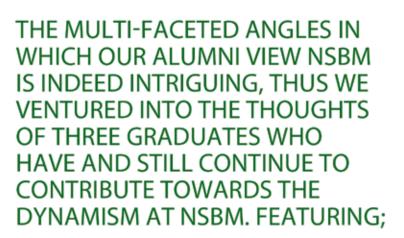
# **2018** BUSINESS DIALOGUE

# DIVERSE ALUMNI ANGLES





MADHAWA SAMARASEKERA



THILINI WASANA



**KAVINDU NARATHOTA** 

### Madhawa

**Samarasekera**, a graduate in Accounting & Finance offered by Plymouth university, U.K, most popularly as a musical connoisseur and much adored for his amazing entertainment skills as a singer.

### Thilini Wasana is a

business graduate with first class honors. She was awarded Best Presenter of 'Students' Research Symposium 2017' and was invited to present her undergraduate research at 'International Conference on Business Innovation 2018' organized by the NSBM Green University

### Kavindu Narathota, a

graduate of University College Dublin in Bsc (Hons.) in Computer Science with a first class, a Toastmaster with many championships and awards and currently working at CodeGen International (Pvt) Ltd, while running his own startup TekiMart.

# NSBM: THE CAREER BUILDER

**Madhawa:** I joined NSBM in year 2014.I followed a degree program in Accounting & Finance



offered by Plymouth university, U.K. And I successfully completed my degree in year 2017. I always wanted to join my father's business and help develop it every possible way. The knowledge I gained at NSBM under the able guidance of a wonderful staff of lecturers helped me to mould myself for this.

**Thilini**: When I was starting my degree, I actually did not know that I have a talent for presentations. However, when I was in first year, we did a presentation for our very first assignment in Business Communication which changed me in to a whole new version of myself. Thanks to NSBM, I am well known for presentations which largely added value to my career.

At the same time, I am a person who carries a job in the field of Project Management and NSBM is where I first learnt Project Management. It gave me the opportunity to start my job in Hirdaramani Group.

Kavindu: I joined NSBM to complete my Bachelor's degree soon and get an early kick start to my career. While I was studying at NSBM, I found that I have the ability to effectively lead teams and speak in front of an audience. As a result of practicing those skills, we started few clubs at NSBM, (DevOps and Computer Science Club etc.) and started organizing events at NSBM (Nugegoda).

As a result of actively taking part in these events, I was offered an

internship at hSenid Mobile Solutions when I was in the 2nd year. After completing the Internship, I started working as a part time engineer while catering to the Australian market as a Freelance Software Engineer. To become the man who I am today NSBM is one of the places where I laid the foundation to become a good engineer, leader and a speaker.

# MESSAGE TO CURRENT STUDENTS

Madhawa: While giving priority to your studies, you should also take part in the extracurricular activities like

# **ARCHIVING MEMORIES**

Madhawa: After NSBM became Green University, a Music club was formed. I was chosen as the secretary of the Music club. I took up the challenge although I was in my final year then, because of my interest in music. I derived great pleasure from working with members of the music club and taking part various musical events. I should make special mentioned here of Mr.Dileepa Jayamanne and Ms.Ishani for their invaluable support and contribution towards the success of the music club. I participated in the year 2014 & 2015 NSBM Talent Show as a vocalist, another thing that I always remember with great pleasure is the "NSBM siyapath siya udanaya" theme song to which I contributed as a vocalist in year 2016 & 2017. I also participated in the Poson devotional songs this year. I should also mention here my two friends, Yashod Gamage and Anjana Ayeshan who always helped in our music activities with their knowledge and talent in music.

**Thilini**: NSBM offered me wonderful memories in terms of Academic achievements and extra-curricular

activities. I am proud to say that I am the Gold Medalist for Best Academic Performance in Project Management and Gold Medalist for Best Presenter in Student Research Symposium 2018. Moreover, I had the privilege to participate in ICOBI 2018 as a presenter alongside my NSBM lecturers and had the opportunity to present my Research Article in ICOBI Proceedings. In terms of extra-curricular activities, it was a great experience to participate in NSBM Talent Show for almost two years. In addition to having wonderful memories with my fellow participants, I was fortunate enough to perform with Mr. Kamal Addararachchi in Talent Show 2014, which was unforgettable.

**Kavindu**: To be honest, NSBM Siyapath Siya Udanaya. Since I joined NSBM in 2013 March, my batch mates and I took part in the tug-of-war contest for all 4 years. Apart from the 1st year which we became the runners-up, all other 3 years we were the champions. That made me realize, the strength in unity.

Music club, Dancing club, Drama club, sports and social work available at the university. And You should maintain good discipline and show respect to your lecturers and seniors. Always work with a clear goal ahead of you. And wherever you go, We proudly able to say that you are an NSBM student.

**Thilini:** I always 'dream big' and work hard. I want my fellow juniors to do the same. People are faced with difficulties and they go through lot of hard times, but why give up? I am a person who does not believe in luck – I believe in effort. If I achieve something, it is due to my effort. Therefore, I want others to believe in themselves and follow their heart too.

Kavindu: Becoming a graduate is not easy. Either from a state university or a private institution it requires dedication and hard work. So, even though you enjoy your youth, you always have to keep your eye on the goal. Especially if you are studying at a private institution, as you must value the hard earned money your parents have spent on you.

Regardless of the university you are graduating from, unless you work hard, no one will hire you based on the university. Always look for a path which will make you unique from the bunch. It can be a different technology or a soft skill. Always be unique and don't be afraid to try different things.

# RECOMMENDAT IONS

Madhawa: Of course, I would wholeheartedly recommend NSBM to anyone interested in higher studies .Because it's one of the leading institute of higher education. And also because it provides the opportunity for studies to obtain both Local and Foreign degrees. Another reason why I would recommend NSBM without any hesitation is the well experienced and highly qualified lecturers on the teaching staff of the university.

Thilini: Yes, I highly recommend NSBM. NSBM is the place where I started a new chapter of my life. It transformed me into a completely new person. On the other hand, NSBM has a friendly lecturer panel where we still have contact with our lecturers. NSBM provides you the best qualification for the best price with the best facilities. It is a great place to discover your hidden talents and nurture them.

Kavindu: NSBM Green
University Town provides a fresh and complete learning experience to its students. Being a part of an institute like that is truly a privilege. As long as the quality and the productivity of the institute is high, I would always recommend NSBM because this is one of the best university experiences you can

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