



Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Scholarship Recipients!

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 applicants who took the time and effort to send in their application. 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, if you did not receive a scholarship this year. As always, if there is anything that we can do to help you, please let us know.

We are extremely proud to announce our 2017-2018 MGCAANA Scholars – Anushka Palipana and Charithri Yapa. As this year's MGCAANA scholars, they will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship.

Anushka is pursuing her Ph.D. in Statistics at University of Cincinnati. She graduated from Mahamaya Girls' College in 2010. While at Mahamaya, she was awarded school colors for her all-island performance in swimming in 2007, 2008 and 2009. In 2016, she earned a Special Degree in Statistics with 1st class honors from University of Peradeniya. At University of Cincinnati, Anushka was also awarded "Levine Outstanding Beginning Doctoral Student" award for the 2016-2017 academic year. While pursuing her studies, she is also working as a Teaching Assistant.

Charithri is a Master's student at the University of Manitoba, Canada majoring Electrical and Computer Engineering. She received a First class Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Moratuwa in 2016. She also received the gold medal for the Electrical Engineering Graduated who obtained the highest overall GPA above 3.8 in B.Sc. Engineering examinations. Before moving to Canada, she worked as a Temporary Lecturer at the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Moratuwa and has held several posts in academic and professional bodies at the University as an undergraduate. While at Mahamaya, she passed the G.C.E. Ordinary Level and Advanced Level examinations with outstanding performance, being ranked island 9th in the former. She was a Junior Prefect and a member of the Senior Western Music Choir during her school times. Currently Charithri works as a Research Assistant at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.

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

Best regards,
Vihara Dharmaratne
Chairperson, Selection Committee
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