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ASPIRE TO INSPIRE!!!

It is 2:00 a.m., and I have just finished uploading a student's final transcript to the Common App. I cannot help but smile. Another young dream is one step closer to becoming reality. Such moments remind me why career counseling is far more than a profession; it is a privilege.

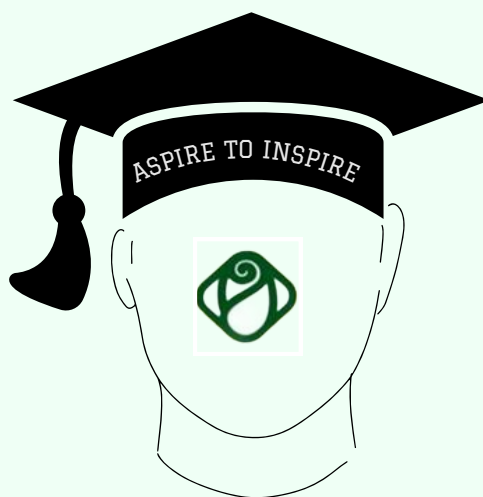
What a remarkable year it has been! Our students have secured admissions to many prestigious universities in India and abroad, pursuing disciplines as varied as Engineering, Medicine, Law, Liberal Arts, Design, Business, Economics, and Creative Media.

No two days as a career counselor are alike. From discussing artificial intelligence to aviation, psychology to marine biology, every conversation introduces me to new possibilities and remarkable young minds.

The countless conversations that helped students discover who they are and who they aspire to become.

Let every dream be pursued with integrity & grace, let every challenge embraced with courage & every success kindle hope in another heart to create a long-lasting legacy.

This newsletter celebrates more than university placements. It chronicles the questions asked, the possibilities explored, the mentors who inspired, the internships that broadened horizons.



My heartfelt gratitude goes to our Management, Principal, Vice-Principal, Coordinators, teachers, parents, alumni, university partners, and industry experts, whose encouragement and collaboration have made these journeys a success.

A shout out to Ms. Akshata Bhole, who paints with design while I write with words. Together, we tell a story Aspire to Inspire!

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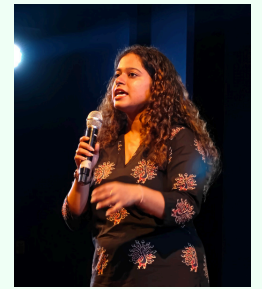
BOARD RESULTS
2025-26

Congratulations to our brilliant students, whose hard work has led to exceptional college placements & prestigious scholarships.
Sonika Singh
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CAREERS CONNECT



SUCCESS STORIES OF STUDENTS!!!

Meaningful journeys begin with curiosity ...

Harshita Prabhu

(School Science stream, Topper)



If I could give one piece of advice to every junior, it would be this: don't feel pressured to have everything figured out from the start. The most meaningful journeys rarely begin with certainty—they begin with curiosity.

Grades XI and XII were much more than just preparing for exams. They were the years when I discovered what truly excited me, challenged myself beyond my comfort zone, and slowly realized that engineering was the path I wanted to pursue.

Being recognized as the Science Topper was a wonderful milestone, but what matters more is - Ask questions. Don't be afraid to fail, as failure teaches you something valuable. Stay consistent, trust the process, and remember that even the smallest efforts add up over time. Your future isn't built in a single day—it's built through the choices you make every day.

OPENING DOORS TO FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

From April to July 2026, the Career Counselling Cell continued its endeavour to broaden students' horizons through a series of engaging workshops, university interactions and alumni sessions. The initiatives exposed students to diverse academic pathways, emerging careers, subject choices and the changing world of work, empowering them to make informed decisions and approach their future with greater clarity, confidence and curiosity.

Liberal Education — 9 April 2026

The Career Counselling Cell organised an insightful session with Ms. Anju Jayraj from Ashoka university on Liberal Education. Students explored the significance of interdisciplinary learning, critical thinking, and broad-based education. The session encouraged them to look beyond conventional career pathways and understand how diverse academic interests can shape meaningful future opportunities.

Alumni Illuminate 13 July 2026

The Alumni Interaction featured Sania Sandalia, Srujan Deshpande and Supratim Dey, who shared diverse career journeys. Sania highlighted opportunities in core engineering, Srujan discussed his journey towards the IIMs and IPMAT, while Supratim spoke about Chartered Accountancy and his remarkable 45-day CA preparation journey.

Global University Opportunities — 12 April 2026

Students attended a Global University Fair at IHCL SeleQtions Blue Diamond, Pune, featuring leading international universities, including Bristol, York, Aberdeen and Liverpool. The event familiarised students with global higher-education opportunities, admission processes, programmes and scholarships, while highlighting the growing accessibility of international education options in India.

Subject Choices & Career Planning — Grade X-XI

Mrs Sonika Singh, School Career Counsellor, conducted insightful sessions for Grade X and XI students in April, June and July 2026. Students explored different streams, subject combinations, and the career implications of each. The sessions emphasised making informed choices based on interests, strengths and aspirations, while introducing students to the wider scope of the Career Counselling Cell.

Future of Work — 20 July 2026

Mr Ritwik Pungaliya conducted an engaging session on the Future of Work, helping students understand how technology, automation and artificial intelligence are transforming careers. The workshop highlighted the importance of adaptability, creativity, critical thinking and continuous learning, encouraging students to prepare not merely for existing careers but for emerging opportunities.

SUCCESS STORIES OF STUDENTS!!!

The Courage to Choose Again!

“Sometimes, when things are falling apart, they may actually be falling into place.”



For a long time, I believed that the path to success was linear. Coming from a commerce background, I chose Mathematics as my optional subject for Grade XI, partly because it was the conventional choice, and partly because I was fascinated by the world of finance, inspired by my sister. However, as the year progressed, I found myself deeply struggling with the subject.

It wasn't an easy realization, but after meaningful conversations with our Vice Principal, Mam, my parents, and my career counselor, I made the conscious and courageous choice to drop it. That decision taught me a profound lesson: letting go of what isn't serving you isn't a failure; it is simply making room for what truly aligns with your soul.

Rama Longani

Commerce student batch 2025 – 26

BA Design at NABA (Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti),
ranked the #1 design academy in Italy and #41 globally

Scholarship Awardee

When I first shared my dream of studying engineering at a top university during my one-to-one counselling session in grade XI, I was shown opportunities. Since I hold U.S. citizenship, a strong SAT score could strengthen my applications to universities in the United States, open doors to premier institutions in India and Singapore, and, in my case, the board results carried significant weight. That conversation changed the way I planned my journey.

Together, my counsellor and I created a clear roadmap centered on excelling.

My Success Mantra

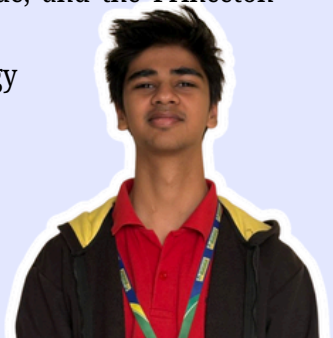
Right guidance, a well-planned strategy, and a clear goal!

I followed a focused two-month study plan using Khan Academy, the Official College Board SAT Study Guide, and the Princeton Review SAT Guide. Consistent practice and refining my test-taking strategy helped me achieve a 1540 SAT Score.

Daanish Ali

Acceptance -

IIIT Hyderabad, ECE, Rank 38 in NIRF



When the Pieces Fell into Place

Ikigai, Alumni Connect & Law



Choosing law wasn't a single decision—it was a journey of discovering myself, made possible by the guidance of the Akshara Career Counseling Cell. The first turning point was the Ikigai sessions, where I reflected on what I love, what I'm good at, what the world needs, and how I could build a meaningful career. These sessions cleared the confusion in my mind and helped me realize that my desire to help others, my attention to detail, and my ability to analyze situations from different

perspectives naturally aligned with the legal profession. The Akshara Alumni Connect Program made this dream feel real. I am especially grateful to Divya Vejendela, my senior at BITS Law School, whose guidance and encouragement gave me the confidence to pursue this path.

Attending the Careers in Law Seminar at Symbiosis was the final piece of the puzzle. Listening to legal experts speak about the profession was an eye-opener and cemented my decision to pursue law.

Looking back, I realized I didn't just choose a career; I discovered where my passion, strengths, and purpose come together. Thank you, Akshara Career Counseling Cell!

Ishika Gokharu Government Law College, Mumbai

SUCCESS STORIES OF STUDENTS!!!

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

Gunvin Arora

Xaviers Mumbai, Mass Communication & Journalism



Growing up, I was always known as the "topper." After Class X, I surprised many by choosing Commerce instead of the Science stream. Over the next two years, I discovered that while I enjoyed Commerce, my true passion lay in Media, Communication, and Journalism. Music, too, remained a constant source of joy throughout my journey.

The turning point came through the interactive counseling sessions with the Akshara Career Counselling Cell. Those conversations helped my parents and me understand my strengths, align our aspirations, and confidently choose a path that truly felt like mine. Here I am, a Commerce topper, studying Mass Media and Journalism, and pursuing my passion for music. Follow your passion!

DISCOVERING MY PATH

Anvi Nigam (Science)



As a Science student, I always knew I loved Mathematics, but I wasn't sure where it could take me. Unlike many students, I never considered engineering the natural choice. I was confused about my career path until Akshara's Bridge Course in Class XI.

During a career awareness session, Ms Singh, our career counsellor, introduced us to Actuarial Science, a niche career that perfectly combines mathematics, finance, and analytical thinking. That one session changed my perspective. With continuous guidance from the Counseling Cell, I explored the field in depth, planned my academic journey, and built a strong profile through academics and meaningful co-curricular experiences.

Today, I am proud to have received offers from leading universities in Australia and Singapore, as well as some of India's top management institutions. Looking back, I realize that discovering the right career was my biggest achievement.

- **Acceptance: IIM Indore - Integrated Program in Management (IPM), secured AIR 39 through the IPMAT exam and subsequent interview process.**
- **Offers:**
- **SMU (Rank 3 in Singapore, top 10% in Asia) - Bachelor of Accountancy**
- **UNSW (Rank 19 in the world & Rank 1 in Australia, QSrankings 2027) - Bachelor of Actuarial Studies/Economics (Data Analytics and Econometrics), with a 20% scholarship for the duration of the course, and a one-time discount.**
- **ANU - Bachelor of Actuarial Science (20% scholarship)**
- **University of Melbourne - Bachelor of Commerce (Actuarial Science Major)**
- **Monash University - Bachelor of Actuarial Science**

OUR PLACEMENTS



Swasti Chaudhary
(Science stream)
Wayne State University,
USA
Computer Science
Engineering
Scholarship Awardee

Our Career Counseling Cell offers end-to-end overseas admissions guidance, empowering students to make informed decisions through personalized profile building, university and course selection, application planning, essay mentoring, Letters of Recommendation, scholarship support, and interview preparation. A big thank you to Vice Principal Mrs. Sowjanya Yepuri for her support and seamless application management.

We are very proud and delighted to share our Overseas placements for the year 2026



Risha Singh
(Humanities stream)
Offers:
University of Nottingham
(UK ranking 17)
Law program
Acceptance:
Symbiosis Law School,
Pune



Yash Mittal
(Commerce Stream)
University Of British Columbia
Bachelor of International
Economics
Ranked 22nd for Economics
(QS rankings 2027)



Mihika Parikh
(Science stream)
Offers: NTU, Singapore, Bachelor of Psychology
Ranked 12th in the world
University of California, Irvine, USA(Rank 32)
Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Sciences
University of California, LA , US (Rank 17)
Acceptance: Ashoka, India

Abhyuday Swami (Humanities)
Acceptance - B.A. LL.B. (Honours), Symbiosis Law
School, Pune & BITS Law School, Mumbai
Special Mention - BITS Law School, Mumbai
Tuition fee waiver 50 % , Merit based



Jay Chikte (Humanities)
B.des
BITS Design School- Kalyan
Special mention
-25% scholarship on tuition



Anjana G Pillai
(Humanities)
B.A.
English and Foreign Languages
University (EFLU)

OUR PLACEMENTS



Ishan Godbole
IIFT,
ANDHRA

Rishabh Patil
(Commerce)
Acceptance -BBA
Business Analytics,
Gokhale Institute of
Politics and Economics,
Christ University
Main Campus,
A paid internship at TVS
Marketing Agency



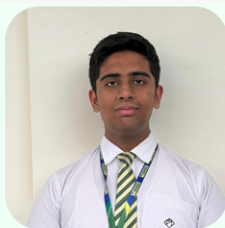
Arnav Sinha
(Commerce)
Acceptance - BSc Economics with Data Science,
Gokhale Institute
OFFERS:
Christ Uni, Symbiosis school of Economics,
NMIMS Mumbai,
for Bsc Economics/BBA Fintech



Sujal Mane
(Commerce)
IIM, Indore



Sae Nayan Awale
(Commerce)
UID, Gandhinagar
Bachelor of Design



Shreyansh Misra (Science)
Acceptance-
Vellore Institute of Technology,
Chennai
Bachelor of Technology, Computer
Science and Engineering with
specialization in Cybersecurity
SpecialMention -
VIT - Category 1 fee Scholarship,
6849 rank
Cleared Telangana Engineering Exam
with 1878 rank



RISHIT SINGH
(Science)
Computer Science
SRM, CHENNAI



Sai Shridhar Vidwans
(Humanities)
BA. Psychology+English
Literature ,
Sophia Women's College
Mumbai, Established in
1940, Rank 24

Lavanya Puranik
(Commerce)
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Arnav Umap (Commerce)
Offers: BBA (Fintech), NMIMS NIRF 2024, Rank 21
Sri Venkateshwara ,Delhi University

SUCCESS STORIES OF STUDENTS!!!

DETERMINED GOALS CAN TAKE YOU PLACES!

Hema Kaushik (School topper, Humanities)

**BA - Double Major - Psychology, English , Honors with Research Christ,
Central Campus, Bangalore**



Be relentlessly obsessed with your goal and the future you envision for yourself. You are, in many ways, the sum of the people you surround yourself with. Give it everything you have. The pain of regret lasts much longer than the discomfort of discipline and consistent hard work.

Give it everything you have. There will be days when progress feels invisible, when the journey seems exhausting, and when giving up appears easier than carrying on. Keep going. Growth rarely announces itself; it happens quietly, through the small choices you make every single day.

As Viktor Frankl wrote: "Don't aim at success. For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued; it must ensue as the unintended side effect of one's personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself."

FROM DREAMS TO DESTINATION

Rishan Gaikwad (Science)

**Acceptance - University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
World Ranking 2 in Computer Science and Engineering**

Offers: Georgia Tech University Rank 3,

UC San Diego, Wisconsin, Arizona State,

Rutgers & UC Davis Computer Science Engineering

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE: UIUC, UW, MADISON, UCSD, GT, ASU



I have always dreamed of studying engineering in the USA, and had some idea how to get there. There was a structured career awareness path. The group session on profile building in class IX was tremendously helpful.

In Grade X, the group subject selection group session and later the interactive session with our Vice Principal, Ms. Sowjanya Yepuri, helped me make informed choices. In class XI, while in the IMPACT program, interest surveys, Ikigai sessions, and personalized guidance internships gave me clarity about my strengths and aspirations.

With continuous guidance from the career cell and parents, I built a strong profile through internships, leadership roles, and co-curricular activities. I scored 1550 on the SAT, earned extraordinary results on my 9 AP exams, and refined my Common App essays through multiple drafts. I got accepted to 9 colleges in the USA with scholarships.

Looking back, I realize that every counseling session, alumni and industry connect workshops, internships, and conversations shaped my journey. Akshara didn't just prepare my university application—it helped me discover my potential and build the confidence to pursue my dreams. And I must add, I didn't take an external counsellor!

ALUMNI CONNECT !!!

FROM VIT TO IIT: MY LOVE FOR CORE ENGINEERING



My journey from Vellore Institute of Technology, where I pursued Chemical Engineering, to pursuing my M.Tech in Materials Science at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, has deepened my conviction in the value of core engineering and its real-world impact. Chemical Engineering fascinated me for its unique ability to integrate thermodynamics, transport phenomena, reaction engineering, and process design to solve large-scale industrial and environmental challenges and that same fascination now draws me toward the materials that make those processes possible.

During my undergraduate years, I developed a strong interest in process simulation, mass and energy balance analysis, and chemical reaction kinetics. I particularly enjoyed working on problems involving separation processes such as distillation and adsorption, where theoretical concepts translate directly into industrial applications. My exposure to tools like process flow diagram (PFD) development and basic process modelling strengthened my analytical thinking and problem-solving skills. This hands-on curiosity extended beyond the classroom, I hold two patents from work during this period, and served as chairperson of the VIT chapter of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChE), where I got to translate technical interest into leadership and community-building among peers.

At IIT Kanpur, my M.Tech in Materials Science has let me shift focus toward the microstructural and compositional side of the same engineering problems I loved as an undergraduate, how material properties, processing routes, and structure-property relationships determine whether a process design actually works at scale. I'm especially drawn to sustainable and energy-efficient materials, and to how better material choices can make the chemical processes I once studied cleaner and more efficient. The rigorous academic environment here has sharpened my ability to approach complex engineering problems with both depth and precision.

My years at Akshara International School remain among the most cherished chapters of my life. The school gave me the confidence to explore, question, and dream beyond conventional paths, laying the foundation for my curiosity in science and engineering. Today, as I pursue advanced studies at IIT Kanpur, I realise that choosing core engineering was never just an academic decision — it was a commitment to understanding and improving the materials and processes that shape modern industry. My passion for core engineering continues to grow stronger with every new concept I learn and every problem I solve.

Sanya Sandilya

THE APPRECIATION BOARD

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Vice Principal and School for supporting Rishan's university admissions journey.

Special thanks to Mrs. Sonika Singh for her extraordinary four-year mentorship, which helped him clear nine AP exams and secure top admissions. Thanks to the faculty's dedicated guidance and recommendations, Rishan will pursue Computer Science at UIUC.

Warm Regards,
Sanjay Gaikwad
Parent Of Rishaan Gaikwad

As Rama prepares to join NABA Milan, I want to express my gratitude for her journey.

Facing immense Grade XI pressure, particularly in Mathematics, Rama found crucial guidance through Vice Principal Ms. Sowjanya Yepuri and counselor Ms. Sonika Singh. Their empathetic support helped us drop Mathematics, refocus her energy on design, build resilience, and ultimately secure her admission.

Warmly,
Sonal Longani
Parent of Rama Longani

I sincerely thank you, the faculty, and the counselling cell for guiding my daughter, Anavi Nigam, since Grade 8.

Special thanks to the career cell for invaluable college mentorship, form-filling assistance, and recommendation support. Thanks to this guidance, Anavi secured multiple top international and national offers, and has ultimately decided to join IIM Indore.

Regards,

Warm Regards,
Amit Nigam
Parent of Anavi Nigam

Dear Akshara Team,
Choosing the right school and stream after Grade 10 felt daunting, especially transitioning Gunvin into Commerce. From day one, Akshara felt like home. Thanks to the Vice Principal, counsellor and to all the teachers reassuring guidance, we chose trust over fear.

Seeing Gunvin graduate as the Commerce topper and confidently step into Mass Communication proves we made the right choice. Thank you for nurturing her unique path.

Warm regards,
Pooja & Deepak Arora
Parents of Gunvin Arora