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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second issue of “Prathibha”, the newsletter of the Student Affairs Division of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. The first issue of Prathibha was well received. We are grateful to our staff and students who provided us with articles and gave us feedback.

Prathibha highlights the achievements of our students in sports, music and the performing arts, literature, social service, and other extracurricular activities. The newsletter will continue to showcase the talents of our students to the whole faculty as well as the university.

We are facing an unprecedented economic challenge as a country and times are difficult for everyone. Nevertheless, we hope our students and staff will continue to pursue extra-curricular activities in whatever way possible since such activities will contribute to much-needed mental and physical relaxation and stability during this turbulent period.

If you would like to contribute information about a student activity to this newsletter, please email us at medsad@kln.ac.lk or shamiladp@kln.ac.lk.

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The Journey of “Carlo Rachitha Gee – Weda Sisu Hadin”

Written by Evin Gamage

Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya is one of the leading medical faculties in Sri Lanka celebrating its 30th Anniversary in 2021. Among the many events organized in parallel to the 30th Anniversary, the Finale Event – “Carlo Rachitha Gee – Weda Sisu Hadin” was a glamorous event that paid tribute to the founder Dean of the Faculty, Prof Carlo Fonseka.

Prof. Carlo Fonseka is a renowned personality not only in medicine but also in medical teaching, research, art, literature, politics and administration. The contribution made by this eminent figure toward the field of Art as a literary critic, a lyricist, and as a composer are truly remarkable. The bond between Prof Carlo and the Faculty of Medicine, Ragama is inseparable and unique.

The story of the show “Carlo Rachitha Gee-Weda Sisu Hadin” goes back to July 2021

when Prof. Anurudhdhi Edirisinghe came up with the concept of paying tribute to our Founder Dean with songs penned by him. Preparation for the event began with by Mr K. A. K. Kodithuwakku, Coordinator of the Cultural Center, and Evin Gamage, President of the Art Society of the Faculty of Medicine, who took on the responsibility of coordination and production of the event.

Subsequently, research for songs written by Prof. Carlo started. The original tracks were found with the help of The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. Then the students along with Prof. Edirisinghe and Mr. Kodithuwakku had several discussions to choose the most fitting songs for the event. Discussions were carried out with the family of Prof Carlo and the original artists to obtain permission to use the songs and for the possibly doing some alterations to the songs.

The orchestra was formed under the leadership of Dr. Ravindu Pieris. Owing to the strict COVID-19 guidelines the initial practices and musical notation preparations were done online.

The orchestra and the choir consisted entirely of graduate doctors and current students from MBBS and SHS Batches of the faculty. On-site practices for the event started in January adhering to prevalent COVID-19 guidelines. Most practices were held during the weekends as it was convenient for participating students and doctors. Practice sessions were exciting as it was an opportunity for the students to get together and do something they were passionate about. Due to the pandemic, there had been a long pause in extracurricular activities in the faculty and this was a great opportunity for past and present students to showcase their talent and strengthen bonds between them. The orchestra consisted of 4 guitarists, 4 violinists, 1 saxophonist, 1 drummer, 1 percussionist, and 3 keyboard players. The choir consisted of 33 vocalists led by the Choir Master Vishan Lahiru Palliyaralalage. Dance performances were by students of the faculty and choreography was arranged by Vishan Lahiru Palliyaralalage.

Since our focus was paying tribute to Prof. Fonseka, we decided to create a new song as well. Prof Darshana Rathnayake wrote the lyrics for the song “Mahaduru Carlo” and music composition was done by Jishal Avishka Gnanarathna. Prof. Anurudhdhi Edirisinghe suggested that we make two new symphonies as well, to make the event more colorful. This challenge was taken up by Dr. Ravindu Pieris and Jishal Gnanarathna who came up with two marvelous musical creations, much admired and commended by many. The seven chosen songs written by Prof. Carlo were also modulated with permission by adding various vocal and instrumental pieces to spice them up.







The event preparations were done along with the 30th Anniversary Committee which was led by Minura Laksith. With the COVID-19 regulations as well as the prevailing weather conditions we had to make several changes and finally 25th of March was decided as the best day for the event. A live broadcast of the event via YouTube was also planned. Many changes were done to the stage setting of the Main Examination Hall to make the event more vibrant. Students also made digital animations for the two LED panels which were a visual treat for the audience.



The participation of many eminent figures in the field of art and music was a new experience for the faculty. Visharadha Sunil Edirisinghe, Visharadha Edward Jayakody, and Ms Subhani Amaradeva (on behalf of Pandith Amaradeva) sang along with our choir and orchestra. They talked of their experiences and memories of Prof Carlo Fonseka, too. Dr Rohana Weerasinghe guided the students during practice sessions. Prof Sunil Ariyaratne delivered a critique on Prof Carlo Fonseka's work which was one of the most enjoyable sessions of the day. The event was magnificently conducted with much musical and academic nobility. There were many distinguished figures present such as Senior Prof Janaki Hewavisenthi, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof Kapila Gunathilake, Secretary, Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Prof Sudath Kalingamudali, Dean, Faculty of Science,



Mr. K. K. Dharmathilake, Registrar, University of Kelaniya and Mrs Carlo Fonseka and family. Many consultants and eminent professionals in the field of Medicine, past and present academics, past and present students, and well-wishers of the faculty graced the occasion. The event was a massive success and was indeed a true tribute to Prof. Carlo Fonseka.





This musical show was also highlighted on “Irida Ayubowan” on Jathika Rupavahini on 3rd April 2022 when a live discussion was held on “Carlo Rachitha Gee, The Medical Profession and Art”. Prof. Anurudhdhi Edirisinghe, Dr. Ravindu Pieris, Evin Gamage, and Vishan Lahiru Palliyaralalage participated in this discussion.

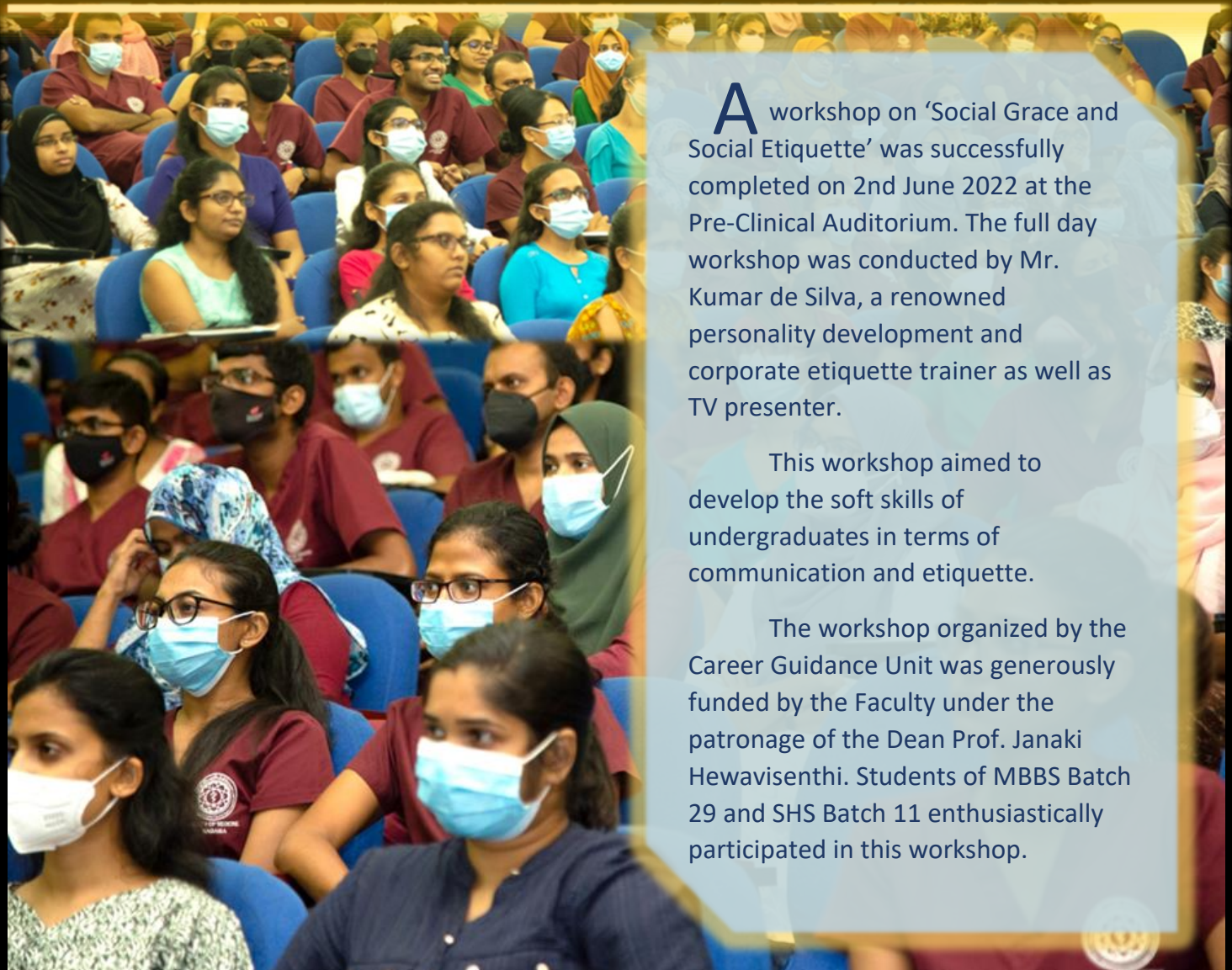
The journey of “Carlo Rachitha Gee – Weda Sisu Hadin” was a massive collective effort. The constant motivation, support, and guidance provided by Prof. Anurudhdhi Edirisinghe throughout a period of almost ten months was the strongest pillar of this event. The immense support given by the administration of the Faculty of Medicine amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and various other obstacles is highly appreciated.

The Faculty of Medicine celebrated the 30th Anniversary in a grand manner and the finale event, “Carlo Rachitha Gee – Weda Sisu Hadin” established a mark in the history of the faculty as one of the most colorful, musical, and magnificent tribute ever made to our dearest humanitarian founder Dean Prof. Carlo Fonseka.





Workshop on Social Grace and Social Etiquette



A workshop on 'Social Grace and Social Etiquette' was successfully completed on 2nd June 2022 at the Pre-Clinical Auditorium. The full day workshop was conducted by Mr. Kumar de Silva, a renowned personality development and corporate etiquette trainer as well as TV presenter.

This workshop aimed to develop the soft skills of undergraduates in terms of communication and etiquette.

The workshop organized by the Career Guidance Unit was generously funded by the Faculty under the patronage of the Dean Prof. Janaki Hewavisenthi. Students of MBBS Batch 29 and SHS Batch 11 enthusiastically participated in this workshop.

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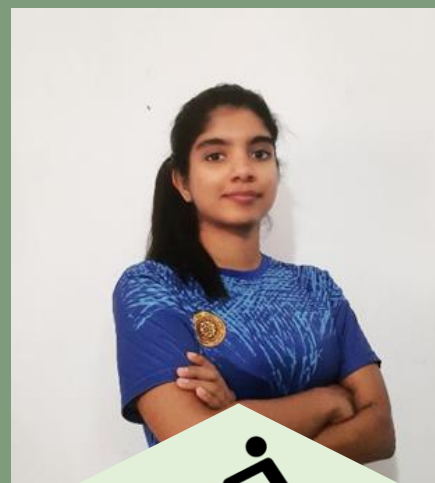
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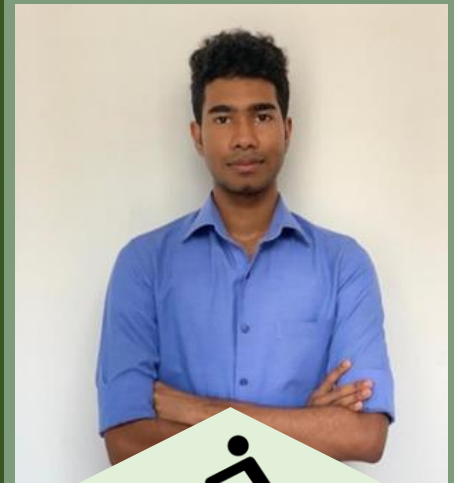
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SPEECH COMPETITION

The Women's Committee of National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka conducted a Speech Competition under the tagline 'Make Sports a Safe Zone', to mark the International Women's Day 2021. The competition was open to all.

Ayeshan Abeywardena, a student from the 30th Batch of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, was placed runner-up in the competition.



Ayeshan Abeywardena

"Make Sports a Safe Zone"

**Speech Competition Conducted by
 The Women's Committee of NOC Sri Lanka**

FISU VOLUNTEER LEADERS ACADEMY



Kaveendra Pathirage is a student of the 28th batch of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He participated at the FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy 2021 as a NUSF representative. He was the Captain of the Men's Tennis Team of the University of Kelaniya (2019/2020). He is also a Bronze medalist at the 2019 Sri Lanka University Games and Inter-University Tennis Championship in 2018. He is a three-time University Colours holder and has received the best performance award for Men's Tennis in the University. He represented the University of Kelaniya at the 12th UiTM International Sports Fiesta held in Malaysia. FISU volunteer leaders' academy 2021 was held as a series of virtual sessions with the participation of all FISU member nations this year.

The International University Day celebrations was a glamorous event with many events, including the article challenge, football juggling challenge and IDUS sports quiz 2021. IDUS 2021 held as a virtual session was attended by over 700 participants. The panel discussion moderated by Kaveendra with elite panelists in the calibre of Prof. Peiris, Mr. Dian Gomez and Mr. Jehan Mubarak took the spotlight in the celebrations. This year the IDUS team in collaboration with Sri Lanka University Sports Association unveiled their latest initiative "SLUSA Magazine 2021".



The recently concluded WESPA (World English Language Scrabble Players Association) Championship 2021 was held from the 20th of November to the 5th of December 2021. WESPAC witnesses the participation of top players from member countries. This year the tournament was hosted by Pakistan and, owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, was conducted online. 120 participants from more than 25 countries qualified to play based on a quota system offered to each country, after which the national association decided on who qualified to represent the country.

Janidu Karunarathne, a student from the 30th Batch of the Faculty of Medicine, and the 9th highest rated player in the country, qualified to represent Sri Lanka along with 5 others. Amidst fierce competition battled over 32 games, he was placed 81st at this year's world championship.



SCRABBLE

Edify 2021-WINNER!



Her articles are currently published in international disability magazine "Imagine the world as one".

Edify 2021, inter-university article competition, was organized by Department of Industrial Management, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, parallel to the launch

of Most Outstanding University Business Magazine "Exposition - issue 17". The event was graced by an audience of many successful entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka.

Nethra Theekshanari Silva, a 3rd Year Speech and Hearing Sciences undergraduate of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, was the winner of Edify 2021 inter-university article competition.

Her article "Establishing equity and accessibility in entrepreneurship" was published in "Exposition" business magazine and blog. Nethra is a past pupil of Holy Cross College, Gampaha and has won many awards as a writer.



Debate at the Annual Academic Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Psychiatrists

A group of students from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya competed at the first ever debate of medical students conducted as part of the Annual Academic Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Psychiatrists 2021. They were the proposing team and the title was "Physician-assisted suicide should be legalized in Sri Lanka". They lost the debate by a close margin but their efforts and performances were appreciated by everyone.

The team comprised of -

Bawantha Abeygunawardane - Captain

Udaaran Selvaratnam

Sithiji De Silva

Ruveesha Fernando

Nilupul Rupasinghe

Ayeshan Abeywardena

Savindi Jayarathne



Faculty Excellence Awards 2020/2021

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya which pioneered a formal programme to recognize and reward excellence among its undergraduates and staff among state universities in Sri Lanka, held the fifth annual Faculty Excellence Awards 2020/21 on 25th April 2022 at the Main Auditorium of the Faculty of Medicine. This awards ceremony is held to recognize and reward highly motivated students who show outstanding abilities in both the academic sphere and in extracurricular activities, as well as recognize the commitment, passion and innovation of the teachers and non-academic staff of the faculty.



distributed the awards and certificates to the winners. The event was also attended by the Registrar, University of Kelaniya, of the faculty. Mr K. Dharmatilake, along with academic and non-academic staff of the University as well as students of the faculty.

Students who excelled at their relevant examinations from the MBBS and BSc Speech and Hearing Sciences programmes were named to

the Dean's List while students who performed extremely well in their academics as in as extra-curricular activities were recognized with Faculty Awards.

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, recognizes outstanding students and staff

The awards ceremony was graced by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Kelaniya, Senior Professor Nilanthi De Silva, who along with the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Senior Professor Janaki Hewavisenthi,

Students who showed outstanding performance in extra-curricular activities during their time at the faculty were awarded with Faculty Extra-Curricular Activities Tributes (FEAT).





Teaching Excellence Awards were given in recognition of academic staff from the MBBS and

BSc Speech and Hearing Sciences programmes who excelled in teaching in small and large group settings, student mentorship, student research and clinical supervision.

Extended faculty members who supervise students from the MBBS

programme during their third and fourth year clinical appointments were recognized for their

contributions for the first time during this year's awards ceremony. Non-academic staff from four different categories were also awarded with Faculty Excellence Awards in recognition of their outstanding contributions to faculty activities.



AWARDS

DEAN'S LIST 2020/2021

MBBS Programme

For outstanding achievement in the final examination of the MBBS programme

Dr V.T.Martin
 Dr D.P.S. Govinnage
 Dr P.H.K. Thilakarathna
 Dr P.G.M.Wickramarathna

For outstanding achievement in the second examination of the MBBS programme

Ms. B.S.C. Cooray
 Ms. S.A.T.M. Solangaarachchi
 Ms A.M.S.G. Weerasinghe

For outstanding achievements in the first examination of the MBBS programme

Mr. M.Y.S. Ahamed
 Ms. T.A. De Silva
 Ms. L.C.D. Peiris
 Ms. K. Prabagar
 Ms. R.A. Premaratna
 Ms. K.G.S.S. Amarasinghe
 Ms. V.C. Boralugoda
 Mr. Y.K.S. Paravavithana
 Ms. G.B.L.S. Perera
 Ms. P.I. Seneviratne
 Ms. R.N.H. Wickramasingha

BSc SHS Programme

For outstanding academic achievement in the final year of the BSc SHS programme

Ms. G.V. Prabodani
 Ms. J.A.M.B. Xavier
 Ms. R.M.L.C. Ranathunga
 Ms. M.A.T. Umesha
 Ms. R.P.R.K. Wijethunga
 Ms. T.A.I. Peiris
 Ms. W.K.D.S.Y. Adikararam
 Ms. W.A.A.D.K. Ariyasena

For outstanding academic achievements in the 3rd year
 Mr. S.N. Ginigaddara

For outstanding academic achievements in the 2nd year

Ms. T. Farook
 Ms. W.M.A.G.A.S. Amarasinghe
 Ms. A.M.N.L. Ampemohotti
 Ms. T.A.P. De Za
 Ms. S.A.H.D. Jayathilake
 Ms. J.K.S.T. Kumarasinghe
 Ms. R.W.S. Madhushani
 Ms. A.M.F. Nawshidha
 Ms. R.P.H. Omega
 Ms. H.A.R. Pushpakumari

For outstanding academic achievements in the 1st year

Ms. A.A.S.H. Amarasinghe
 Ms. D.M.D.I. Dissanayake
 Ms. L.P.D.S. Imeshika
 Ms. L.P.A. Jayathilaka
 Ms. S.A.K.P. Gunasekara
 Mr. Y.V.D. Karunathilaka
 Ms. R.P.M.M. Pathirana
 Ms. A.N.T. Silva
 Ms. M.I.F. Asfa
 Mr. I.J. Clifton
 Ms. S.K.P. Kavindya
 Ms. M.N.F. Nalra
 Ms. M.D.J. Pieris

AWARDS

DEAN'S LIST 2020/2021

Faculty Awards for Students – MBBS/BSc SHS Degree Programme

Dr. J.P.D.S. Jayaratne

Dr. J.A.K.H. Jayaweera

Mr. W.M.K. Chathinthaka

Ms. S.P.N. Ekanayaka

Faculty Extra-Curricular Achievement Tribute (FEAT) Awards for Students – MBBS/BSc SHS Degrees Programme

Dr. J.P.D.S. Jayaratne

Dr. J.A.K.H. Jayaweera

Mr. D.M.C.B. Dissanayake

Ms. B.S.C. Cooray



AWARDS

Teaching Excellence Awards 2020/2021

MBBS Programme

Awards for Excellence in Teaching

For Excellence in Teaching Students in Phase 1 of the MBBS programme

Dr. Y.S. Wijayasinghe

Prof. V. Abeysuriya

For Excellence in Teaching Students in Phase 2 of the MBBS programme

Prof. I.D.G. Kitulwatte

Dr. S. Withana

For Excellence in Teaching Students in Phase 3 of the MBBS programme

Prof. P. Perera

Prof. R. Fernando

Awards for Excellence in Student Research Supervision

Dr. K.N. Perera

Dr. D. Karunaratne

Awards for Excellence in Student Mentorship

Excellence in student Mentorship
- Phase 1 MBBS programme

Dr. S.A.S.R. Siriwardana

Dr. R.M.S.L. Ranaweera

Excellence in student Mentorship
- Phase 2 MBBS programme

Dr. S. Withana

Prof. P.A.S. Edirisinghe

Excellence in student Mentorship
- Phase 3 MBBS programme

Prof. R. Fernando

Dr. P.M.Y. I. Thilakarathne

Awards for Teaching Excellence Extended Faculty – Clinical Supervision

Medicine and related discipline

– Dr. A.A.D.S. Amarasekara

Surgery and related discipline

– Dr. D.T. Gunasena

Obstetrics and Gynecology

– Professor S. Sivasumithran

Paediatrics

– Dr. M. Panapitiya

Other (Psychiatry)

– Dr. A. Abeysinghe

AWARDS

Teaching Excellence Awards 2020/2021

BSc SHS Programme

Awards for Excellence in Teaching

For Excellence in Teaching Year 1 (Core)

Dr. S. Hettiarachchi

For Excellence in Teaching Year 2nd & 3rd year students (Speech and Language Therapy)

Dr. R.M.S.P. Rathnayake

For Excellence in Teaching Year 2nd & 3rd year students (Audiology)

Ms. L.D. Ileperuma

For Excellence in Teaching Year 2nd, 3rd and 4th year (core) students

Dr. R.M.S.P. Rathnayake

Awards for Excellence in Student Research Supervision

Awards for Excellence in Student Research Supervision (BSc. SHS)

Ms. D. De Silva

Awards for Excellence in Student Mentorship

Excellence in student Mentorship in the BSc Speech and Hearing Sciences Programme (Speech and Language Therapy)

Dr. R.M.S.P. Rathnayake

Excellence in student Mentorship in the BSc Speech and Hearing Sciences Programme (Audiology)

Ms. L.K.E. Chathurika

Awards for Excellence in Clinical Supervision (BSc. SHS)

Awards for Excellence in Clinical Supervision (BSc. SHS)

Internal- Speech and Language Therapy

- Dr. N. Muttiah

Internal- Audiology

- Ms. B.N. Jayasena

External- Speech and Language Therapy

- Ms. M.K. Bandara

External- Audiology

- Ms. S. Nanayakkara

- Ms. A. Nazeer

AWARDS

Faculty Excellence Awards for Non-Academic Staff Members 2020/2021

Category 01

Category 1-Technical Officer/ Audio
Visual Technical Officer

Mr. W.M.K.E.B. Wasala

Category 03

Category 3 – Laboratory Assistant/
Electrician/ Plumber/ Mason/
Carpenter

Mr. I.B. Abeykoon

Category 02

Category 2 – Management Assistant/
Works Department Engineer / Public
Health Inspector/ Library Information
Assistant

Mrs. N. Padmakumari

Category 04

Category 4 – Works Aid/ Library
Assistant/ Driver/ Driving Assistant/
Post-mortem Labourer/ Health
Services Labourer

Ms. L.M.D.T. Thilakasiri

