



Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 Scholarship Recipient!

We received applications from several of our alumnae who have demonstrated excellence in their academic achievements, leadership ability, and participation in extracurricular activities. We would like to thank all our outstanding applicants who took the time and effort to send in their application. It was not an easy task for the Scholarship Selection Committee to select the finalist from this most qualified applicant pool. Our goal is to motivate our student members to shine academically as well as personally, so we truly hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in the years to come. For your convenience, we have also made the scholarship application available online. As always, if there is anything that we can do to help you, please let us know.

We are extremely proud to announce our 2011-2012 MGCAANA Scholar - Dilukshi Fernando. She received a \$250.00 scholarship.

Dilukshi Fernando is a graduate student majoring in plant development genetics (M.Sc.) at University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada. After successfully completing the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination at Mahamaya in 1998, she entered the University of Peradeniya, where she received a Honors First Class in botany. At Mahamaya, she has served as both Assistant Prefect (1995-1996) and Prefect (1996-1997). As a member of the Girl Guide movement, Dilukshi has played in the Girl Guide's band. She has served as President of the School Science Society as well. At the University of Peradeniya, she has received the prize for academic excellence in extracurricular activities in 2004. She has served as Teaching Assistant in botany both at the University of Peradeniya and the Open University of Sri Lanka. Dilukshi received the University of Manitoba International Graduate Student's Entrance Scholarship in 2010. Further, she got the opportunity to attend the 2011 Plant Canada Conference in Halifax through a travel award granted by the Canadian Society for Plant Physiologists. Currently, she also serves as a Teaching Assistant for undergraduate courses, including biology and genetics. Dilukshi aspires to become a lecturer and a researcher in the field of botany. She has a four-year-old daughter.

On behalf of MGCAANA, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Scholarship Selection Committee would like to sincerely congratulate Dilukshi and wish her continued success in her academic and professional pursuits.

Best regards,
Dharshani Nanayakkara
Chairperson, Scholarship Selection Committee