty in communicating and forming relationships with other people and in using language and abstract concepts. The program started with a rally from Manav Adhikar Chowk and ended at near Pokhara Trade Mall with awareness campaign. The program was inaugurated by honorable Member of Parliament of Province 4 Mr. Bindu Kumar Thapa. The rally was coordinated by our BPH 7th semester student Mr. Samrat Thapa. 20 other BPH students with 200 plus participants from different sectors participated in the awareness program. Later on May 18, 2018, all the participants were provided appreciation letter by Mr. Rajendra Man Udas and Ms. Samjhana Parajuli, President and Program Coordinator respectively of Autism Care Society, Kaski.

CANDLE LIGHTING PROGRAM

As a humanitarian act, in memory of the departed souls in the US Bangla Aircraft crash of March 12, 2018 (Falgun 28, 2018), students of LA GRANDEE organized a Candle Lighting program on March 15, 2018 at college premises. Students along with Chairman and Principal of the college expressed condolence to the departed souls and wishes for fast recovery of the injured ones

while all the attendees held one minute silence remembering the tragedy. Besides the students, other passer-by people also participated in the candle lighting program.



STUDENTS' FORUMS



IDEAS FOR LA GRANDEE

A BPH students' forum, which primarily conducts various activities like seminars, workshops, trainings, talk programs and many other community based awareness programs mainly focusing on five key areas i.e. food, water, waste, ecology, and energy.

Workshop on "Climate Change: Means to Combat through SDG"

IDEAS for LA GRANDEE organized a workshop on Climate Change on January 30, 2018. Mixed group of participants including public health students from LA GRANDEE, youth leaders of public organizations, academician and members from NGOs involved in the research and development were present in the workshop while Mr. Nabaraj Adhikari (MPH, PU), Mr. Nabaraj Poudel (Secretary, PHYSoN), Prakriti Dhakal (TUNZA Network Nepal) and Kiran Gurung (Climates Nepal) facilitated different sessions during the workshop. Presentation, group activities, group presentation, games and many other stimulating activities were conducted.

The objective of the workshop was to orient youths about SDGs approaches for better social, economic, and environmental conditions and explore effective measures and strategies to combat with gradual climate change. SDGs Agenda 2030, SDG-13 (like Climate change, global warming, Acid rain, acidification, control measures of climate change, etc) are the burning issues which were discussed throughout the session.

TECH-TALK AND WORKSHOP: UNFOLDING CHAPTERS



"Science and technology are a propellant for building thriving country and the happiness of the people and the future of the country hinge on their development."



-Kim Jong-un
Technology has ingrained almost all parts of the world and has been one of the key achievements

of the world today. For the same cause, it is inevitable that each of us should get empowered by innovation and technology. Merit Pokhara in association with Demeity Nepal, Sochware, Child of Nature, and Echo Innovators in collaboration with IT colleges from Pokhara came up with Workshop and Talk Program on "Unfolding Chapters" on January 22, 2018 at LA GRANDEE International College on the occasion of Saraswati Puja.

The program included a workshop on future technologies such as IoT, Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, a Session on Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development Goal. An inspirational talk from those who have been struggling in IT field and are now in prominent position was another attraction of the program. Speakers from different organizations with all level of expertise Ms. Melisha Ghimire - Chief Executive Officer, Echo Innovators and Winner of Imagine Cup 2017 Nepal, Ms. Eeda Rijal - Chief Executive Officer, Sochware, Mr. Milan Khanal - Founder at Child of Nature, and Mr. Luzan Baral - Founder of Track Sarkar led the sessions on their respective fields of IT with their proficiency and knowledge.

Total of 50 students of BCA from different semesters were present in the program. The session was inspiring, motivating and energizing and helpful to students for growing up in IT. And the session wrapped up with the excitements and giving token of love to the presenters, guest speaker and organizer by college administration. The contact person of the program from LA GRANDEE was Miss Kabita Adhikari.

ELECTORAL TECHNOLOGIES OF NEPAL

The 11th session of LA GRANDEE Tech Talk entitled "Electoral Technologies of Nepal" was conducted at LA GRANDEE on June 8, 2018. Students from BCA 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semester actively participated in the talk program. Regional Electoral Officer and Former Regional IT Consultant from UNDP – Electoral Project Support, Western Region, Nepal, Er. Sudip Aryal, led the session as the guest speaker. The talk program was focused on the technologies that Election Commission Nepal has incorporated for the voters data collection, its verification,



validation and the techno-facilitated voting procedure along current undertakings by the election commission for future electronic voting systems. The session ended with interactive discussion among the students and the resource person. Principal, Er. Kiran K.C. further concluded the session insisting students to be updated on the techno-trends and brainstorm to generate ideas

on newer prospects that they see as opportunities through such discussions in every sector viable for technology implementation.

LA GRANDEE BIZ CENTER

LA GRANDEE International College has been creating platforms for students to explore their talents and engage them into self-learning activities regularly. As such, LA GRANDEE BIZ CENTER is initiated as a hub for the management students of the college. The center is a common base for students, especially, for those enrolled in the management studies (BBA) where they could open up discussions; do research works and initiate innovative business ideas which shall further be incubated to give productive results.

IDEA INCUBATION IN TOURISM

A talk program entitled "Idea Incubation in Tourism" was organized under the LA GRANDEE BIZ CENTER on June 19, 2018 at LA GRANDEE Conference hall. Mr. Surya Thapaliya, Head of Nepal Tourism Board – Province 4, was invited as the guest Speaker. Mr. Thapaliya highlighted the tourism related issues in context of Nepal, its scope and opportunities and the future

possibilities to initiate a new dimension of tourism business by the students after graduating. The session was very interactive and students received good insights on the discussed issues and the challenges.

Principal, Er. Kiran K.C. highlighted the objectives of the center and insisted students not only to participate in such programs, rather get inspiration to start their own discussion for enhancing their knowledge and skills, and thus grab the opportunity to get incubated on their innovative ideas through such forums. BBA Coordinator, Suraj Gaudel, felicitated the guest while Faculty, Bishnu Prasad Timilsina made arrangements for organizing the talk program. Chairman, Mr.



Devraj Chalise, made his special presence during opening session of the talk program.

WELCOME PROGRAM TO 2017 BATCH STUDENTS

LA GRANDEE International College organized the annual Welcome Program to BCA, BBA and BPH 2017 Batch students on Friday, January 19, 2018, at City Square Banquet, New Road, Pokhara.

The program began formally with the chairing of Kiran K. C., Principal of the College. It was followed by the welcome speech by Sukrti Thapa, a third semester BBA students.



Program Coordinators continued their speech briefly highlighting on the scope and opportunity of their respective programs. That was followed by offering Tika and Khada to the new students. Everyone wished for their better future. As the keynote speaker the college principal motivated them for their serious and sincere effort for accelerating their academic excellence. He also assured them that the college will provide every possible cooperation and support for achieving their goal. The formal event, which was hosted by Academic Coordinator, was followed by cultural activities — dance, music, performance and more. It was the performance made by the third semester students. Snacks and lunch were also served during the event. In their smart attires, the students present at the event looked beautiful and dashing.

LA GRANDEE INTER-COLLEGE FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

Students of BCA 8th semester organized LA GRANDEE Inter-College Futsal Tournament from June 29 to July 1, 2018. The tournament was organized with the objective to build fellowship among students from different colleges



around Pokhara and also collect fund for providing service to community. All together 34 teams participated in the tournament. Team from Pokhara University became the winner while Pokhara College of Management team remained the 1st runner up. The best goalkeeper, best defender, highest scorer and the best player of the tournament were also awarded trophy & certificate. The winners received Trophy, Medal, Certificates and Cash Prize (1st – Rs. 30000, and 2nd – Rs. 15000.00).

Chairman, Devraj Chalise, Principal, Er. Kiran K.C., with other college members and guests Santosh Shahi (MD-Nepcoms Services), Santosh Parajuli (Coach-Nepal Futsal Association), Sanjay Ligal (President-Kaski District Futsal Association), Shashi Poudel (Coordinator-Market Sansar) were also present during the opening and closing ceremony of the tournament. As concluding remarks, Principal of the college expressed vote of thanks to the sponsors, match officials, organizers and the college management further stating that college has been supporting such students' activities regularly which provides opportunities for students to build their confidence, management skills, discipline and the team spirit as part of real life learning. Students Ritesh Thapa, Bijay Kuikel, Sanjay Baral, Nabin Poudel, Aasis Khanal, Anil Chhetri, Manoj Shahi, Kundan Chaudhary & Sadesh Poudel were in the organizing committee.

FAREWELL PROGRAM TO 2013 BATCH STUDENTS

The annual LA GRANDEE Farewell Program took place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at City Square Banquet, New Road, Pokhara. This year's graduating class was comprised of one



hundred forty students of BCA, BBA and BPH 2013 Batch.

The Keynote Speech was delivered by College Chairperson Devraj Chalise who highlighted the importance of being entrepreneurs. Program Coordinators also spoke at the ceremony, hosted by the Academic Coordinator, where they discussed the importance of being a service organization. That was followed by handover of token of love to the recent graduates. Everyone wished for their better future. The graduation address was delivered by Kiran K C, principal of the college. "We certainly were challenged with the difficult task of getting to know our new team members, learn their strengths and weaknesses and effectively complete a thorough analysis of the problem and strategically pull together for a better academic performance in a short amount of time. The result our team produced today more than exemplified the investment of time, money and intellect of our graduates continuously for four years of their academic journey with us." principal said. Special awards and appreciation was conferred to the students who obtained CGPA applicable to the "Dean's List Awards" of Pokhara University while Subhechchha Bhandari and Ngawang Choeden from BPH program further received "Certificate of Excellence" for their consistent outstanding performance for four years of studies. The final year students entertained the audience with different cultural shows and live band performance.

WELCOMING MISS NEPAL ORGANIZERS

On February 4, 2018, organizers of Miss Nepal were welcomed at college during their regional activation and audition program in Pokhara. Representatives from the Hidden Treasure,



Miss Nepal 2010 – Sadichha Shrestha, Miss Nepal 2015-Evana Manandhar along with the team of JCI Pokhara Nepal visited the college and conducted a inspirational session with short promotion campaign for the upcoming Miss Nepal contest of 2018. Around 100 girls' students participated and interacted with the organizers.

EXAM DIVISION ACTIVITIES

The exam division at LA GRANDEE coordinated various college and university related activities related to examination, registration and calendar preparation. As per the schedule of college, 1st assessment of fall 2018 was conducted from Feb. 9 – 12 (BPH VII) and from Feb. 18 – 23, 2018 (remaining all) while the final assessment was conducted from April 1–11, 2018. Besides these, results processing of all the semesters and university correspondence on internal evaluation and documentation were regularly conducted by Exam Coordinator, Mr. Jai Lal Sharma.

GRADUATES IN UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

Graduates of batch 2013 along with the Principal, Academic Coordinator and Exam Coordinator from LA GRANDEE attended the 15th Convocation organized by Pokhara University on February 20, 2018. Students from BCA - Abhiyan Gurung, Krishna Bhandari, BBA - Kush Adhikari, Roshni Rana, Sujika Timilsina, Bishnu Bhattarai, and BPH - Subhechchha Bhandari, Ngawang Choeden, Mamta Dhakal, Manju Adhikari were called on the stage for receiving the Dean's List Award of Pokhara University.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year LA GRANDEE offers full 19 seats as scholarships recommended by Pokhara University inclusive of 5 seats in BCA, 10 seats in BBA, and 4 seats in BPH. Besides the university scholarship, LA GRANDEE further internally rewards full and partial scholarships to the needy as well as semester topper students in each semester in all the programs.

In the Fall Semester-2018 also, based on the results of the Spring 2017, following students received the full scholarship as semester topper, as per college policy.

S.N.	Program	Name of Student	Topped Semester	SGPA (4.00)
1	BCA	Prachi Poudel	II	3.76
2		Safal Shrestha	IV	3.93
3		Ritesh Thapa	VI	4.00
5	BBA	Ashmita Karn	II	3.88
6		Suresh Thapa		
7		Sushil Pokhrel		
8		Dikson Limbu	IV	4.00
10		Gamita Shrestha	VI	3.94
11		Samita Gurung		3.94
12		Santosh B.K.		3.94
13	Sonu Gurung	3.94		
14	BPH	Sagar Kunwar	II	4.00
15		Sabita Mahat	IV	4.00
16		Raju Shrestha	VI	4.00

Amongst all the pass-out students of batch 2013, from BCA - Abhiyan Gurung(4.00) and Devendra Raj Aryal(4.00), from BBA - Roshani Rana(3.94), and from BPH - Anjana Poudel(4.00), Bandana Khanal(4.00), Bandana Paudel(4.00), Kabita Timilsina(4.00), Mamta Dhakal(4.00), Manju Adhikari(4.00), Ngawang Choeden(4.00), Saraswati Ghimire(4.00), Saru Parajuli(4.00), Shanti Dahal(4.00), Subhechchha Bhandari(4.00), Sushila K.C.(4.00) remained the topper for the 8th semester.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE NAT TEST

As continuity to the regular schedule of the Japanese Language NAT TEST, for the duration from January to June, 2018, LA GRANDEE has already conducted 3 NAT TESTs on February 3, May 31 and June 18, 2018. Still, 3 tests will be



conducted in August, October and November, 2018. LA GRANDEE International College is the only authorized test center in Pokhara to conduct the Japanese Language NAT TEST.

On February 2, 2018, Mr. Kamata Atsushi, Chairman of the Senmon Kyuiku Publishing Company, Tokyo, Japan which is the authorized company to conduct the Japanese Language NAT TEST, visited LA GRANDEE and a meeting was made held between him and the Pokhara Test Center committee - Mr. Devraj Chalise, Er. Kiran K.C., Dr. Himlal Gautam and Ms. Sobita Koirala.

NEW PROJECTIONS

LA GRANDEE EXPO - 2018

"Bridging Academia to Community"

Event Date : August 3 & 4, 2018

Venue : LA GRANDEE International College, Simalchour, Pokhara

LA GRANDEE after its grand success of 1st exhibition in the year 2010 named as "IT and Management Mahotsav", now another announcement has been made and all set to explore students' talents. Moreover, this time it will be much about bringing together the community and the stakeholders to observe the student activities. Major attractions of the event will be as;

Software/Hardware Projects Demonstration	Inter-College Software Competition
Breast Feeding and Breast Cancer Screening Camp to Mothers' Group	Health Governance Policy Orientation Program to Elected Ward Office Representatives
Environmental Health and Sanitation Seminar for Community Level Development Committee members.	Inter-College Paper Presentation Competition
Job Application and CV Writing Competition	+2 Level Field Research & Presentation Competition focusing Visit Nepal Year 2020
Art Exhibition	Food Pyramid and Problem Tree demonstration
Cultural Programs	Demonstration of Plastic Products Reuse
	Entertainment, Gaming and many more

Publication:

❖ 1st series of LA GRANDEE Journal

NEWSLETTER is the 1st publication of LA GRANDEE covering regular college activities published every six months since July, 2017. This is the 3rd volume of its kind. Now onwards, another publication is going to be launched during the EXPO which will be the 1st series of its type and will be the 1st LA GRANDEE JOURNAL. This will be a platform covering mostly students' along with faculties and staff research articles.

❖ LA GRANDEE Souvenir - I

LA GRANDEE Souvenir is another attraction which shall also be launched on the same occasion of LA GRANDEE EXPO-2018. This shall be the 3rd kind of publication and will remain the first souvenir of LA GRANDEE. Students, Faculties and Staff, all shall have the opportunity to publish their creative, analytical and any other format of writings that shall enhance the writing skills and expressive power.



Bijay Kulkel
BCA – 8th Sem.

OPEN SOURCE : “ON THE RISE”

The term “open source” refers to something people can modify and share because it’s design is publicly accessible. In general, open source refers to any program whose source code is made available for use or modification as users or other developers consider it as acceptable. Open source software is usually developed as a public collaboration and made freely available. Open

Source is a certification mark owned by the Open Source Initiative (OSI). The Open Source Initiative (OSI) is a non-profit organization dedicated in the promotion of open-source software. OSI was founded in 1998 by Bruce Perens and Eric Raymond.

“Without open source software, the entire internet as we know it would not exist”, Chris DiBona, Director of Open Source

“Open source is about working together to make better software and a better world”, Sarah Novotny, Program Manager Black Duck Software and North Bridge’s survey found open-source software in businesses everywhere.

- ❖ 78 percent of respondents said their companies run part or all of its operations on OSS and 66 percent said their company creates software for customers built on open source. This statistic has nearly doubled since 2010, when 42 percent of respondents in the Future of Open Source survey five years ago said that they used open source in the running of their business or their IT environments. This is an all-time high.
- ❖ 93 percent said their organization’s use of open source increased or remained the same in the past year.
- ❖ 64 percent of companies currently participate in open source

projects - up from 50 percent in 2014. Over the next 2-3 years, 88 percent are expected to increase contributions to open source projects.

- ❖ Open source has become the default approach for software with more than 66 percent of respondents saying they consider OSS before other options.

Looking ahead in the next 2-3 years, those who took the survey claimed that impacts of OSS shall reach cloud computing by 39 percent, big data by 35 percent, operating systems by 33 percent, and the Internet of Things (IoT) by 31 percent.



Linux Operating System, FireFox Browser, Mozilla Browser, Apache Web server, Perl programming language, Open Office Suite, MySQL Database are some examples of commonly used Open Source software that of course are making the market lead. While Google, Amazon.com, IBM, Ticketmaster.com, Wired Magazine, Internet Movie Database, Salon.com are some of the companies that are known to use Open Source software in their businesses, which gives referential significance for OSS.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION !!!

It's pretty scary to know how quickly time flies. – James Wan

Finals are just around the corner and most of us don't even have the slightest idea about what we want to do with our lives. Let's fast forward to a couple of months from now to the D-day. You're all dressed up for the graduation with your mom who is a gazillion times happier and couldn't have been anymore proud of you. Congratulations! You strolled across the stage and picked up your well-earned degree.

Now is the time to get the job mom always wanted you to get. Now is the time to try to earn as much money as you can make so you can save up to travel around the world and update it in your Instagram with the hash tag work hard play hard. Now is the time to figure out what to do after graduation. It's scary. I know. And you know what? That's okay! Most people don't. You're not the only one. What you've been doing for the last 16 years is easy. Classes and school are easy because they're structured. The world? It's crazy. It changes every day. Your parents might have already told you it'll be one way, but they don't really know. They just want you to do what they think is best, which usually means avoiding big risks.

One obvious option is to go after what you spent four long years working toward- your first job. Your job search will no doubt have its ups and downs, losing hope, multiple interviews, running around all day with numerous mental breakdowns (and ups, downs, and ups again). Not that appealing? I know right! Don't worry the things only get harder from here.

Besides many things in mind, followings are the factors that comes foremost and for which we need to get prepared to get the things done our way. At least, I am considering these for sure.

What kind of job do you want to do?

- ♦ Take career assessment tests.
- ♦ Get some counseling from your teachers and seniors.

Do you have work experience?

- ♦ If not chill this is where the internship comes in handy.

Do you know the industry you're going into?

- ♦ Go through websites of various industries.
- ♦ Attend seminars and conferences.

Are your references lined up?

- ♦ Identify a list of people (more than three) whom you think could speak to your abilities and no I'm not talking about your best friends or parents. Be sure to check with each person to confirm that he or she approves of being used as a reference.

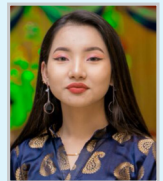
Do you have a solid resume?

- ♦ I remember our marketing lecturer telling us how we have to sell ourselves in the market so make sure your resume is more attractive than you.

Are you taking advantage of available resources?

- ♦ It's the 21st century for God's sake. We have the Internet people. Do your research?

Most importantly don't be hard on yourself. There's no short-cut to success, it can only be achieved through your enthusiasm, will power, self confidence, determination, patience and positive attitude to stand up again after every next fall with new learning from every failure. Things will work out eventually! Ten years down the lane you will look back and wonder why you were even worried.



Sonu Gurung
BBA – 8th Sem.