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#### TO DR. SUDATH RANNULU, MD and the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation

"As someone who has spent a lifetime honoring tradition and innovation, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to you my dear friend, Dr. Rannulu, on this momentous occasion—and to all those continuing the proud legacy of **Royal College, Sri** Lanka.

The commitment to education, leadership, and giving back to your alma mater is a shining example of what it means to build something meaningful and lasting.

On behalf of myself and all of us at Formaggio, I am honored to support the **29th Annual Royal Charity Ball** and the powerful mission it upholds—Excellence through Education.

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April 26, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we gather today under a festive atmosphere at the Royal Manor in New Jersey, it is my honor and privilege, as President of the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation, to welcome each and every one of you.

Over the years, Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation has made invaluable contributions to education, healthcare, disaster relief, and community development in Sri Lanka and the United States. We executed several projects with generous contributions from community sponsors, which included supporting numerous soup kitchens in New York & New Jersey.

Under the visionary concept "stimulate the brain", we are fostering academic excellence and global connectivity by establishing a state-ofthe-art smart conference room at our alma mater, thereby assuring future academic and professional leadership of Royalists.

I would like to thank the executive committee, past presidents, all alumni, our generous sponsors, and all of you who grace us annually with your presence on this occasion.

Tonight, we celebrate more than an event. We honor a legacy - our alma mater, Royal College, established in 1835 and often referred to as "Eton of Sri Lanka", which has nurtured brilliance, resilience, and camaraderie.

Have a Right Royal Ball!

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*Sudath Rannulu, M.D.* President

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## College Song

#### School of Our Fathers – Maj. H.L. Reed

Thy spirit first to life awoke In eighteen hundred and thirty five Beneath the sway of Marsh and Boake Thenceforth did lanka's learning thrive

#### Refrain :

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> Within thy shade our fathers trod The path that leads to man's estate; They have repaid the debt they owed; They kept thy fame inviolate.

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#### Message from the Principal of Royal College

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I extend my warmest wishes to the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF) on the occasion of the 29th Royal Charity Ball. This annual event not only brings together the global Royalist community but also continues to serve as a vital platform that supports the outstanding philanthropic initiatives of the foundation.

As the newly appointed Principal of Royal College, I have come to learn of the remarkable contributions of RCOBECF through conversations with my predecessor and many dedicated Old Boys. It has been truly inspiring to witness the impact your generosity has had—not only within the walls of Royal College but also in the lives of countless individuals across the country.

Since its inception in 1993, RCOBECF has remained a pillar of service and commitment. From supporting infrastructure development and promoting academic and sporting excellence to extending aid to underprivileged communities, your efforts have left an indelible mark. The Smart Conference Room and the newly refurbished sports room for aquatics at the Swimming Pool Complex are just two recent examples that stand as proud testaments to your support.

Your work beyond College is equally commendable—from uplifting less privileged schools and communities, supporting plantation workers with housing, and providing critical healthcare assistance through projects like the nurses' quarters at IDH during the COVID-19 pandemic, to key restorations and developments such as the new Tennis Complex, the Scout Room, and the Rugby Complex Pavilion in honour of the great Summa Navaratnam.

The Royal Charity Ball is a celebration of these invaluable contributions. It is an occasion where Old Royalists from near and far come together to honour the past, support the present, and build the future.

On behalf of the students, staff, and the entire Royal College fraternity, I express my heartfelt appreciation to RCOBECF for your continued loyalty and generosity to our alma mater.

May this year's event be a great success, further strengthening the bonds of fellowship and continuing the proud Royalist tradition of giving back to society.

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### Investing in Minds: The Refurbished Chess Room

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#### The DINI International Chess Championship 2024

The inaugural DINI International Chess Championship 2024, sponsored by DINI Communications Inc USA, concluded successfully in July 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The tournament was organized by the Royal College Chess Club. India's International Master (IM) Kundu Subhayan won the Open Championship. In the Women's Championship, Sri Lanka's Woman Candidate Master (WCM) K M Dahamdi Sanudula claimed the title. The tournament saw participation from players all over the world, including several Grandmasters.

Key highlights:

- · Event: Inaugural DINI International Chess Championship 2024
- · Sponsor: DINI Communications Inc USA
- · Organizer: Royal College Chess Club
- Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Date: July 2024
- · Open Championship Winner: IM Kundu Subhayan (India)
- · Women's Championship Winner: WCM K M Dahamdi Sanudula (Sri Lanka)
- · Participation: Included Grandmasters from around the world.





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#### **Tribute to**

#### **Driving Force Behind RCOBECF's Success Over the Years**

We, the Royalists, extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our active Past Presidents of RCOBECF for your unwavering dedication and continued support. Even beyond your tenure, your commitment to our mission has played a vital role in shaping the success and legacy of our organization.

Your leadership, vision, and willingness to stay engaged have been instrumental in maintaining the strength and unity of our community. We are especially thankful to those who have graciously opened their homes to host meetings, fostering a spirit of camaraderie, collaboration, and belonging among us all.

A special tribute goes out to our long-serving and ever-active Past President. Your tireless dedication and exemplary leadership continue to inspire and guide us, and we are deeply grateful for your enduring service.

We also wish to acknowledge another Past President whose support has extended beyond leadership, through generous hospitality offered to the musical group from Sri Lanka over the years. By warmly welcoming them into your home and ensuring their comfort, you not only helped conserve valuable resources but also added a personal and memorable touch to their experience. Your kindness and generosity have left a lasting impression.

Finally, to all past and present committee members, thank you. Your commitment, passion, and hard work continue to ensure that RCOBECF remains a strong, connected, and thriving organization.

Together, we move forward with pride and purpose, fueled by the dedication of those who came before us and those who stand beside us today.

#### With Best wishes to President and Exco

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I wish to express our deep appreciation for the alliance and solidarity that has flourished between our organizations over many years. Together, we have supported each other across social events and sporting endeavors, celebrating our collective achievements with pride. This enduring partnership is truly something to commemorate.

As we look to the year ahead, we have the valuable opportunity to continue fostering the rich traditions Royal has bestowed upon us, making a meaningful difference in the lives of current students and young alumni alike.

I wish you all an exceptionally enjoyable and memorable evening filled with camaraderie, dance, and good cheer. May your fundraising efforts meet with tremendous success.

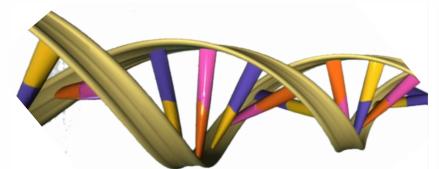
Thank you,

Sujith De Silva President RCDC

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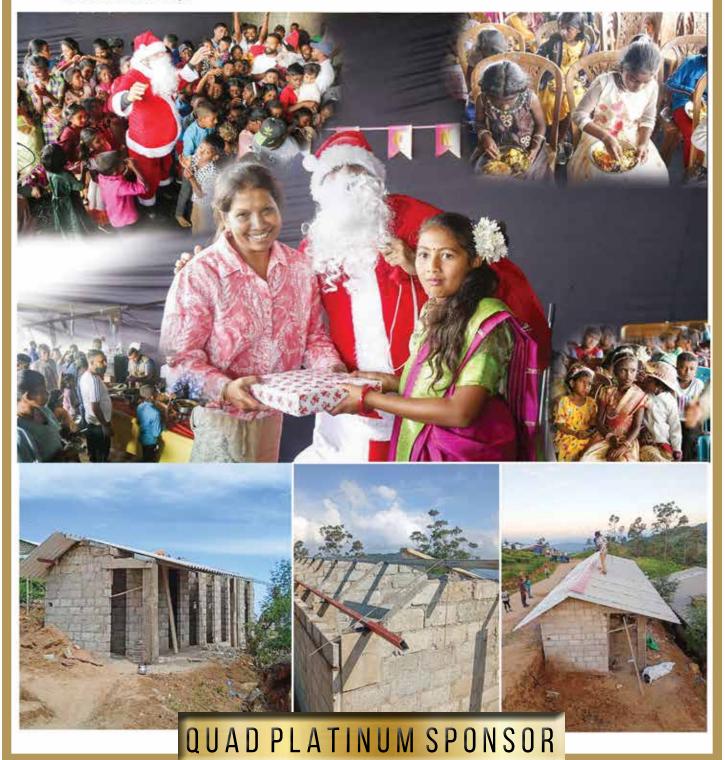
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### RCOBECF Funded Christmas Meals to Students

With generous funding from a grant provided by Dr. Suku Nagendran (Past President of RCOBEC Foundation USA), the RCOBECF orchestrated a heartwarming initiative that combined festive cheer with essential community development. The foundation organized special Christmas meals, bringing joy and nourishment to many. Simultaneously, they oversaw the crucial inspection of toilets under construction, demonstrating a commitment to long-term well-being through improved sanitation. This dual approach ensured both immediate comfort during the holiday season and sustainable improvements to public health within the community.



### RCOBECF Funded New Homes In Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka

Ten new homes and eight toilets for estate workers in Nuwara Eliya was funded with a grant from Dr. Suku Nagendran (Past President RCOBECF). They were handed over to their owners in March and August, 2024. RCOBECF organized and provided a Christmas meal to the same community in December.



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## Royal College OBA - Ontario

Dear Fellow Royalists,

On behalf of the Royal College Old Boy's Association – Ontario (ROCOBA, I extend my warm wishes and heartfelt Congratulations to the Royal College East Cost OBU on hosting your gala Dinner Dance this year.

Organizing an event of this magnitude is no small feat and We deeply appreciate the dedication, commitment and support you continue to provide to our alma mater Royal College, Colombo.

We take immense pride in your efforts to "repay the debt you owe" to Royal College by funding numerous projects in Sri Lanka. Your generosity has positively impacted the lives of young Royalists, ensuring they benefit from goodwill of alumni worldwide. You have demonstrated the true spirit of the teaching and guidance of our alma mater Royal College which has been a distinguished learning institution of Sri Lanka since 1835.

Best wishes for a successful Dance and all your upcoming events.

Have a fantastic Evening.

Floreat!

Ravi Rajan President ROCOBA



From

Sunil, Nayana, Ramin and Dylan Herath

# PLATINUM SPONSOR

#### Message from the President of the Old Royalists' Association in the UK

On the Occasion of the 29th Annual Royal Ball - RCOBEC Foundation Saturday, 26th April 2025 - Royal Manor, Garfield, New Jersey

It is with immense pleasure and Royal pride that I send this message on behalf of the Old Royalists' Association in the United Kingdom (ORAUK) to mark the 29th Annual Royal Ball organized by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation.

This special occasion is a celebration of the enduring spirit of Royal College and a testament to the unbreakable bond that unites Royalists across the world. It is truly inspiring to witness Old Royalists from all corners of the globe coming together to honor the cherished traditions of our alma mater, foster brotherhood, and reminisce on the formative years we spent within the hallowed halls of Reid Avenue.

It is particularly pleasing that the 42nd Anniversary Blue & Gold Ball of our own association is taking place on the very same evening at Down Hall in the UK. I do not view this merely as a coincidence, but rather as a powerful reflection of the collective spirit and commitment of Royalists everywhere. It exemplifies how, even separated by oceans, we remain united in purpose -investing our time, energy, and resources to host events that we can all be proud of, and that others deeply admire.

Events such as these are more than celebrations; they are vital platforms through which we raise valuable funds to support Royal College and contribute to meaningful projects in Sri Lanka. In a time when our nation and our beloved school continue to navigate complex challenges -social, economic, and in the rapidly evolving global educational landscape -our united support is more important than ever. It is our duty to help ensure that Royal College remains a beacon of excellence, fostering the timeless values handed down to us by generations of Royalists who came before.

On behalf of the Committee and members of ORAUK, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the organizing team of the RCOBEC Foundation and send our very best wishes for a memorable, enjoyable, and impactful Royal Ball.

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Janak Ranasinghe Janak Ranasinghe President - ORAUK

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**Dear Royalists** 

Warm greetings from the Royal College Old Boys in Australia Association!

On behalf of our committee and fellow Royalists in Australia, it gives me great pleasure to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you all on the occasion of the 29th Annual Royal Ball. This prestigious event is a shining example of the unity and spirit that binds Royalists across the globe, and we are thrilled to see it continue to grow in both tradition and stature.

The Royal Ball is more than just a social gathering, it is a celebration of lifelong friendships, shared memories, and our unwavering pride in being sons of Royal College. It is a reminder of our collective heritage and our ongoing responsibility to support and uplift our beloved alma mater.

In Australia, we continue to work towards initiatives that give back to our College community, including scholarship program to hostellers, support for past teachers, and the ongoing Loyalty Pledge. We understand the importance of staying connected while making a meaningful difference, and it is heartening to know that the RCOBECF shares this same passion and commitment.

We commend your committee for once again bringing together the East Coast Royalist community with such grace and dedication. We are confident that tonight's celebration will be a memorable evening filled with laughter, fellowship, and Royal pride.

May the RCOBECF continue to thrive, inspire, and unite Royalists for generations to come.

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Thank you Yours Sincerely

Ranga Perera President



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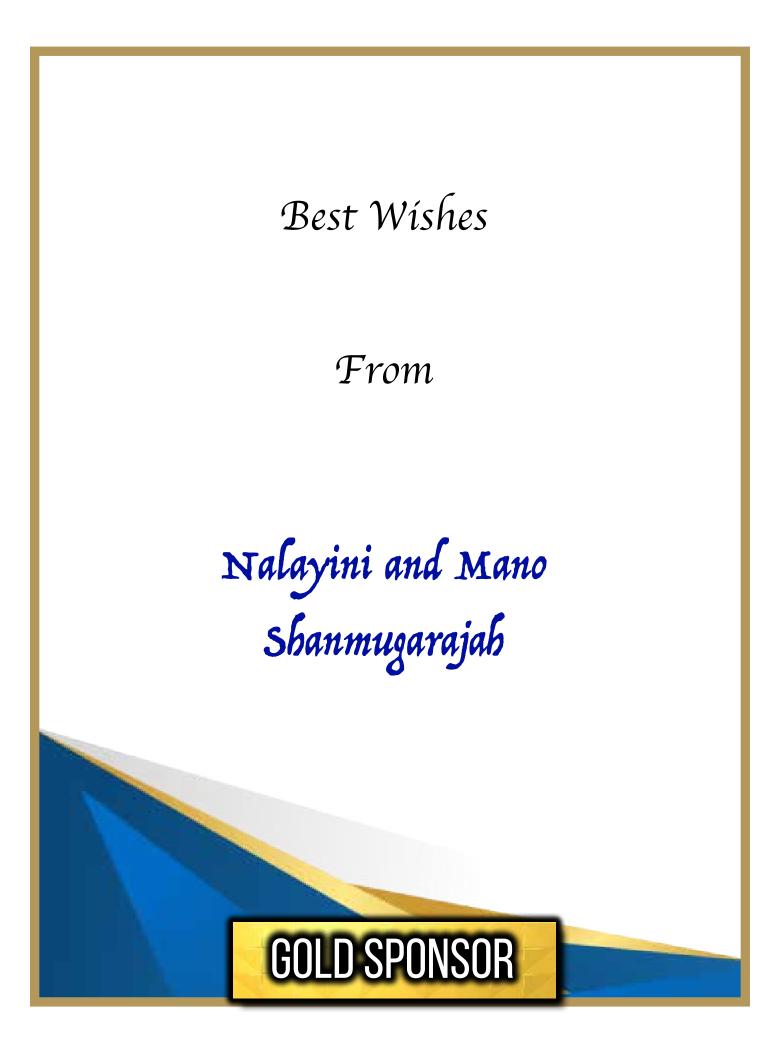
I pledge with all my heart that, wherever I may be, I shall always remember with love and loyalty my alma mater, Royal College, that taught, guided, and molded me to be what I am.

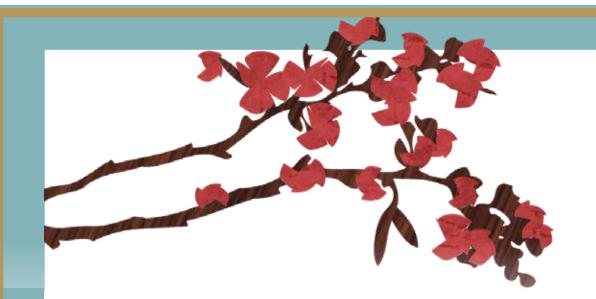
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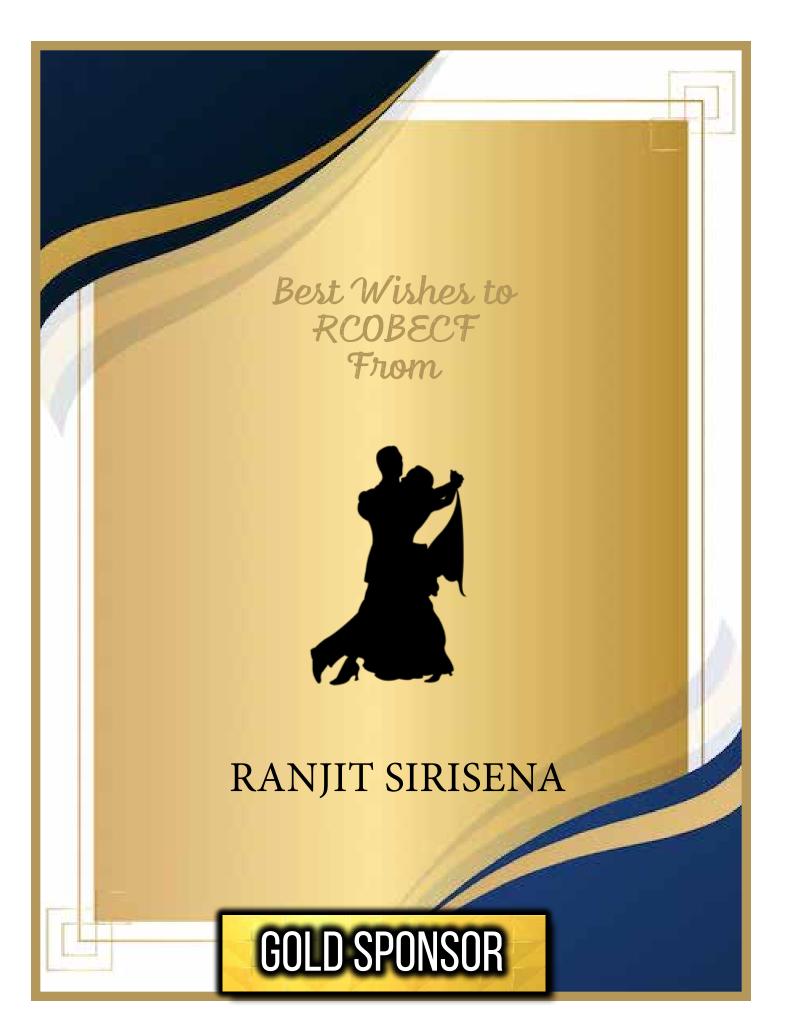




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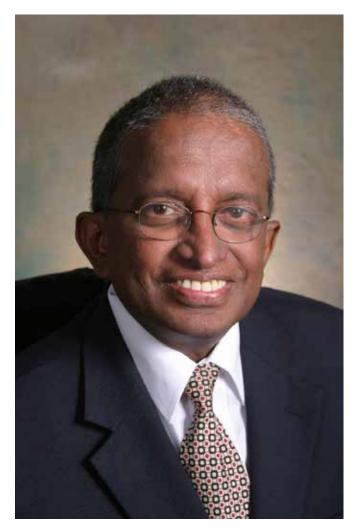
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Let this grand occasion continue to reflect the values of Excellence, Integrity, and Service that define both the Royal College and its global community.

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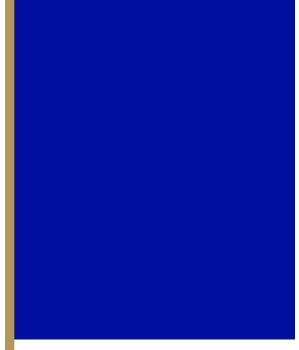
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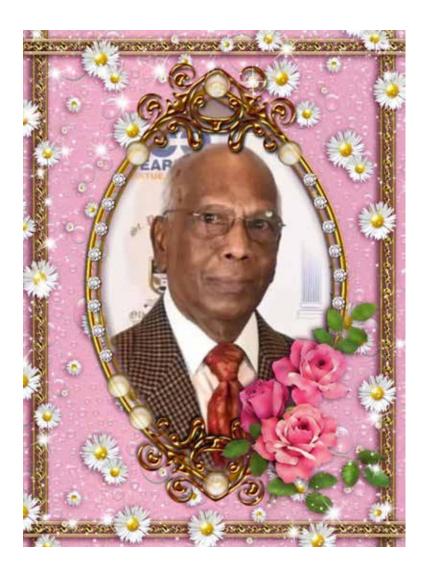
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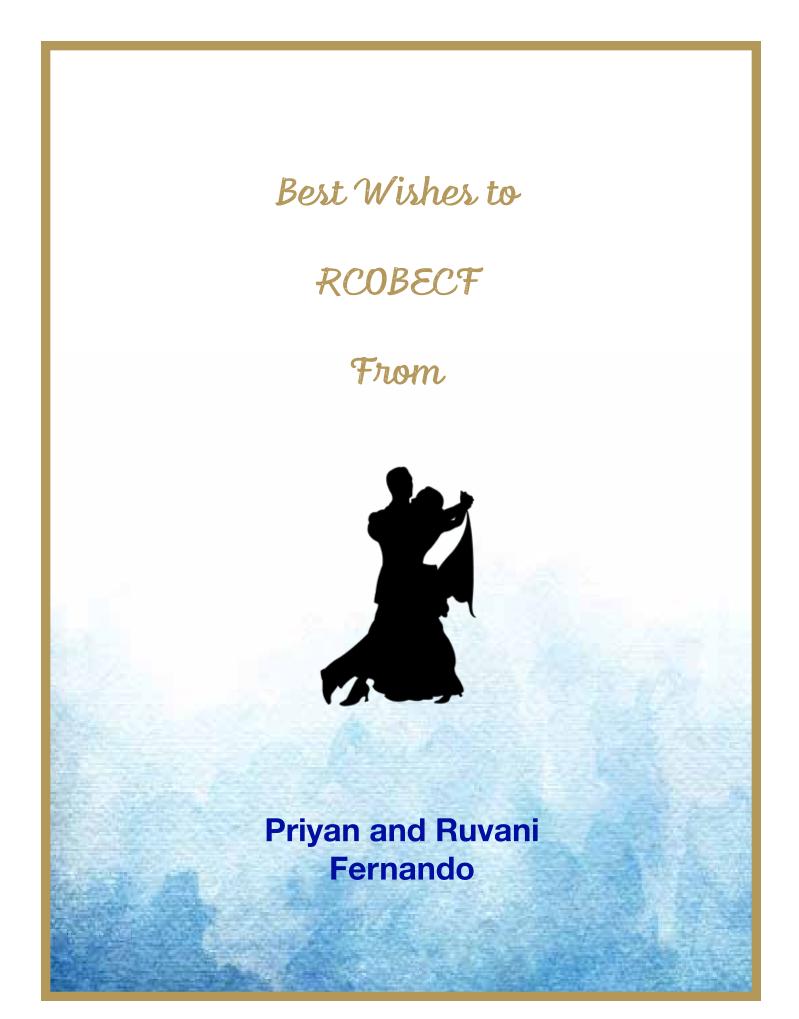
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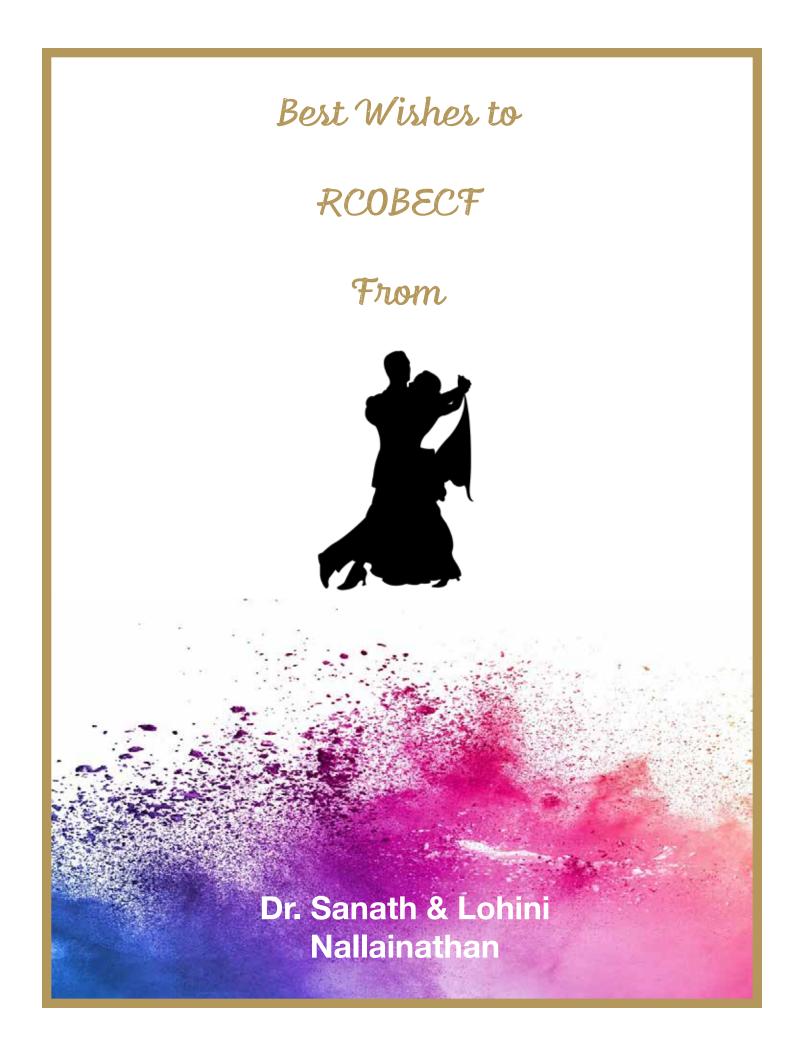
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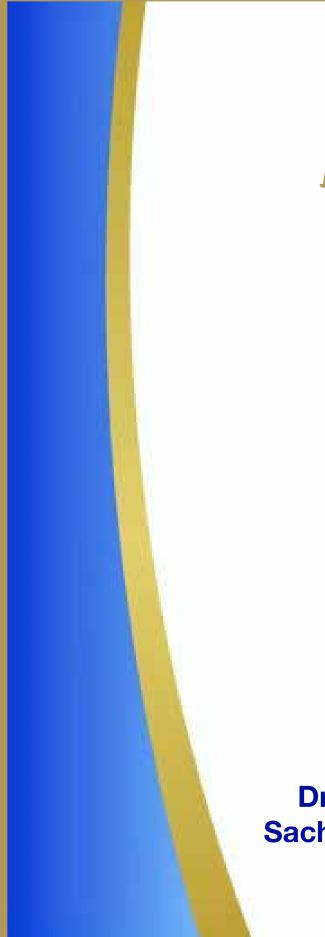
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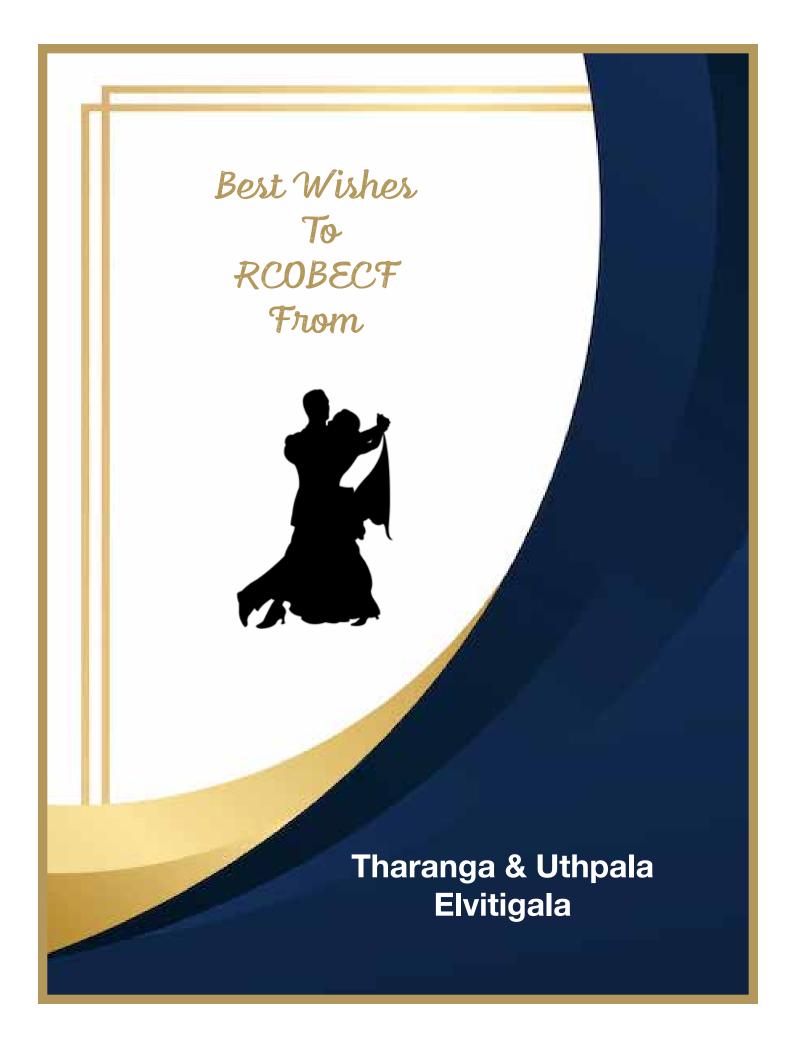


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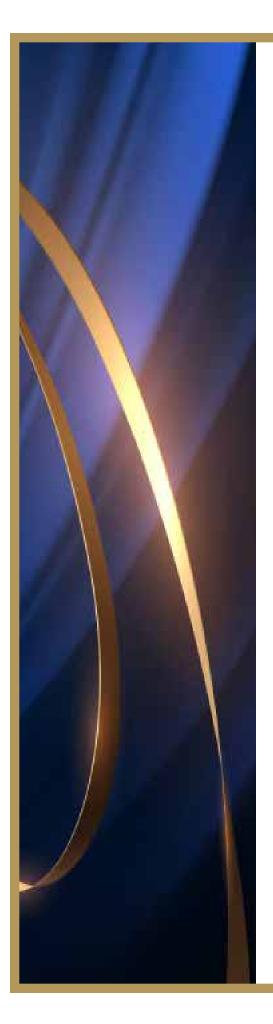
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#### ~In Memoriam~ Anantham Harin, M.D.

Dr. Ananthan Harin had been with Richmond University Medical Center for nearly 30 years as the Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). About one fifth of all of our newborns will go through the NICU, including the smallest, sickest and frailest of this borough's citizens.

In any schoolyard, Little League game, football game, classroom, church, Girl and Boy Scout troop, there are those children (and their parents) who have benefited directly from Dr. Harin, or have a cousin, neighbor, teammate or classmate who has.



Under Dr. Harin's guidance, the NICU was not only one of the original participants in the nationwide registry of NICU's, but our borough's premier NICU has outcomes scores that place it among the elite centers for many of the common neonatal programs in the country. Overall, while the national NICU mortality ranges from 4-5 per 1,000 admissions, at RUMC, the rate has been consistently lower. The RUMC NICU has enjoyed an excellent reputation for so long that it has established itself in the metropolitan region as a brand characterized by quality.

The exceptional outcomes are a result of Dr. Harin's tremendous commitment and dedication to the NICU. He relentlessly strived for technical and procedural perfection. If you did not meet his expectations, he would let you know it. His loyal staff has been trained so well that even when he was not there, his wishes were always put into place. If you were not sure, you could call him up – day or night, weekday or weekend. Another great passion of Dr. Harin was teaching and guiding the Pediatric residents. For the last few years, he has served as the coordinator of the Pediatric Department's program to teach and promote professionalism among the trainees.

Whether a patient's family could not pay or whether they could donate to the hospital, *Dr. Harin's children were always treated the same.* 

For almost three decades, Staten Islanders have been very lucky to have such a wonderful resource so close by. They have one special man to thank for that, Dr. Anantham Harin. In these times, it is rare and particularly noteworthy when one individual can truly make such a significant difference for so many. Dr. Harin has impacted the entire borough by creating a special unit where his presence can be felt day and night, all year long. While his friendship and his leadership will be missed, his legacy lives on in his many success stories.

-Simon S. Rabinowitz, PhD., M.D., Chairman, Department of Pediatrics

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### **RCOBECF'S Flood Relief Donation**

On June 5, 2024, the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) Seva Vanitha Unit organized a flood relief effort in the Gampaha area. The program was conducted with support from The Leisure and Recreational Wing of SLAF Base Katunayake and Dr. Sudath Rannulu from the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF), who provided financial contributions to the SLAF's "Husma Plan"

The initiative successfully distributed over 1,000 dinner packets and water bottles to flood-affected families across the Ihalagama, Pahalagama, and Akarawita areas in Gampaha District.

The Air Force Commander led the relief efforts alongside several high-ranking officials, with significant assistance from airmen and airwomen who participated in the charitable operation.



#### RCOBECF SUPPORTS PROJECT SEARCH ("Spoken English at Royal College Hostel")

The Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF) has made a significant contribution to disadvantaged hostellers from rural areas at Royal College by donating 17 smart phones/tablets and funding an internet contract with Dialog. This initiative aims to help these students improve their English skills and fully benefit from their Royal education.

"Project Search" (an acronym for "Spoken English At Royal College Hostel") was conceived by Nihal De Run, a classmate of RCOBECF Founding Member and Past President Buddhi Abeyasekara. Nihal De Run is a former Royal College rugby player, college athlete, NCO of the college cadet platoon in 1963 (when Royal College won the Herman Loose challenge cup for the first time), a Queen's Scout, and currently serves as Vice Patron of ROCOBAA.

The program has been operating for some time, helping rural students develop their English skills, but has been in need of new tutors and equipment. While RCOBECF's funding has allowed the program to continue successfully, there is still a need for additional tutors, who can be located anywhere in the world. Buddhi Abeyasekara has recently joined as a regular tutor.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a tutor for this program can contact Nihal De Run directly at nihal@derun.net.au.



### Royal College Colombo Swimming Complex Sports Recovery Center Opening

Royal College Colombo has opened a new Swimming Complex Sports Recovery Center, dedicated to enhancing athlete performance and well-being. The facility was funded by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation, USA (RCOBECF).

The center was officially handed over on May 20, 2024, with Foundation President Mr. Rushdhun Ramzy presenting it to Principal Thilak Waththuhewa in a ceremony attended by students, staff, alumni, and guests.

The state-of-the-art facility includes hydrotherapy, sports massage, physiotherapy equipment, and relaxation areas. It aims to enhance performance, reduce injuries, and support holistic athlete development.

Principal Waththuhewa expressed gratitude for the contribution, while Mr. Ramzy emphasized the importance of alumni supporting current students. This development strengthens Royal College's position in school sports and demonstrates the impact of global alumni networks in supporting educational institutions.





#### Royal College Swimming Complex Recovery Center In Recognition of Generosity This Recovery Center is dedicated to the well-being of Royal College swimmers and other athletes. Made possible by the generous funding of the Royal College Old Boy's East Coast Foundation, USA. Officially opened and presented to Royal College Principal Mr. Thilak Waththuhewa

by Mr. Rushdhun Ramzy President of Royal College Old Boy's East Coast Foundation, USA

on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 May this center foster a culture of excellence in Swimming and sportsmanship for generations of Royal College students.





# **RCOBECF Serves Local Soup Kitchens**

For several years, the RCOBEC Foundation and its dedicated sponsors have consistently demonstrated their commitment to community support by donating food and essential items to numerous soup kitchens across the New York and New Jersey area. This sustained effort has provided crucial resources to those in need. Furthermore, during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the RCOBEC Foundation swiftly responded by extending their support to hospitals and essential service workers, providing vital food and supplies during a critical time.

#### Key Aspects of the Foundation's Efforts:

- Consistent Support: For several years, they have donated to soup kitchens in NY and NJ.
- Responsive Action: During the COVID-19 pandemic, they supported hospitals and essential workers.
- Provision of Essentials: Their donations have included both food and other necessary items.
- Impact: Their efforts have provided crucial support to vulnerable populations and frontline workers.
- This record of consistent and responsive action underscores the RCOBEC Foundation's deep-rooted dedication to serving the community and their ability to adapt to evolving needs, as demonstrated by their support during the pandemic. Their ongoing contributions have made a significant positive impact on the lives of many in the New York and New Jersey region.
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  - Hands Of Hope For The Community
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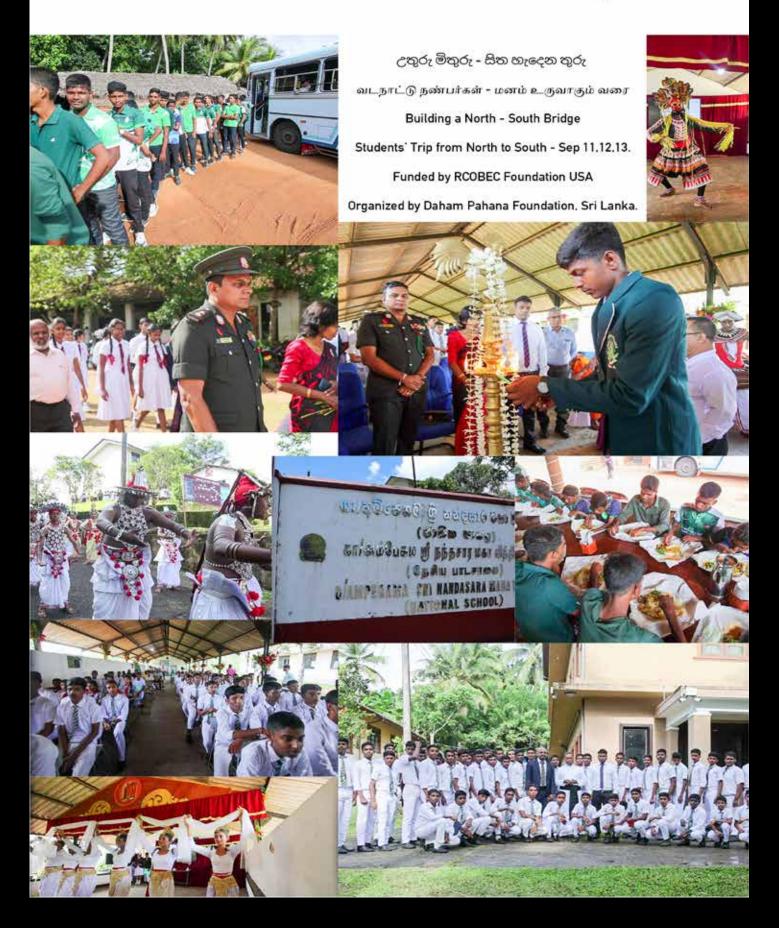
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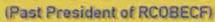
# **RCOBECF at 2025 Royal - Thomian** 146th Cricket Encounter March 6. 7. 8 @ SSC Grounds Colombo, Sri Lanka



### Northbound South: An Educational Expedition



# **RCOBECF Honors Rukshan Perera**





#### Little Minds Strong Values (LMSV)



#### BY RUKSHAN PERERA (FORMER RCOBECF PRESIDENT)

#### A unique program to promote moral, ethical, & civic values in schoolchildren

Children in Sri Lanka are navigating a world filled with complex moral dilemmas and often lack the guidance to cultivate essential values that once formed the bedrock of Sri Lankan society like kindness, honesty, respect, and integrity.

In the race for academic excellence, the importance of promoting values in children has diminished and is no longer a priority, hence the children are becoming more self-centered and lack respect for each other. Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan and the Ministry of Education have collaborated on a unique, performing arts-based program titled Little Minds Strong Values (LMSV) to fill this void. This initiative captivates children through engaging, upbeat, Sinhala/Tamil animated song videos with 50 built-in values while inspiring children to express these values through performing arts (song, dance, speech & drama). Repetitive rehearsals to perform these skits at school events and LMSV championship helps children further absorb and retain these values for life. By placing moral and environmental awareness at the forefront of children's lives through the mediums children enjoy, LMSV also contributes to sustaining the "Clean Sri Lanka" initiative across future generations.

The Ministry of Education continues to roll out LMSV to government schools around the country accompanied by LMSV teacher training. An easy-to-use comprehensive website <u>www.lmsv.lk</u> offers online tutorials, FAQs, and several guides for teachers, parents, children and communities in all 3 languages, provides easy access to original song videos & children's performance videos to watch/learn the expressed values, and championship instructions to easily engage with LMSV – the website is a one-stop-shop for anybody interested in getting to know the program.

LMSV team is committed to running the program for another decade and is thankful for Sri Lankans and organizations around the world such as RCOBECF who continue to support the program financially to achieve its incredibly challenging objectives.

Join us in our journey, and share this website with teachers, principals, parents, and community leaders to promote good values in children to build the foundation for civic-minded, honest citizens and leaders we all yearn for in the next generation.

LMSV is the brainchild of the past president of RCOBECF, Rukshan Perera, and for more information or to support the program, you may contact him (+94773057219, Ruklanka@yahoo.com).



# Grand Opening

# **Smart Conference Room**

### Royal College gets a state-of-the-art conference room

The Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF) in New York, a vibrant alumni association of Royal College, has taken a significant step towards fostering academic excellence and global connectivity with the inauguration of a state-ofthe-art conference room at the prestigious institution.

The new facility, equipped with cutting-edge technology, will serve as a hub for interactive teaching, video conferencing, and collaborative learning. The grand opening ceremony, held recently was graced by distinguished guests including President of RCOBECF Dr Sudath Rannulu, CEO of DiNi Communications Inc Prushanth Wijedasa, and Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera.

In a collaborative effort between RCOBECF, DiNiCommunications Inc, and the Sri Lanka Navy, the smart conference room was established to provide Royal College students with a modern and technologically advanced learning environment. The facility is equipped with high-definition video conferencing capabilities, interactive whiteboards, and advanced audio systems, enabling students to connect with experts and peers from around the world.

Dr Rannulu, in his inaugural address, emphasised the importance of such initiatives in nurturing the next generation of leaders. "This smart conference room is a testament to the commitment of RCOBECF to supporting Royal College and its students," he said. "By providing them with access to cutting edge technology and opportunities for global collaboration, we hope to inspire them to reach their full potential." Prashanth Wijedasa, whose US-based company DiNi



role in the project, expressed his pride in being part of such a meaningful endeavor. "Technology has the power to transform education, and we are delighted to have contributed to the creation of this state-of-the-art facility." he said. "We believe that it will have a lasting impact on the academic and professional development of Royal College students."

Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera highlighted the importance of partnerships between the military and educational institutions. "The Sri Lanka Navy is committed to supporting the development of Sri Lanka's youth," he said. "We are honoured to have been involved in this project and to have contributed to the creation of a facility that will benefit generations of Royal College students."

The inauguration of the smart conference room marks a significant milestone for RCOBECF, which has been actively involved in charitable activities in Sri Lanka and the United States for over three decades. The foundation's commitment to education and community development is evident in its various initiatives, including scholPix by M.A. Pushpa Kumara

arships, mentorship programmes, and infrastructure projects.

As Royal College continues to evolve and adapt to the challenges of the 21st century, the smart conference room will serve as a valuable resource for students and faculty alike. By providing a platform for collaboration, innovation, and global engagement, the facility will help to ensure that Royal College remains at the forefront of education in Sri Lanka and beyond.



#### ROYAL COLLEGE SMART CONFERENCE ROOM

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- 2009 Prashanth Wijedasa Dance at Villa at Mountain Lakes NJ, Stag, Inaugural Royal Cruise & Inter-School Cricket Tourneys
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- 2011 Chandana Mutucumarana Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag & Inter School Cricket Tourneys
- 2012 Sumith Ekanayake Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag, Inaugural Royal-Thomian Cricket Match & Inter-School Cricket Tourneys
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- 2017 Senaka Senaviratne. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag, Royal Cruise & the Inter-School Cricket Tournament.
- 2018 Arjuna Ranasinghe. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag & the Inter School Cricket Tournament.
- 2019 Sudath Jayasinghe. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag & the Inter School Cricket Tournament.
- 2020 Suku Nagendran. Dance cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Donated new Nurses' Quarters at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Sri Lanka.
- 2021 Dasun Sameera. New Year's Eve Online Concert to support Covid-19 relief in Sri Lanka.
- 2022 Ruchira Jayasuriya. Inter-School Cricket Tournament. Dance Cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 2023 Dilshad Ahmed. Dance at Royal Manor NJ and the Inter-School Cricket Tournament.
- 2024 Rushdun Ramzy. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Inter-School Cricket Tournament & Inaugural Royal Day Dance.

For further information, please visit RCOBECF website: http://www.rcobeca.org

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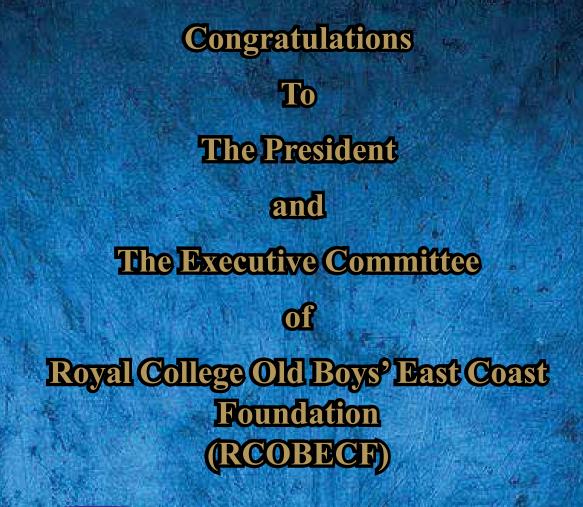
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