

Newsletter in support of Forman Christian College

# Friends of Forman Christian College



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## Life Outside of the Classroom



*Dr. Jonathan Addleton shares what some students are doing outside of class.*

The emergence of the latest variant of COVID-19 combined with road closures due to Pakistan's Super League cricket matches at Gaddafi Stadium forced Forman to return to online instruction for the remainder of the fall 2021 semester. However, the campus has remained open and the sight of ongoing cricket matches in Forman's "front lawn" has been one of the early highlights of this year for me. As for Forman's outstanding college cricket team, it topped its group in the recent Central Punjab College Cricket League championships, going undefeated in three successive group matches against

Government MAO College, Concordia College, and Shalimar before finally losing in the semi-finals.

Also on the sports front, FCCU's tennis team achieved third place in the Lahore Board's Inter-Collegiate Tennis Championship for 2021-2022, held at Government College University (GCU) on December 17.

FCCU student Hanzala Ahmad -- who is also Executive Vice President of Forman's Debating Society -- won the Bronze Medal in the HEC Interschool Kamyab Jawan Gala Boxing Championship for 2021. When I congratulated Hanzala for his strong performance, he thanked FCCU Boxing Coach Abdul Ghaffar for

support as well as Mr. Shezad from the FCCU Sports Office staff for standing in his corner during the semi-final match.

As for student success, Aasia Khanum who heads Forman's Computer Science Department reports that the FCCU Computer Science student team is included among the regional winners of the Microsoft Imagine Cup Epic Challenge for 2022, qualifying for the World Finals in May 2022. The team includes MS Computer Science student Mehr-un-Nisa Kitchlew and BS Computer Science students Shahreyar Arif Kitchlew, Hamza Asaad, and Ahmed Saad. Their project focused on using Artificial Intelligence to detect breast cancer. The Imagine Cup initiative was

launched two decades ago to encourage student innovators while also developing their technical skills.

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We are a 501(c)(3) organization formed to support the work of Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan.

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Also, congratulations to the five "Top Achievers" from Forman Christian College for their outstanding performance in the most recent Lahore Board Exams: Muhammad Fasih Iqbal (1098/1100); Hassan Ahmed Rana (1092/1100); Salman Khawar (1091/1100); Rafay Waheed (1087/1100); and Muhammad Shah (1085/1100).



In alumni news, popular singer and Forman graduate Shae Gill was recently selected as a new artist appearing on Coke Studio (a Pakistani television program), singing alongside Ali Sethi. Shae has a wonderful voice and her music demonstrates both versatility and popular appeal. This is what the Tribune had to say about "Pasoori": <https://bit.ly/fccshaegill> ❖

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## Spring in Lahore and on the Forman Campus

*Rev. Samuel Schreiner III, FFCC Executive Director*

On March 8, four US travelers heading to Forman Christian College met up in Doha to take the last leg of our journey to Lahore. We had only met on Zoom, and my three guests had never been to Forman, let alone Pakistan, before. Five days later, they would be well immersed in Punjabi cuisine, Pakistan hospitality, Christian graciousness, and student enthusiasm for their studies at FCC.

Jonathan and Fiona Addleton, Eileen Daas (chief of staff), and Col. Khaqan (head of security) were great hosts and hostesses. (Continued on page 3)



Walking Tour of Forman Campus



Visiting Mercy Health Center



Light of Hope School



Overlooking Forman Campus with Dr. Jonathan and Mrs. Fiona Addleton



Campus Center Construction Tour



Sam, John, Col. Khaqan, Joel, Dave



Students were back on campus, spring was in the air, and warm 80 degree days with bright sunshine greeted us. What did we see? **Here is what our visiting team found in their own words.**

*"It was inspiring to see space created at FCC in a country not known for broad-minded inclusion, where people of all faiths, religions, genders, and backgrounds can gather and engage with each other in a respectful and positive manner."*

*– John Gill, a Friends board member from CT*



*"I was struck by the way that the education mission was integrated with the overall work of economically lifting up the Christian community, of providing safe-space for religious and ethnic minorities, and of fostering inter-faith friendships and understanding."*

*– Pastor Dave Watermulder of Los Gatos, CA*

After sharing about meeting with students and hearing their open and honest reflections, visitor Joel Huang of Washington state wrote,

*"Our visit provided many other opportunities to see and hear other aspects of the Forman experience. Each of these encounters was delightful and memorable. There was a certain vibrancy in the members of the Forman community that I could feel because we were present with one another."*



**Forman is in a word – flourishing!** As it and Pakistan emerge out of our COVID-colored world these last few years, I'm pleased to report that it continues to attract some of Pakistan's best and brightest students who are grateful to study at a safe, modern, and open-hearted university. The faculty is ready to reengage with students in the classroom and has great hopes for the university under Dr. Addleton's leadership. People of faith are filling the chapel for the Friday service. Yes, many students have financial pressures because the economy is struggling, and education isn't inexpensive. However, it is recognized that a Forman education is a prime opportunity to make a difference economically, spiritually, and professionally for all graduates. This is making Forman Christian College's future very bright. ❖

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## The Campus Center/Library is Nearly Funded!

Thanks to you, we are in the final stages of fundraising for the campus center at FCCU. Our goal is to raise \$1,350,000 and complete the campaign by the end of 2022. This amount represents the cost of some of the interior furnishings and includes IT, the kitchen, and other equipment necessary support the many functions this building will house.



*Can you please help us reach our goal?*

Donations can be made at [www.friendsofforman.com/donate](http://www.friendsofforman.com/donate) or can be mailed to Friends of Forman Christian College, 3434 Roswell Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. ❖

## Thank you from a FCCU Student

### Arshia - Business

*My mom is a teacher. I've got a job as well. My dad used to work but his health deteriorated as he is a heart patient, so he doesn't work anymore.*

*I didn't want my University fee to be a burden for my parents as my sister is also studying. Because of this, I applied for financial aid and got a night shift job. FCCU has helped me a lot by providing this financial aid.*

*I'm majoring in marketing and sales. I've enjoyed the campus life, friends, and the amazing relationship that I have with some of my teachers.*

*My advice for new students would be... Balance your life. Study, but also make friends, enjoy your 4 years at FCCU, build a relationship with your teachers and make them your mentors. Lastly, get a job or do freelance work while you're studying so that by the time you graduate, you've learned and gained enough experience for a proper job.*

*Thanks, Donors! I really appreciate your help. It's taken off so much burden from my shoulders. Please keep doing the good work for future students as well. I wish you all the blessings in this world! ❖*

