

GIFTING GLOBAL GRADUATES TO THE NATION

STUDENT AFFAIRS UNIT

INSPIRED BY THE MISSION OF CREATING A HOLISTIC, GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE GRADUATE, NSBM GREEN UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED THE STUDENT AFFAIRS UNIT IN 2017 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PROF. BARATHA DODANKOTUWA. HIS LEADERSHIP LED TO THE INCEPTION OF NUMEROUS CLUBS AND SOCIETIES WHICH WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN BUILDING THE CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY OF NSBM UNDERGRADUATES. THE UNIT NOW ENCOMPASSES 43 CLUBS AND SOCIETIES THAT REPRESENT VARIOUS INTERESTS OF THE STUDENTS THAT FALL UNDER THE CATEGORIES OF SPORTS, ACTIVITY-BASED, RELIGIOUS, AND INTERNATIONAL. AFTER A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN 2017, MR. MOHAMMED SHAFRAZ TOOK OVER TO CONTINUE THE VICTORIOUS JOURNEY FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THE UNIT IS NOW UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. KASUN DISSANAYAKE WHO IS CARRYING THE LEGACY FORWARD, AMIDST THE MANY CHALLENGES POSED BY THE PANDEMIC. THIS IS A REMINISCENCE OF THE FIVE-YEAR JOURNEY OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS UNIT.

Sports Clubs

NSBM sports expeditiously reached a whole new level of greater heights with the inception of its journey at the Green University Town. Despite NSBM sports marking its presence in the university sporting arena even before stepping into the green university town, the opportunities at hand were limited. Since its inception, NSBM fostered the vision of creating multi-faceted graduates who were readily willing to lead the society by example, and thus, sports were no stranger to the home ground of NSBM. The green university permits the

students to enjoy the state-of-the-art facilities while inducing students to reap maximum advantage of such facilities in showcasing their

talents. The idea behind introducing these facilities is to create opportunities for the young undergraduates to pursue their passion.





SPORTS CLUB	ACHIEVEMENTS
NSBM Athletics Club	USPORTS 2018 – Overall Runners – up, USPORTS 2019 - Champions
NSBM Badminton Club	APIIT Extravaganza 2017 – Champions, UMISF 2017 - Runners-up, SLIIT Shuttlebuds 2018 - Champions, GSF 2019 -Champions
NSBM Cricket Club	KDU Leaders Trophy 2018 - Runners up
NSBM Soccer Club	APIIT Extravaganza 2017 – Champions, St. Thomas’s 7’s Tournament 2019 - Runners-up
NSBM Swimming Club	SLIIT Flipturn 2017– Overall Champions, APIIT Sports Extravaganza 2018 – Overall Champions
NSBM Basketball Club	USPORTS 2019 – Overall Champions, KDU Leaders Trophy 2019 – Runnersup, KDU Leaders Trophy 2018 – Champion, KDU Leaders Trophy 2017 – Runners-up,
NSBM Table Tennis Club	KDU Leaders Trophy 2018& 2019 - Runners up (Women’s), USPORTS 2018 - Champions (Women’s)
NSBM Netball Club	KDU Leaders Trophy 2019 – Joint Champions, USPORTS 2019 – Runners up
NSBM Rugby Club	KDU Leaders Trophy 2017 & 2018 – Cup Champions, ICBT 7’s 2018 - Plate Champions, UITM International Sports Fiesta 2018 – Bowl Champions, UITM International Sports Fiesta 2019 – Plate Champions
NSBM Martial Arts Club	National Youth Kyorugi & National Poomsae Taekwondo Championship 2019 - Champions
NSBM Hockey Club	USPORTS 2019 – Champions, KDU Leaders Trophy – 3rd place
NSBM Chess Club	USPORTS 2019 – Champions (Women’s), USPORTS 2019 – Runners up (Men’s)
NSBM Powerlifting Club	National records for 93 weight category – 120kg bench press, National records (105 weight class) – 250 kg of deadlift, 137.5 kg of bench press and a total of 607.5kg



Activity-based Clubs

With 18 activity-based clubs running events and projects throughout the year, NSBM Green University was never short of excitement, vigor, and cheer for the past five years. As a university that fosters the global graduate concept, students are always encouraged to pick different extra-curricular activities they are passionate about. Backed with such encouragement, students have formed several clubs and societies representing an array of interests during the past five years. Since their inception, these clubs have remained very active, and they have organized and undertaken numerous events and projects that added value not only to student life but also to the community at large.

Any event by a club, especially by the Drama Club, the Music Club, or the Dancing Club, is a never-miss event at NSBM. Drama Club of NSBM, remaining true to its purpose, makes sure to create a spark now

and then to light up the university atmosphere. The club has not only conducted several workshops to educate and nurture passionate young artists but also celebrated their unique talent through major-scale events such as 'Emotion' and 'Backlash' during the 2017-2020 period.

The Music Club bounds everyone with their music spells and adds rhythm to the days spent at the university. From major musical events such as Encore 2017, Haritha Isiwara 2018, Pason Bakthi Gee, and virtual musical shows to performing at different events organized by various other clubs and societies, the music club did it all.

The club takes pride in composing the theme song of one of the iconic events at NSBM- 'Siyapath Siya Udanaya'.

The Dancing Club of NSBM unites passionate young dancers and celebrates their talents in almost every event here at NSBM. Hardly an

event would conclude without a mesmerizing performance by the Dancing Club. The Media & Photography Club is another prominent club that shoulders the responsibility of covering all the media aspects including photography, videography, sound editing, DJ operations, live streaming, and compering of events taking place throughout the year.

Among the very active clubs at NSBM, is the Wellbeing Association which advocates mental, physical, social, and spiritual wellbeing among the undergraduates and takes pride in organizing a large number of events including major projects such as 'Bhaava', 'Green Challenge' and 'Lockdown Stories'.

Oratory & Debating Club of NSBM takes the center stage every year with its annual signature event – "VIVADA" - an all-island inter-school debating competition. The club operates with the vision of uplifting the oratory skills of the youth across



the country and so far, the club has conducted several competitions and workshops to improve the oratory skills of the youth.

As a 'Green University', we have to be very concerned about the impact we make on the natural environment. In this process, student engagement to foster environmental protection and conservation was identified as a key focus area by the Student Affairs. Hence, clubs such as Green Task Force, Nature and Wildlife, and Explorers' Club were formed to initiate projects and events to promote environmental-friendly practices while creating awareness on the same.

The Literature Circle of NSBM has been instrumental in sparking creativity among students while nurturing them with the knowledge required for a deep appreciation of literary work and languages. So far the circle has organized major events such as 'Harithabhinandana',

'Hangum Thotilla', and several other virtual events to promote creative thinking and appreciation of written art.

Among the rest of the activity-based clubs, the Foodies club takes charge of all the food stalls and food festivals at NSBM. Within a very short period, the club was able to win the hearts of everyone owing to its uniqueness.

Every activity-based club at NSBM holds a special place in the heart of students and academics alike. Activity-based clubs are what add colour, energy, and excitement to the otherwise monotonous student life.

International Clubs

As a university that welcomes both national and international student communities, NSBM has taken steps to create strong links with international student associations

such as AIESEC, Leo Club, Rotaract Club, Toastmasters' Club, and UN Student Forum. International clubs at NSBM provide a platform for the students to gain international exposure, build connections across borders, explore and respect different cultures, ethnicities, religions and develop their leadership potential. Activities conducted through these clubs help the students to carve their path in becoming global graduates.

AIESEC has been one of the most active international clubs at NSBM. In 2018 and 2019, NSBM partnered with AIESEC Sri Lanka to host their annual national event called 'Global Village' where over 200 foreign undergraduates gather to celebrate multi-ethnicity, develop cross-cultural understanding, and global citizenship.

Leo Club of NSBM has organized numerous CSR projects such as blood donation campaigns, optical distribution projects, elderly care



projects, beach clean-up projects, educational programmes, etc. to improve social well-being.

Rotaract club of NSBM is one of the first-ever student clubs formed in the university and it has acquired a significant membership of over 100 capable youth leaders. The club has already marked its name as strong and vibrant with several notable achievements.

Religious Societies

As a global university, NSBM Green University has always been a place where diversity is recognized, respected, and celebrated. Religious societies of NSBM provide students with opportunities to find balance in their spiritual life with all the other facets of university life. Religious societies thus provide a platform to practice their faith, celebrate their religious festivals, and engage in different religious activities while fostering spirituality, compassion,

and unity. Religious societies include Buddhist Society, Catholic and Christian Society, Islamic Society, and Hindu Society.

The Buddhist society of NSBM operates intending to mold religious citizens for a better Sri Lanka. The society has conducted several dhamma sermons, prith chanting ceremonies, and many other CSR projects in celebration of Poya days and the anniversary of the Green University every year.

Catholic and Christian society has been established primarily to serve the spiritual needs of the Catholic and Christian communities at NSBM. The society has organized various religious events such as May novenas, Ash Wednesday Mass, Carol services, and many other events to enhance the unity among the students and to cultivate faith towards God.

Islamic society allows the Muslim community at NSBM to practice

their faith and to celebrate important religious occasions while upholding core Islamic values. Iftar ceremony organized by the Islamic society is one of the most anticipated events at NSBM.

On the other hand, Hindu society adds more colour and vibrance to the student life with various Hindu observances, and of course the most anticipated Pongal celebration in January every year.

The religious societies at NSBM have been instrumental in fostering peace, harmony, brotherhood, unity, and love among the student community.

NSBM Sports Fiesta – A Celebration of Sportsmanship

The NSBM Sports Fiesta, the concept of 'NSBM Sports Meet' was initiated and led by the Head of Student Affairs at that time, a former rugby



player, Prof. Baratha Dodankotuwa in 2017 with the great purpose of cultivating the sports culture at NSBM. This remarked a benchmark event in the NSBM history where it paints the NSBM sky in red, yellow, blue, and green every year and celebrates great sportsmanship in every way to shape up more well-rounded graduates under four different houses namely Ruby Adventurers, Citrine Warriors, Sapphire Heroes, and Emerald Fighters. There will be no existence of any barriers such as faculties or departments or any degree programme wise but only true warriors who complete under one flag, NSBM Green University. It has been one of the biggest and most anticipated events at the NSBM Extracurricular Event Calendar. It runs for almost two weeks with key athletic events, games, and many more entertainment items.

The competitive environment usually kicks off with the

commencement of NSBM March intake which embeds with its initial house meetings and bringing athletes from all across the university to compete for fourteen championships. NSBM Sports Fiesta is a true representation of great sportsmanship and even though it is organized for NSBM students, most academic and non-academic staff members join their hands and actively partake in all aspects of Sports Fiesta to express their tremendous support to the students to make the event colourful and successful. NSBM Sports Fiesta depicts the true victories of the NSBM students in molding their personalities towards becoming exceptional leadership-oriented people in the society, upholding values of teamwork, risk-taking, and many more while balancing both academic life and extracurricular activities. Hence, products of NSBM will always stand on a valued place in both academic and corporate sectors with all these treasured

capabilities.

Siyapath Siya Udanaya – keeping the traditions alive

“Siyapathsiya Udanaya” was initiated in 2012, to further embrace one of the greatest celebrations of Sri Lanka – The Sinhala and Tamil New Year. This event is intended to embrace the core traditions of Sinhala and Tamil New Year and to create an authentic experience associated with NSBM. This iconic event also provided a platform for all its undergraduates and academics to participate in many fun and traditional games throughout the day.

After a full day of engaging in fun and exciting activities, the event concludes with the crowning of the Avurudu Kumara and Avurudu Kumariya- which is the main event that everyone impatiently awaits.

The students get the chance to dress up in traditional attire and present themselves in front of an esteemed panel of judges to compete for the title and the crown. This is the most iconic event in the NSBM calendar that brings together everyone in celebration of unity in diversity.

Green Flames

August 9, 2019, marked an iconic day in the history of NSBM as the vibrant talents of NSBM undergraduates were showcased on a creative masterpiece of a stage giving the audience an exceptional entertainment experience. This was the first-ever groundbreaking youth talent show and pageant, organized by the Student Affairs Unit. The talent show entailed three main stages and was judged by renowned personalities in Sri Lanka. After a few rounds of fierce competition, on the final day, Dulmi Geekiyanage an energetic and enthralling solo

dancer, emerged as the winner while Blaze beatboxers and Naveen Mannapperuma came in the second and third places respectively. Shanith Ayeshmantha and Chirath Ratnayake won the hearts of everyone for their hilarious drama act - Raja Sabhawa and they took away the most popular award of the night. The beauty pageant was a great success where Ms. Nisa Perera won the title of Ms. NSBM while Mr. Hemain Jayasekara won the title of Mr. NSBM.

This iconic event concluded successfully with mesmerizing performances by popular artists and undergraduates, yet again proving the talent and potential of NSBM youth.

Green Fiesta – A Musical Extravaganza

Green Fiesta is a musical extravaganza that everyone at NSBM

looks forward to every year. The event was organized successfully for the third consecutive year in 2019. The first-ever Green Fiesta kicked off in 2017 in celebration of the first anniversary of NSBM and the proceeds collected from the event were donated to Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama.

Over the years, the event featured performances by popular bands and personalities in Sri Lanka including Hot Chocolate, The infinity, Yaka Crew, Daddy, and Wasthi Productions. The event also featured performances by NSBM Music Club, Drama Club, and Dancing Club providing the undergraduates a performance to showcase their talents to a larger audience.

NSBM Colours Awarding Ceremony – A celebration of sportsmanship



NSBM Green University has always been a pioneer in creating young graduates with the ability to take multiple extracurriculars, to enhance their capabilities as global graduates. The university thus, along its journey established more than 40 clubs and societies including 16 sports clubs. To end the years on a defining note with the true spirit of sports, NSBM Green University celebrates the achievements gained by NSBM's sportsmen & sportswomen at the prestigious NSBM Colours Awarding Ceremony. The NSBM Colours Awarding Ceremony 2017 & 2018, which was held together marked a milestone in NSBM history by being the first-ever colours awarding ceremony to present colours for sports including, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, and Table Tennis. Each sports team is awarded a Best Player Award, which recognizes the most dedicated, hardworking, and passionate male and female player

of the game for the year. Another highlight of the ceremony is the set of awards given to the undergraduates with exceptional performances. Recognizing the great service rendered to their alma mater in the respective year for the numerous efforts to uplift the Students' Affairs Unit, various clubs & societies are awarded certificates of recognition. The ceremonial event, NSBM Colours Night Awarding Ceremony concludes with a scintillating award bestowed to the most outstanding sportsman and the sportswoman of that year; an individual who is recognized as the best among all the sports. Unfortunately, with the impending pandemic, Colours Awarding Ceremony was not held since 2019.

USPORTS – Learning the art of battle while refining the character

USPORTS is an annual

inter-university tournament where state and non-state universities take part to compete in a plethora of sporting events comprising of Basketball, Rugby, Swimming, Soccer, Table Tennis, Athletics, Hockey, Chess, and Netball. USPORTS commenced its expedition back in 2018 with the lead of Mr. Mohamed Shafraz; the head of student affairs together with the Sports Council of NSBM. The objective of this event was to provide more opportunities to university-level sportsmen and sportswomen as well as to strengthen the friendship between state and non-state universities through mutual respect for sports. In September 2018, the inaugural event kick-started with the participation of 10 different higher education institutions battling it out with 22 different sporting teams. As anticipated, USPORTS 2019 was instigated with the participation of more than 15 higher academic institutions including public universities and that time around the excitement and the enthusiasm were even higher with the elevated competition. The NSBM Athletic Club became Dual Champions displaying the best in stamina, speed, team spirit, and pure talent in all relay events. After a well-fought tournament, Swimming (men's), Basketball (men's), Chess (women's) teams of NSBM were able to secure championships. The closing ceremony was augmented with a mesmerizing display by yet another winning team, the NSBM Taekwondo Club. The sporting festival which engulfed the sporting arena in a week of healthy competition, team spirit, cheer, and true sportsmanship concluded on the 25th of November 2019.

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