



MAHAMAYA GIRLS' COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (MGCAANA)

ANNUAL REPORT
2020/2021



Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America (MGCAANA)

The Association

- MGCAANA is a voluntarily led, non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Washington in March, 2005. The association received the federal non-profit organization status retroactively on August 4, 2006.

The Purpose

- To build, foster and promote goodwill and fellowship among former students of Mahamaya Girls' College residing in North America, and individuals closely associated with Mahamaya Girls' College.
- To promote excellence in academic and non-academic activities of current students of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, Sri Lanka



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Steering Committee

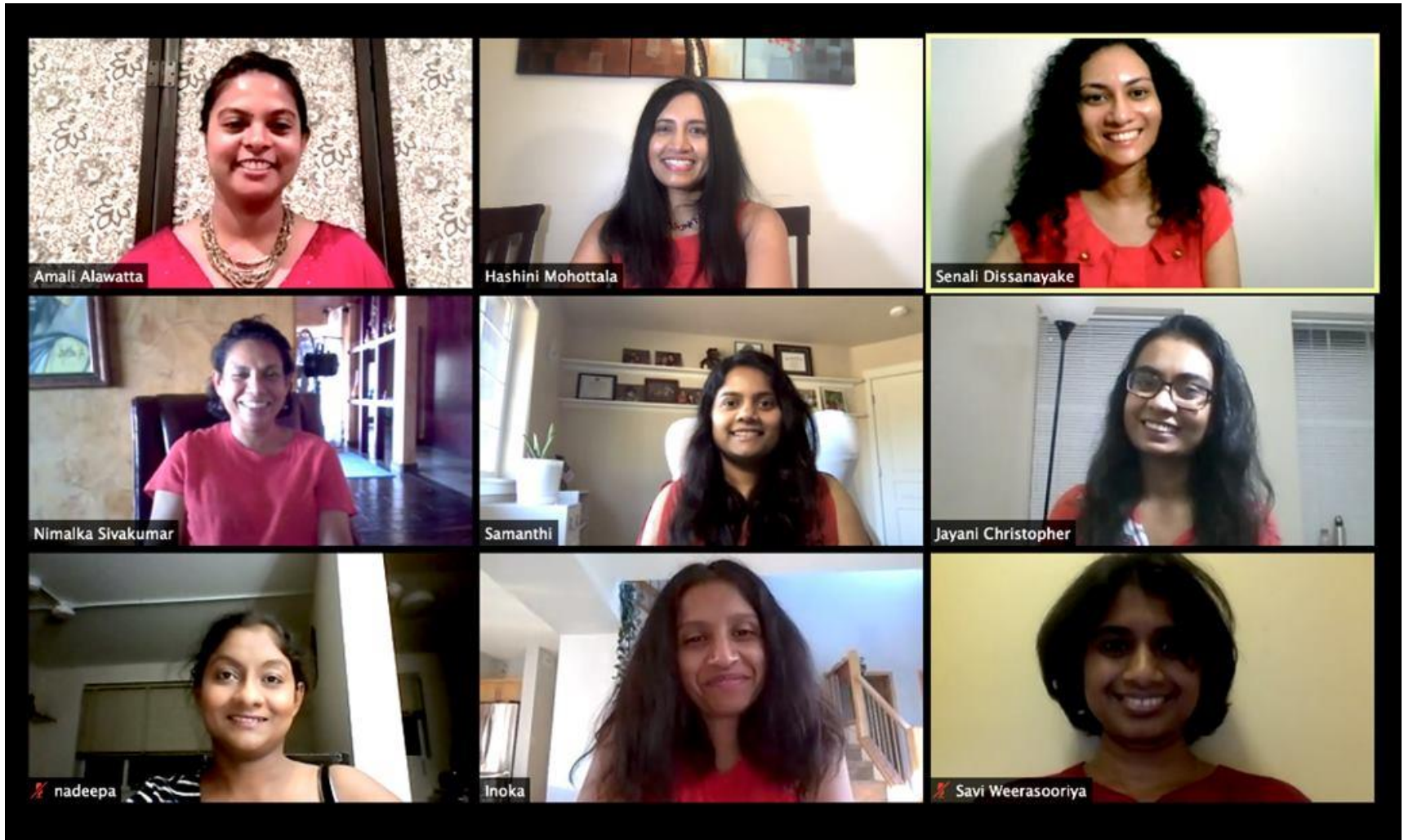
- Neranjika Dissanayake
- Arushi Nugapitiya
- Harshi Waters
- Sujatha Werake

Advisory Board

- Himashinie Diyabalanage
- Geetha Eragoda
- Dharshani Nanayakkara



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Executive Committee 2020/21

- **President** - Amali Alawatta
- **Vice President** - Samanthi Abeyrathne
- **Secretary** - Inoka Amarakoon
- **Treasurer** - Hashini Mohottala
- **Webmaster** - Nadeepa Jayasundara

Board of Directors 2020/2021

- Soranjani Attanayake
- Jayani Christopher
- Senali Dissananyake
- Nimalka Sivakumar
- Savithri Weerasooriya
- Kanchana Jeevanthi Wijekoon



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Other Committees Functioning Under MGCAANA

- Advisory Board
- Endowment Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Membership Drive Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Nanda Pussegoda Leula Memorial Scholarship Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund Committee



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MGCAANA Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Program

- This scholarship is intended to provide the cost of books and material for a single semester for MGCAANA members pursuing undergraduate and graduate studies in the United States and Canada
- The scholarship is awarded to a student demonstrating outstanding academic achievements, leadership ability, participation in extracurricular activities.
- **The scholarship of 300 USD was awarded to Lasangi Dhanapala in 2021.**





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Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF)

- VSTF was initiated in 2009 and is one of the oldest projects carried out by MGCAANA.
- VSTF is a legal trust registered in Sri Lanka and created by MGCAANA. It provides financial aid to economically disadvantaged students at Mahamaya Girls' College.
- In 2018, we reached our initial goal of 20,000 USD. Last year, the goal was increased to 30,000 USD.



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Nanda Pussegoda Leula Memorial Scholarship (NPLMS)

- This project provides financial aid to economically - disadvantaged students at Mahamaya Girls' College as well as to a student-run organization at Mahamaya to perform a community service project, using a personal donation given by Mrs. Leula's daughter Kanthi Leula in memory of her mother, who was a valued alumna of MGCAANA.
- We received a donation of 1100 USD in 2020/2021



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Annual Charity Donations

- A donation of \$100.00 each was made to Project Sweet Peas (USA) and Cancer Care Manitoba (Canada).



Charities were chosen by the BOD of this year. Criteria for choosing a charity can be found in the MGCAANA website.



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Newsletter

- Maya Puwath, MGCAANA's bi-monthly newsletter was published in a timely manner.
- Committee consist of Vihara Dharmaratne, Vajeera Dorabawila, Lilika Molligoda, Berlini Narampanawe, and Samantha Ranaweera.
- **A big thank you to outgoing members Lilika Molligoda and Vajeera Darabawila!**





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Fundraising project 1: Virtual Talent Show

- The first fundraising project, “MGCAANA Virtual Talent Show” was held on the August, 2020.
- It was a great event that showcased lots of talents of the MGCAANA family and friends. We raised **1259 USD**.
- The proceeds were divided among MGCAANA and VSTF.





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Fundraising project 2: Mahamaya Upgrades Fundraiser

- The second fundraising project was to raise funds for upgrades at the Mahamaya Girls' College upon the request of the school principal.
- The fundraising project was a success and raised **3200 USD** and sent to Mahamaya, and the school principal will update MGCAANA on the projects funded.



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Mrs. Werake is transferring the funds to the principal of Mahamaya Girls' College.



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Mahamaya Fundraiser- Thank You!



***"Giving is not just about making a donation, it's
about making a difference."***

Thank you for your generous donations towards Mahamaya Fundraiser! We are
deeply grateful for your support!

With Gratitude
Board of Directors & Ex. Committee
MGCAANA (2020/2021)

Thank You!



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Webinar Series:

- This was implemented to connect Mayans across North America and share passions and information. This was also a way of giving back to the community.
- This project was loved by many, and I wish it a success in years to come.



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We had a great series of presenters: **Thank you!**

JOIN US GUEST SPEAKER WEBINAR

July 12th Sunday, 2020
7pm EST, 6pm CST, 4pm PST
Zoom details sent via email



MINDFULNESS

&
its impact on excelling
day today life

Ven. Nedagamuwe Samitha Thero
Bachelor of Arts
University of Peradeniya, 2015
Master of Theological Studies
Harvard Divinity School, 2018



JOIN US GUEST SPEAKER WEBINAR

August 15th Saturday, 2020
7pm EST/ 6pm CST/ 5pm MST/4pm PST
Zoom details via email



Entrepreneurship

"What does it take to start your own
business?"

Gaya Samarasingha
Founder/ CEO of Kalaia



JOIN US GUEST SPEAKER WEBINAR

September 19th Saturday, 2020
7pm EST/ 6pm CST/ 5pm MST/4pm PST
Zoom details via email



Gratitude and Mental Health

Sugi T Subawickrama

- Licensed Psychotherapist in the states of NY and NJ
- Certified National and International Substance Abuse Professional
- Certified clinical assessor of impaired driving offenders (DWI offenders)
- Private Practitioner (NY)



JOIN US GUEST SPEAKER WEBINAR

October 17th Saturday, 2020
7pm EST/ 6pm CST/ 5pm MST/4pm PST
Zoom details via email



Speech- Language, Voice, Swallowing,
& Cognition:
SLP tips for birth to 100+

Dakshika Bandaranayake
Speech- Language Pathologist
PhD, CCC-SLP (ASHA)





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JOIN US
**GUEST SPEAKER
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November 21st Saturday, 2020
7pm EST/ 6pm CST/ 5pm MST/4pm PST

Zoom details via email



Let's talk life.....

"Have I loved enough?
Have I listened enough?
Have I given enough?"

What would be your answer?

Aruni Marapane (Pilapitiya)

- MSc. Gerontological Studies (Miami Uni. - Ohio)
- Buddhist Chaplain for hospital settings & hospice
- Healing touch practitioner
- Vipassana meditation practitioner
- Grief support group facilitator



JOIN US
**GUEST SPEAKER
WEBINAR**

January 2
7pm EST/ 6pm CST

Zoom details via email



PATHWAYS TO YOUR AMERICAN DREAM

Discussion focused on different pathways to immigrate to the United States of America. Family, employment, business, education, refugee/ asylum, diversity lottery, humanitarian relief, DACA, and fiancé/fiancée visa etc., and basic requirements for these categories.

Harshi M Waters, Esq.



JOIN US
**GUEST SPEAKER
WEBINAR**
April 17th Saturday, 2021
7.30 pm EDT/ 6.30pm CT/ 5.30pm MT/4.30pm PT
Zoom details via email



Dhamma Discussion

Ven. Kurunegoda Dhammaloka Thero

- Chief Advisory Council- Hudson Valley Buddhist Vihara
- Chief Incumbent- CT Buddhist Vihara
- Rajakeeya Pandita, MA
- Yogacharya, Yogashiromini



WEBINAR

h Saturday, 2021
CST/ 5pm MST/4pm PST

via email

JOIN US
**GUEST SPEAKER
WEBINAR**

March 20th Saturday, 2021
7pm EST/ 6pm CST/ 5pm MST/4pm PST

Zoom details via email



Q&A with a Neurologist

K. Sivakumar, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Neurology
-University of Arizona College of Medicine



Financial Strategies for Life

Discussion is based on the financial strategies for different stages of our lives; youth, middle age, and retirement

Anoma Kulathunga

- PhD in International Finance and Development Economics (George Washington University)
- MS Finance (George Washington University)
- MBA (University of Sri J'pura)
- Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions (EFI)
- Global Practice of the World Bank.





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Contacting Members & Membership Renewal

For the Year 2020-2021 the BOD contacted the MGCAANA Membership to:

- Request the members to renew their membership
- Gauge their interest in joining one of the committees, the BOD or to become an Officer in MGCAANA
- Attend the 17th Virtual AGM



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Thank you!

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of 2020/21 wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all our members, their families, and friends for their support to MGCAANA throughout the year, and to those of you who are gathered here to participate in our 17th Virtual AGM.

*Prepared by:
Inoka Amarakoon(Secretary: 2020-21)*