

BITSAA Int'l Alumni & BITS-focused Initiatives (in addition to BITSCONnect)



Announcing: \$15,000 SS Seshadri Memorial Scholarship Fund

SS Seshadri or Sesa passed away a few years back. When his Economics Class of 87 batch decided to put a scholarship in Pilani in his name in August 2001, BITSAA International was born. A scholarship fully pays for one deserving third year student at Pilani. This scholarship came about by the generous donations of BITSians in the US, particularly on the East Coast. Sesa, a student of Economics & Civil Engineering, will always be remembered as a gentle, smiling giant to all of the classmates he leaves behind.

This scholarship was set up at the same time as Vamsi's and has \$8,000 in funds. You may donate online at www.bitsaa.org to top-up our funds, or contact our Trustee to make a contribution.

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Announcing: BITSAA Center for Entrepreneurship & Venture Capital (CEVC)

The CEVC, founded in November 2002 by Anupendra Sharma, has a mission to foster entrepreneurship amongst BITS alumni. It has quickly grown into a core global team of 14 dedicated advisors and coordinators with backgrounds in entrepreneurship, venture capital and private equity. The objectives are to:

- Nurture entrepreneurship amongst the BITSian Alumni

- Facilitate the creation of an ecosystem that consists of entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, professionals, academicians and the students of BITS

- "Sow-the-Seeds" for entrepreneurship on BITS Campus

CEVC and BITSAA are working together to bring you events and workshops around the world. The first of these events is a meeting with Diaz Nesamoney in San Francisco on May 22. The CEVC will be hosted shortly on www.bitsaa.com, with tools, resources, advice and lots of information for BITSian entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. In case of any questions regarding the CEVC, please contact the person listed below:

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The BITS Centre for Entrepreneurial Leadership (BCEL)

The CEVC team is working with the Institute and the BITS student body to launch the **BITS Centre for Entrepreneurial Leadership** at Pilani. The Centre will leverage BITS' resources, the energy of the student body, and resources and ideas of the alumni body to create a vibrant, thriving culture of entrepreneurship on the BITS campus. A number of students have been identified, and Professor V S Rao has been named interim Director for the Centre. BITSAA working on this effort include Aashish Bhinde, Vivek Pandita, Satish Gupta, K Vijay Rao, Dinesh Mirchandani and Anupendra Sharma.

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Announcing: The BITSAA Academic Center

This Center is intended to keep students, faculty and BITSian in academics connected to each other. Over the next few months we will develop a list of objectives that will help the BITSAA

community with any and all of their academic-related queries and initiatives. The academic council is being created to start initiatives aimed at strengthening the links between BITSian in academics, BITS alumni in the United States, the Institute and current students at the Institute. The Academic Center website for BITSian students will be a wealth of resources for students applying to PhD, Masters and MBA programs. Led by Dr. SP Kothari, MIT Sloan and Professor Krishna Saraswat, Stanford, the Center will also aim to build the BITS brand around the world through the 160+ BITSians teaching at universities. Other alums involved include Prof Baheti, NSF; Prof Maheshwari, USUHS; Prof Ravindran, Penn State; Suraj Srinivasan, HBS and Vikas Chandra, Carnegie Mellon.

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In development: BITSAA Alumni Directory & Job Bank

The alumni directory, being developed by BITSAA with the underlying data from the current directory as well as other information at BITS, is currently under construction, but will be launched in a month or two. This directory, based on benchmarking similar directories at the world's top business schools, is intended to be our most important resource in keeping in touch with the BITSian community. We will inform you when this site is launched.

Since we started encouraging people to post jobs on the yahoogroups, BITSAA has been flooded with job announcements, which has been a boon to our students. To improve this process we are developing a board to easily post job announcements for BITSians.

If you would like to volunteer to help us in our technology development efforts, please contact our CTO.

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