A meaningful relationship between the University and its alumni is fundamental to the strength and vivacity of the university and the fabric of our very subsistence and we believe that this bonding is equally important for Chitkara’s alumni. Our relationship with our alumni is essential to our continuation as an outstanding university.

A Journey of thousand miles begins here

As we turn back the pages of our life, we attended lectures, missed classes, canteens, coffee shops, fights, make ups, results, failures, success, friendship and much more. But we find that there was a bonding that accompanied us all through the journey. It is always a pleasure to look back at the golden era of our lives, when happiness meant friends and the biggest concern was college results. Life has changed and so have our priorities but it is delightful to sit down and unwind over a cup of coffee with Dr Madhu Chitkara, Vice-Chancellor, Chitkara University, and listen to what your mentor has to say about some imperative things in verve.
Coffee with our Vice-Chancellor, Dr Madhu Chitkara

- **May we know the first school you taught in?**
  Govt. Girls higher secondary school, Sector 18, Chandigarh

- **Please share your journey from a teacher to being one of the founders of a leading university of the region today.**
  My journey from a teacher to a founder is very challenging. It was not that I got everything in life on a platter. I had to struggle a lot to reach this place but whenever I faced a difficult situation, I always took that as an opportunity not an obstacle and that attitude gave me strength and willpower to face the realities of life.

- **What are the essentials of becoming a successful leader today?**
  1. Positive attitude and self-confidence
  2. Looking at adversity as an opportunity not an obstacle.
  3. Committed to Excellence
  4. To establish a good relationship with everyone who is working with you and for you.

- **Your favorite holiday destination and why?**
  Any destination, where I am close to nature.

- **Something that you want to change about yourself.**
  Too much of emotional involvement with the people around me effects my performance sometimes, so this is something which i need to work on.

- **Three things you cannot live without.**
  1. Family  
  2. Work  
  3. Movies - in the same order.

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“As alumni, your relationship to the University does not have to end at the time of your graduation. It will continue to grow as you stay in touch with former classmates and other graduates. Stay in contact and dialogue with us, take part in the manifold events we offer you, make use of the various information services and actively engage with words and deeds. We look forward to your interest, participation, your thoughts and beliefs in the development of your University”

—Dr Madhu Chitkara

- What interests you the most?
  Challenge

- Please tell us something about your family and how does it play a role in your life?
  I am happily married with a very supporting life partner and blessed with a very intelligent son and a daughter. Both are married to brilliant life partners. I am a proud grandmother of four angels. My family gives me self-confidence to perform in a dignified manner whenever there is a problem.
2008 Chitkara University Himachal was born

Engineers be glad: In 2012 Dataquest ranked Chitkara Institute of Engineering and Technology in top 50 institutes in India

Our campus recruit has grown over the years with blue chip companies such as Microsoft, Google, and SAP joining the bandwagon.

2011 Chitkara Punjab campus was proclaimed to be Chitkara University Punjab

We have international collaboration all over the world for student exchange, semester abroad and twinning program in various disciplines.

Karan Sahij, a BBA First-year student, won the gold medal in the Roller Skating Federation of India Nationals held in Noida. He beat his competitor from Karnataka.

Chitkara Business School is rated AAA and ranked among Top B-schools of India

Dr Madhu Chitkara honoured with South East Asia award for being one of the most successful entrepreneur.

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"To accomplish the best you can, first aim for the best you can't, for CAN, it has always been nothing but the best".

The main components of the Chitkara Alumni Network mission is to enable alumni, students, faculty and staff to maintain their contact with the University and each other for their shared benefit and for the vital support and development of Chitkara University. One of the strongest bonds that survive with you over the years is your class bonding and CAN provides a forum to strengthen the bond over the years. The Chitkara University Alumni Office aims to help you stay in touch with your University, your college and other Chitkarians', wherever you are. Find old friends and stay connected to other alumni. Discover business opportunity through Chitkara Alumni Network all over the world and across industries.
Chandigarh Chapter
January 26, 2013
Recall, Relive and Reconnect—CHANDIGARH NOSTALGIA
Chitkara University’s inaugural alumni meet,
CHANDIGARH NOSTALGIA 2013, was held on January 26,
2013, at the Chitkara International School, Sector 25,
Chandigarh.
The 160 alumni who attended the meet were acquainted
with the various developments and milestones achieved
by the University over the years. They were also informed
about the future plans of the Chitkara Alumni Network.
Vice-Chancellor, Dr Madhu Chitkara, addressed the
gathering and expressed her happiness over the large
number of alumni who made it to the event. She explained
to the alumni—who she addressed as the members of the
Chitkara family—how Chitkara University had evolved over
the years. She added that Chitkara University was poised
to move onto the next level, and urged greater engagement
and participation from the alumni in the further
development of the University.
This was followed by Dr Sandhir Sharma—Dean Chitkara
Business School, and Dr Rajnish Sharma—Dean Electronic
Communication, Chitkara University, together taking the
stage. They quoted Swami Vivekananda’s words, “All
strength is within you”, and, “You are the creator of your
own destiny”, and explained the universal relevance of
these timeless words. After their combined address, the
alumni were taken through the TINK TANK (Innovation
Incubator) process.
After the completion of the formalities, it was time for
some fun and frolic. Live performance by the famous
stand-up comedian Rajiv Thakur had the alumni, staff and
students in splits. An energetic dance performance by the
current students regaled the audience, while the biggest
surprise of the day came when the Chancellor, Dr Ashok
Chitkara delivered an impressive, inspiring drums-playing
performance. It was an apt moment for all present to look
inside their selves and explore their potential.
CHANDIGARH NOSTALGIA 2013 saw nostalgic, emotional
interactions among the now—well-settled alumni. A
cake—cutting ceremony, followed by a sumptuous lunch
concluded the highly successful event, which saw the
alumni promising to meet every year to keep in touch with
their alma mater, and with each other.
Delhi Chapter
April 27 2013
Delhi Alumni Meet begins amidst exhilaration and delight. It was all about excitement, contentment, remembering old times, meeting old pals and revisiting the memory lane as 105 old pupils got together to celebrate the spirit of Chitkara. Interaction was the utmost thing that happened at the meet as it was all about meeting and knowing that who is doing what after passing out from the University. There were Heys and Byes and people looked delighted to see their batchmates once again.

The meet was held on April 27 at Hotel Radisson Blu Marine at Connaught Place in New Delhi. Our faculty member Dr Sandhir Sharma, Dean, Chitkara Business School, gave a presentation to all on 'Tink Tank', a Chitkara initiative, that funds a novel idea given by alumni.

Everyone present took an active part when the team from the University spoke about the progress made by the University as it evolved from Chitkara Educational Trust to Chitkara University, North India's most preferred University of the region, in a short span of time. Punctuality always gets noticed and our on-time arrivers got a chance to participate in a punctuality draw in which three prizes were given away. Another attraction of the event was a prize for the biggest gang that turned up at the dinner meet together.

Dance on foot-tapping numbers followed next and everyone was on the dance floor with dinner being served later. Everyone, who attended the meet was presented with a token of affection by Chitkara University. We would like to thank them for becoming a part of the effort put in by the CAN team.
Theatre Play
August 25, 2013
Saurabh Shukla Casts A Satirical Spell On Chitkara Alumni, Parents Of Chitkara Students Through 'Two To Tango, Three To Jive'
Known faces like Sadia Saddiqui, Achnit Kaur, Preeti Mamgain and Saurabh Shukla were in the city at Chitkara International School to enact 'Two to Tango, Three to Jive' directed by Saurabh Shukla.
Two to Tango, Three to Jive has been enacted 41 times at various places across India.
The local audience, comprising Chitkara alumni and parents of Chitkara International School students, were enthralled by the performance of the actors at Sector 25.
The play revolved around extramarital affairs and its consequences. Parminder Singh Sethi, enacted by Saurabh Shukla, was the main character of the play. He is a hotelier and he intends to have an extramarital relationship.
What kept the grip of the play and audience glued to their chairs were the various comic and puzzling situations that Mr Sethi experiences.
In his attempt to have a relationship outside his marriage, he makes way for three women who enter his life. The first scene of the play is when he meets the first woman. The second lady grasps Mr Sethi's attention through her enumerable stories but the end is as it was with the first lady. Similar thing happens with the third lady too.
The play is all about Mr Sethi's attempts to have an affair with any of the three characters but he fails to have his share of emotions.
The play was appreciated by one and all and the audience applauded the efforts put in by everyone associated with Chitkara for bringing the play to the City Beautiful.

Museum
September 5, 2013
It was indeed a trip down the memory lane for everyone at the Himachal Pradesh, Chitkara University campus with the inauguration of a museum.
The museum was inaugurated by none other than Dr Ashok K Chitkara, Chancellor, Chitkara University and the event was graced by Dr Madhu Chitkara along with other faculty and staff members of the university.
Everyone got a true glimpse of the glorious past the campus has had when it just existed on paper until today when it proudly speaks volumes of sheer determination, grit and enthusiasm that has gone in for making the Himachal Pradesh campus a reality.
Staff members had their experience on how the campus was incepted, planned, the land sanctioned for the campus and how it came into form. The hard work that has gone into it is just worth loads of applauds.
The museum is a collection of memoirs, emotions, sentiments, passion and determination that keeps the campus going.
Amulmeet Singh Chadha
Product Manager, freecharge.com
Batch: 2006-2010
Branch: B. Tech (ECE)
Award Category: Science and Technology

What makes Amulmeet different is that he is one of the youngest Design heads in India.

He recognized his passion for designing in the second year of his degree and this led him to opening up a design studio, Cropple Solutions, at his house.

Giving it back to his Alma Mater, he trained other students of his college to help him build a freelance network and scale his company. After two-and-half-years, he moved out to Bangalore where he joined the organization called zipdial.com as second employee of the company. Soon he was promoted as senior UX Lead to UI/UX Team.

His efforts contributed towards his organization being featured as most promising startup of 2013 – 2014 in nextbigwhat.com. After zipdial and few other start up ventures, he joined redbus.in as Senior Product Designer. He has established best UX designed practices and also has designed the whole line of consumer products. He was promoted to Senior Product Manager Design for Mobile apps and web at redbus.in.

The organization succeeded in Andriod. IOS and windows app landscapes. The RedBus Android app was also featured by Google as the Google Developer Story and was also featured at Google I/O in the emerging markets section in US.

Recently Amulmeet Singh has joined freecharge.com as Product Manager for Mobile and is heading all landscapes for them. He is occasionally invited to colleges and conferences to speak about his Designs Thinking and Product Building. Amul’s strengths are that he is a design visionary, user driven and likes to build a product which solves a problem.
W hen the idea of Yellow Cursor first struck while I was in Wipro (Bangalore), it was clear that the road was not easy. I had no working capital, and hence no resources (except for my laptop and an internet connection) to start with. My first team consisted of three final year students who had worked with me earlier in the Department Electronics Club. The only thing we had was a vision to create a Change. With just a promo video and a little understanding about entrepreneurship, we met Mohit Chitkara Sir for our first pitch. One hour, and everything was settled - all our problems and hindrances vanished. As if they never were. In two months, we had a lab-cum-office inside the campus, specially designed for our needs. We got some excited interns from the campus to work with - who were provided with special privileges (like skipping classes and minor assessments) to contribute to a greater good. The one facet every founder is worried about is the Legal aspect. But then I realized that being a part of the Chitkara eco-system, these things were trivial. I still remember Mohit Sir saying, "Focus on the vision, don't worry about the legal and the finance." Two years, and I have never felt like worrying.

Imagine having the best university in the region as your mega-laboratory - that's a dream for every EdTech startup. For us, it was reality. Every time we had a prototype, we had all the associated teachers ready to test it and provide their invaluable feedback and suggestions. And the icing on the cake comes in when Ashok Sir and Madhu Mam boost your morale. And when you are dealing with about 1500 students, assuming for features and strategies of your products go out of the window. Everything is Live. We've learnt a lot. Being independent from the very beginning, dealing with various levels of the management, managing the cash cow, stresses of the competition market, when and how to pick pace, pressure of the work and deadlines, night shifts, 90-hour work weeks, and much more. But it all comes voluntarily. When you are incubated at your Alma Mater, it's warm and comfortable.

A shy boy who was always excited about building stuff with a few lines of code that could make an impact was me since my School days but it was the end of Second year during my engineering days at Chitkara when a couple of my faculty members showed faith in me and pushed me to represent Chitkara for a coding competition. We lost badly but that was the start. My team member Akash Bhalla and I went to several competitions from then on and won most of them. It was like an unbelievable journey that all started with just 2 faculty members who showed faith in me and everything changed from then on. It was then the Chitkara Management, specifically Mr. Mohit Chitkara (Vice President), Chitkara Educational Trust who introduced me to the real world where I could actually scale my abilities and solve real problems with my coding abilities.

At the end of my 4th Year I got placed into Infosys and it was not long since working there when I finally realized that it’s time to start something more impactful and bring my abilities to real practise. I quit my job in 2010 at Infosys which was a campus placement and came back to Chandigarh where I planned to start SchoolPad, an online ERP to simplify school management and collaboration to help teachers, students and parents be more connected and more informed. Chitkara Innovation Incubator helped me setup a company where I could build a strong team and work towards my goal and today when I look back, I realize that I could have never reached the scale at which I am today without the support of the Incubator and the initial mentorship.

To conclude, I would like to say that there's just one life and hence live it well. Do what you love and believe me, there's no better journey than the journey of being an entrepreneur so if you feel you have it in you, become one and make an impact.
Inception of Aautosync

Innovation & experimentation at Leeds inspired to seed in the idea of Aautosync in my home country and what better place to start than my own under graduate school Chitkara University which has always supported my ideas throughout, through and seen there being created. Mohit Sir, had a synced thought for automotive at Chitkara and it was just the right time in January 2013 to initiate the vision of Aautosync to create an excellence in Automotive knowledge & experimentation.

One year down Aautosync has roped in many industry giants like Tata Tech, Mahindra, Dassaults & has begun a new age for creating an atmosphere for students, academicians & professional to learn endlessly in the field of Automotives.

Several projects undertaken by ACE have been acknowledged by both national & international organizations like Shell, IMechE, Steinbeis, SAE.

This is just the beginning with lot of holes to fill in & bridge the gap between Academics & Industry.

Thanks a ton to one & all at Chitkara University who have helped in nurturing & strengthening the thought behind Aautosync.

Sameer Sharma
COO & FOUNDER TRIDEAL
Stream: Computer Science Engineering

I am a very ambitious guy and a proud alumnus of Chitkara University. I got enrolled with Chitkara University, Punjab Campus in B.Tech (CSE 2003-2007 batch). Coming from a small town and having lesser exposure to different career options, Chitkara University has played a pivotal role in my career building.

CU mentored me to get placed in one of the top MNC’s in 2006-2007, which of course provided me lot of global exposure for around five years and then in 2012 Mr. Mohit Chitkara helped me in kick starting my journey as an Entrepreneur under CHITKARA INCUBATION CENTRE Program.

I have an ambition of making a positive impact to lives around me in a certain way. The initial baby step to achieve the same was Co-Founding Tri Network Limited in 2012 with a vision to empower local businesses reaching out to targeted customers vis-a-vis saving money for our end users. Now everyday I put my best to get closer to this dream by inches through our flagship website www.trideal.in

In the past, I have worked with multibillion dollar organizations like HCL and E*TRADE Financial but being an entrepreneur makes me believe even stronger that Sky is the limit.

Would like to Thank Chitkara University Incubation Centre for giving me an opportunity to live a dream.

Happy Innovation
Harshbir Singh- An asset to humankind

Harshbir Singh, senior production executive with Haridwar HPC Factory, did mechanical engineering from 2004 to 2008 from Chitkara University. The entire Chitkara fraternity is proud of having Harshbir as an alumni and the following story will actually state more than anything else about Harshbir-the ‘HERO’.

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Harsh knew that Ravi was suffering from a cardiac arrest. Seeing this, the occupational health centre called an ambulance and Ravi was taken to the company’s affiliated hospital. In the evening when Harshbir and others went to see Ravi, they were told that he had suffered from cardiac arrests. S.B. Kurmi, Manufacturing Manager, at Harshbir’s company, stated that he was told at the hospital that Ravi had three cardiac arrests and the doctors stated that if Harshbir had not acted on time and given relief measures to Ravi, Ravi would not have been among us today. Archana Dutt, Ravi’s wife calls Harshbir their family’s hero and thanks him saying that they have a small daughter whose fate would have been in the dark if Harshbir did not save her husband. Ravi too calls Harshbir their ‘HERO’.

Mohan Panchabhai, Factory Manager, Haridwar HPC Factory, stated that Harshbir is a calm and a composed worker who believes in working hard and does not give into the work pressures. Harshbir on this episode stated that he is glad that he could save someone’s life and said that knowledge never goes waste as you get an opportunity to imply it someday.

Chitkara Alumni Network extends gratitude to Chitkara University’s alumni for being so closely associated with us. To take this tie a mile further, CAN invites you to come down to the University whenever you are able to spare some moments and make them valuable for us.

Sukhjinder Singh is presently working as a third engineer with ESM after doing a degree in Mechanical engineering from Chitkara University. Sukhjinder talked about Merchant Navy as a career option with Chitkara students.

His words were an inspiration for our present students as they derived and learnt about how is Merchant Navy a lucrative career option as stressed upon a handsome salary package that is tax-free; and getting various chances to go around the world and being paid for it.

He informed the students how to get into the profession the correct way. He urged the students to be wary of fake agents. He gave a list of valid colleges and institutes that enable people to join Merchant Navy, stressing upon the pre-requisites needed to be a part of this profession. He highlighted the kind of adventure that this career generates. Being in the Merchant Navy means spending months on a ship, being able to witness clear oceans, living in an absolute pollution-free environment, hopping from one country to another, getting access to some of the best cuisines of the world, getting a good amount of time with family after the sailing period and more. Students found the session extremely useful, informative, and inspiring.

Like Sukhjinder spared his valuable time for his alma mater, we request you to come down to your University and enlighten the students as they look forward to your guidance and direction.