

## FAREWELL CEREMONY OF FINAL YEAR STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES

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**30 Apr. 2019:** Every new beginning is often disguised as an end and heavy-hearted with this sentiment, the School of Liberal Studies bid farewell to yet another batch. While goodbyes are often difficult to say sometimes it's not necessary that everything must be said. But more often than not, even articulation does not cut it. With this responsibility, the school, on 29 and 30 of April held informal and formal farewell ceremonies for the Under-graduate batch of 2015 & Graduate batch of 2017. The programme was organized by the batch of 2016, under the guidance of a senior student Vidhi Thakkar, and Dr. Niyati Trivedi.

The informal events were to celebrate moments of merriment and laughter lived to the fullest. The first set of event began at three-thirty on 29, with a round of Antakshari, followed by an improv comedy session. This is where the batch came in the limelight and continued to break into songs in an unanimous voice as they had for the last four years. The batch of 2015 is famous for its collective-happy-go-lucky-attitude and this was the best way one could pay a tribute and honour their ways. This was followed by *Santra-Kela Awards* which kept a lot of our seniors thrilled. The awards are an informal tradition at SLS conducted by the juniors in order to pay tribute to the graduating batch.

The next set of informal events was staged in the auditorium from nine in the morning on the 30. The event was inaugurated with a dance by the batch of 2018 which resulted in an adrenaline charged commencement of the programme. The batch of 2017 shortly followed suite with their well-choreographed dance. A good amount of special performances from the batch of 2015 were also a part of the program. They danced in groups, some sang for the first time, some read poetry out and some belly-danced. Jahnvi Gala, Nishi Shah, Bhavya Bhatt, Sakshi Thakkar, Devarsh Gandhi, Pranav and Roma Patel gave their performances to name a few. A one hour long video was also showcased which comprised of pictures from all four years of their journey in SLS. The gargantuan task of making this video was undertaken by Bharat Garg from the batch of 2015. The event was concluded with fifteen minutes long batch dances from 2016, and 2015. The latter didn't show any signs of getting down from the stage. For this zeal and energy, the batch of 2015 was congratulated but soon had to depart to prepare for the formal event.



The formal event started by 3.30 pm attended by Dean and Director, School of liberal studies, Prof. Nigam Dave, members of faculty, students of all batches and the graduating class of 2019. The event began by a welcome to everyone followed by a formal presentation on all the achievements of the students of SLS 15 batch. The event was emceed by Crystal Magotra. The presentation included the international exposure experiences, Research paper presentations and internships done by the students.



The farewell address was given by Dr. Nigam Dave in which he elucidated the importance of giving back to whichever organisation the students be a part of and to always believe in themselves. He also spoke about the wonderful experience he had while interacting with the 2015 batch.

The audience was addressed by CFO, Mr. Abhinav Kapadia who gave inspiring lessons to the students for them to be able to successfully step out into the world. Members of faculty came forward to share the experiences they had with the students and the lovely times they cherished.



The students of 16 batch and 17 batch came forward to reflect on their interactions and experiences with the graduating batch in an emotional speech given by Aastha Maheshwari of batch 16 followed by other students.



At the culmination, the students of the UG 15 batch and MA 17 batch came forward to share their wonderful experiences at SLS. The event was concluded with everyone moving to the convocation lawn for group photographs.

The event was enjoyed and cherished by all, we bid farewell to the graduating batch of 2019 and wish them luck for their future endeavors!

