Alumni Corner

BITSAA INTERNATIONAL — The journey continues

Announcing: MOU signed with State University of New York, Binghamton

BITS and SUNY-Binghamton have recently signed a MOU that would allow for faculty and student exchange between these two institutions. In addition, Binghamton will be a Practice School-2 Station starting this coming January. While this MOU is specific to the Department of Systems Science and Industrial Engineering (SSIE) at Binghamton, it is expected this will get extended to other departments fairly soon. The whole process took less than two months. A testament to BITS reputation within the academic world in the U.S. In fact, here is the quote from Prof. Srihari, Chair of Dept. of SSIE "we are extremely interested in initiating and developing interaction with BITS that would encompass student and faculty exchange programs. We have had numerous students from BITS in our graduate programs. They have performed very well at Binghamton. We are certainly interested in enhancing the participation of BITS alumni in our graduate programs. We are also interested in reviewing the potential for faculty from BITS to spend a semester at Binghamton. Our goal is broad-based interaction between our two universities. In closing, I hope that this is the first step in a long term multi-faceted relationship between the State University of New York at Binghamton and BITS". In addition, Prof. Srihari will sever as "visiting" faculty at BITS and in fact is visiting Pilani between November 4th and 5th.

We hope to extend this initiative to other Universities outside India. Please call to help us in this effort.

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Announcing: BITSAA Center for Entrepreneurship & Venture Capital (CEVC) holds events in Boston, New York and San Francisco

The CEVC held three outstanding events featuring Mukesh Chatter, Diaz Nesamoney and Rajesh Hukku in the United States. The CEVC, , founded in November 2002 by Anupendra Sharma, has a mission to foster entrepreneurship amongst BITS alumni. It has quickly grown into a core global team of 15 dedicated advisors and coordinators with backgrounds in entrepreneurship, venture capital and private equity. The objectives are to:

- Nurture entrepreneurship amongst the BITSian Alumni
- Facilitate the creation of an eco-system that consists of entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, professionals, academicians and the students of BITS
- "Sow-the-Seeds" for entrepreneurship on BITS Campus

CEVC and BITSAA are working together to bring you events and workshops around the world. The first of these events is a meeting with Diaz Nesamoney in San Francisco on May 22. The CEVC will be hosted shortly on www.bitsaa.com , with tools, resources, advice and lots of information for BITSian entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. In case of any questions regarding the CEVC, please contact the person listed below:

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Announcing: The Leuna Harkawat Thamatur Annual Music Club Award

In memory of Leuna Harkawat, one of BITS Music Club's greatest voices, an annual award of Rs. 5000 will be given to one member of the club for his or her contributions to the Club, every year.

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The BITS Centre for Entrepreneurial Leadership (CEL) wins the National Entrepreneur Network Competition by the Wadhwani Foundation

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Virtual Projects at BITS CEL

The alumni directory, being developed by BITSAA with the underlying data from the current directory as well as other information at BITS, is currently under construction, but will be launched in a month or two. This directory, based on benchmarking similar directories at the world's top business schools, is intended to be our most important resource in keeping in touch with the BITSian community. We will inform you when this site is launched.

Since we started encouraging people to post jobs on the yahoogroups, BITSAA has been flooded with job announcements, which has been a boon to our students. To improve this process we are developing a board to easily post job announcements for BITSians.

If you would like to volunteer to help us in our technology development efforts, please contact our CTO.

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