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Being an Edmundian was a time of profound personal growth and transformation. It wasn't just about academic learning but also about discovering passions, forming lifelong friendships, and developing a sense of independence. The challenges faced and overcome during these years built resilience and confidence and the diverse experiences and perspectives gained during college shaped a more well-rounded and informed individual ready to face the world. It was a time to appreciate the friendships made, the knowledge gained, and the growth experienced.



My love for St. Edmund's College is immense and I owe much of what I've been able to achieve to this great institution: an institution of repute, an institution like no other and an institution championing its motto: "Facta non Verba". Always was, always am and always will be a proud Edmundian. God bless.

Regards,

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## From Classroom to Boardroom: The Journey of CA Arun Dadhich

As I sit in my office, surrounded by financial statements and complex audits, I often find myself reflecting on the journey that led me here. My name is Arun Dadhich, and I am proud to serve as a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA), a designation I hold with honor and responsibility. But the path to this prestigious position began in the classrooms of the



Commerce Department at my beloved St Edmunds College, where I spent my formative years from 2003 to 2005.

Under the guidance of Brother L D Lobo, our esteemed Principal, and the head of our department, Dr. K K Elizabeth, I discovered my passion for numbers and their profound impact on the business world. It was here, amidst the lessons and lectures, that I secured the 8th position in Meghalaya in the 2005 Class 12 board examinations, achieving the highest marks in Commercial Mathematics and Commercial Arithmetic in the state.

The memories of my teachers, Goutam Deb (Sir G D), Manjusha Mazumdar, Conrad Khongwir, Mrs. Mitali Dey, Mrs. Rowenna E L Iangrai, and Mrs. Sagarika Dey, are etched in my mind. Each one of them played a pivotal role in shaping my understanding and love for commerce. Their dedication and wisdom laid the foundation for my career.

Participation in various activities during College Week not only honed my academic skills but also taught me the value of teamwork, leadership, and perseverance. These experiences were instrumental in developing the soft skills that are as crucial as technical knowledge in our profession.

Today, as I navigate the challenges of the financial world, I carry with me the lessons learned and the values instilled during those formative years. The journey from a student of commerce to a Fellow Chartered Accountant has been arduous but rewarding. It is a testament to the power of education, the importance of mentorship, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

To the current students of the Commerce Department, I say this: Embrace every lesson, participate actively, and cherish your time at College. It is these moments that will shape your future and guide you towards a fulfilling career. Remember, the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and your time in College is that crucial first step.

Thanking You

CA Arun Dadhich

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

-Lao Tzu

My journey in St. Edmund's College began in the year 2000 when I joined as a pre-university student, where I spent 5 enriching years of my life up to my graduation. It would be remiss of me if I don't add that these 5 years were one of the most pivotal moments of my life, which laid the foundation for the journey to where I am in my life today.

The institute fostered an enriching environment that laid strong emphasis on selfdevelopment, leadership, discipline, and hard work. Our teachers took a keen interest in our growth and encouraged us to excel not only in our academics but also in activities in the institute that would build camaraderie amongst our peers and while building lifelong

relationships. This spirit was embodied by all the members of the institute — teaching and non-teaching alike-which made it possible for me to enjoy my college life and take advantage of all the opportunities that the institute provided.

Facta Non Verba, which translates to Deeds not Words, is the institute's motto when I started my journey, and at the time of my graduation, became the cornerstone of my life. I apply this principle till date, both in my personal and professional life and make an earnest endeavor to set an example for my team by my actions and not just my words. My determination to pursue my goals in life stems from putting the motto Facta Non Verba in practice.

I had the privilege of attending the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Department of Commerce in November 2023, where I got to take a walk down memory lane. For me, every inch of the campus had a little story from some 18 years ago, and the flashbacks were more of a live drama rather than a fuzzy memory. Nothing had changed, at least for me anyway – but yes, many things had changed and for the better. I am a firm believer of the adage that 'Change is the only constant of life' and the institute has seen its fair share of changes but has stood tall for over a century, creating ableminded individuals for the society and global-thinking citizens for the country. The institute has instilled in us values of leadership, and discipline which are universal answers to many of life's challenges. At times, leadership is not about leading others, but to face a challenge oneself and to have the discipline to steadfastly to work through those challenges.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to - my teachers who invested in me, the non-teaching staff of the institute who are the backbone of the institute, my peers who I have the privilege of calling friends and to St. Edmund's College which shall forever remain my second home.

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

-Malcolm X

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## MY EXPERIENCE

Studying in St. Edmunds College has by far been the best experience of my life. It has transformed me completely, from an average, soft spoken, shy student to a goal oriented person willing to accept any challenges with proper Planning, Team work, Discipline, Excellence etc.

Being the first Commerce batch and also the first Co-ed in the College in itself was challenging, but the Edmundian Family embrace us like we have always been a part of them.

From Class XI up to B.Com, college life was challenging yet joyful to attend that I didn't realized when it was over.

Apart from studies, we had fun too. Participating in sports/ games during College Week, Class picnics, Fresher's Meet, attending Seminars etc.

It is a privilege that our batch were the first in college to print Departmental Magazine and Website which is still continued till date. This all happens under the supervision of our beloved Teachers-cum-Mentors-cum-friends.

I am also very proud to say that my colleagues are all well settled in their respected fields. Some are in Government/ Semi-Government Departments, others have well established Businesses and some are working in Multinational companies in India and abroad.

## MY VALUES

What make Edmundians successful in life are the "VALUES" that it instilled in the mind of the students. Such as Leadership quality, Discipline, Team work, Self confidence, Integrity and many more..., which I am forever grateful for.

"THANK YOU ST. EDMUNDS COLLEGE".

Geoff. M. Laloo (Technical Assistant) District Employment Exchange, Jowai, Meghalaya. My Journey in Saint Edmunds College My Journey in Saint Edmund's began with me joining the school in the year 1990 and I was fortunate enough to continue my educational journey right through my Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate in 2000 and ultimately my graduation in the year 2003.



Over the years in Saint Edmund's College, I continued to put the lessons learnt in the college into practice in my everyday life. The importance of time management and attendance especially as a teacher was inculcated in me by this prestigious institution. During my tenure as a student in the college I got the ample opportunity to be a part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebration in the year 1999. I call upon the students to always have hope and look towards the future. Last, but not the least, I express my sincere gratitude to the institution for instilling in me the drive to always strive for the best and for the position that I am in today professionally and socially. With best regards

From

Dr. Saurav Dey

Assistant Professor

Saint Mary's College Shillong

I joined the Commerce Stream of St. Edmund's College in 2003 and studied there for the next 5 years. The greatest contribution of St. Edmund's in my life in these 5 years has been to endow me with the courage to have dreams and protect them, to chase them till they became a reality. The College inculcated in me the belief that I could make a



difference and have goals, and have the desire achieve them. Life is an ongoing journey and St. Edmunds College has been a life changing landmark in that journey. Today whatever little I have achieved, a substantial part of it is owed to St. Edmund's College and its lovely teachers. Be it punctuality, efficiency, work ethics, being duty bound... Consciously, sub consciously...once an Edmundian is always an Edmundian and wherever we go, the Edmundian Spirit of making a difference for the better lingers on our minds.

Sumit Das, FCA Shillongs



I feel cherished and proud to be an alumni of such a reputed and esteemed institution. It is an immense pleasure to share my experiences as an Edmundian. I joined this institution in the year 1997, in the commerce department, which had been introduced that very year. It marked a significant milestone in the history of St. Edmund's College as it was the first time girls were

admitted. This decision was made under the guidance of Br. E.V. Miranda, who was then the College Principal, along with other members of the Governing Body.

The Commerce Department, led by Madam Elizabeth followed by Sir Goutam and other dedicated teachers, played a very important role in shaping our batch, which I considered was one of the most notorious batches. The classes commenced as early as 7 in the morning, and the commitment shown by the teachers was commendable. It was common to see the Principal waiting outside the classroom to ensure punctuality among the students. These efforts greatly influenced the success of many students, myself included, and I am truly grateful for the guidance received during my time at the college.

I vividly remember Sir Goutam's remarkable teaching methods. He would effortlessly dictate complex questions from the accounts book, displaying an incredible mastery of the subject. Our teachers' relentless dedication paid off when the results of our class XII Commerce batch were announced. Our college dominated the topper list, securing the first position and several other top ranks. While I was just an average student and not among the top-performing students, the experiences I have gathered at the college filled me with pride and shaped my future endeavour.

Following my graduation, I pursued a career in law and am currently practicing in the High Court of Meghalaya. I attribute much of my success to the strong foundation laid by St. Edmund's College. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to St. Edmund's College and I am forever indebted to this institution and its dedicated faculty. Long Live SEC! God Bless Edmundians.

Shri. Suraj Panthi.