

## ACTIVE AND OUSTANDING ALUMNI HONORED AT GREAT LAKES ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET

**Chennai, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018:**

The Alumni Directorate, Great Lakes Institute of Management organized its Annual Alumni Meet on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January at its campus. The two-day event saw several alumni across batches and programs gathering to renew friendships and relive their college years that consisted of power talk, game sessions, interactions, and entertainment.

Addressing the alumni community via tele-call, **Dr. Bala V Balachandran, Founder, Dean & Chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management**, said, *"This is the first time I am missing the Alumni Meet. I am extremely proud of you all. We are moving from Good to Great and this transition is only because of the contribution from the Alumni community. I really appreciate and thank all of you for always extending your support towards your Alma Mater. Best wishes and looking forward to see you all soon."*



**Dr. Vaidy Jayaraman , Associate Dean , Great lakes Institute of Management in his Inaugural address**, said *" Great Lakes has now become one of the top 10 Schools in the country apart from being the youngest B School in Asia to receive AMBA accreditation wherein the Alumni of the institute have made important contributions and played a major role ". He also thanked the Alumni for assisting in student placements through referrals and pointers. He urged the alumni to keep coming back to the campus in the Institute's endeavour of moving from " Success to Substance"*

Welcoming the alumni back to campus, **Dr. T. N. Swaminathan, Director – Alumni Relations, Great Lakes Institute of Management**, said, *"It is such a joy to see all of you today. Great Lakes now has over 5000+ alumni across countries, and every year it has been growing rapidly with all of you*

*establishing successful careers in the industry or your business. Today, we will be sharing the successes, and achievements that will provide a way forward for upgrading your network.”*

**He was also proud that Alumni movement of the Institute was gathering momentum, was vibrant and humane as evidenced by raising funds for medical emergencies of Alumni families on three different occasions in the last 3 months that resulted in several lakhs being collected within a single day each time.**

The inauguration kick-started with a special presentation by office bearers of GL Alumni Chapters across cities, who shared important achievements since the last Alumni Meet. Through its diverse presence, Alumni Chapter heads from different cities instilled a sense of the need for change and decided to demonstrate important values that will benefit society and the alma mater this year.

**One of the key highlights of the ceremony was the Award distribution by Alumni Directorate of Great Lakes for playing a major role in contributing towards the institute. Mr. Abhay Bohra (PGPM - 2012), Mr. Karthik Kannan (PGPM 2008), Mr. Bharath Repaka (PGPM 2015), Mr. Malhar Lakdawala (PGDM 2015), Mr. Bharath Kumar & Mrs. Sangeetha Bharath (PGPM 2010), Mr. Siddharth Mehta (PGDM 2015) & Mr. Malhar Lakdawala (PGDM 2015) were awarded with ‘Awesome Active Alumni Award’.**



The ceremony was followed by a special interactive session between Alumni and present students who conversed on the academic curriculum – then vs now, exposure to businesses and industries. Most of the students raised queries related to jobs, changing career paths, how to fine-tune their career goals, and run a successful start-up. When asked about changing industry/ functional area, the alumni community advised the students that while studying in a B-school is the best time to change the industry or area. On being asked about working for a long term in a company or moving to a different position based on pay, alumni community strongly recommended the students to shift their focus to the long term as it helps an individual to progress much better, both skill wise and financially.

Post the inaugural session a ‘Power Talk’ was organized where two leading tech specialists - **Mr. Mihir Gupta & Mr. Raghav M Sharma from McKinsey Knowledge Centre, New Delhi** delivered a talk on a contemporary Digital Topic - ‘Future of Blockchain and its innovation across industries.’

To warm and cheer-up the alumni, a special stand – up comedy was performed by a leading artist and popular RJ – Mr. Shyam Renganathan. This led to evening entertainment and gala dinner at Ideal Beach Resort, few kms away from Great Lakes Campus that included an exclusive performance by a playback singer – Mr. Shenbagaraj and featured extraordinary drum show by present Student

Akshara. Students from Great Lakes also enthralled the audience with their fusion music in different languages, and a DJ night concurrent with dinner.



The alumni meet also consisted of fun games and matches such as Cricket, Tennis, Tug of War, Treasure Hunt between Alumni community and present students in which most of the gifts were bagged by Alumni. Overall the Annual reunion promised to be an amazing time of fun, food, friends, and nostalgia and provided a platform to network and engage with alumni as well as faculty and students.

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#### Awards given to Great Lakes Institute alumni

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The Alumni Directorate, Great Lakes Institute of Management organised its meet on January 20-21 in which alumni were honoured, according to a press release. Abhay Bohra, Karthik Kannan, Bharath Repaka, Malhar Lakdawala, Bharath Kumar and Sangeetha Bharath, Siddharth Mehta, and Malhar Lakdawala were awarded 'Awesome Active Alumni Award'.



#### Two-day annual alumni meet

Great Lakes Institute of Management organised a two-day annual alumni meet at its campus recently. Bala V Balachandran, founder, dean and chairman; and Vaidy Jayaraman, associate dean; and TN Swaminathan, director of alumni relations at the institute, were among the addressees..

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