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*Quarterly Newsletter of Mahamaya Girls' College
Alumnae Association of North America (MGCAANA)*
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Message from the Editor

Dear valued readers,

We are please to warmly invite you to our 21st Annual General Meeting, which will be held virtually on July 6th, 2025. It brings us immense joy to reconnect with you all of you in this online format. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of this event. We look forward to the participation of the majority of our valued MGCAANA members.

We hope you enjoyed a joyful New Year celebration with your friends and loved ones this past April. Although we may be distant from our homeland, it is vital to preserve our roots for the benefit of our future generations.

MGCAANA successfully hosted a fundraising event centered around the dodol making, led by Mayan alumna Maheshinie Rajapaksha. She provided a simplified recipe for this traditionally challenging Sri Lankan sweet. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the members who participated in the fundraising efforts.

Finally, with deep sympathy, we have included an obituary notice for our cherished Mayan alumna, Malika Godamudunage, who served as a valued member of our past Board of Directors. May Malika attain the ultimate peace of Nibbana!

Happy reading!

Newsletter committee

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*Uḥhānavato satīmato,
Sucikammasa nisammakārino;
Saññatassa dhammajivino,
Appamattassa yasobhivaḍḍhati.*

The wise person is energetic,
mindful, pure in conduct,
considerate in action,
self-restrained, and righteous.
That diligent person's glory
grows day by day.

Dhammapada

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Diligence



**MAHAMAYA GIRLS'
COLLEGE**

**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
OF NORTH AMERICA
(MGCAANA)**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Date: Sunday, July 6, 2025



**Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
(Pacific Time)**



**Virtual Access: A Zoom link
will be shared closer to date.**

Open Invitation

Dear MGCAANA members,

You are invited to the Board of Directors of MGCAANA for 2025/2026.

This is a formal invitation for all MGCAANA members to join the Board and serve your Alma Mater . As a valued member of our organization, your continued dedication and support have played a significant role in our growth and success. MGCAANA was established to connect Mayans across all generations residing in North America, nurturing a sense of belonging among our members.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for **July 6th, 2025**, where a new Board of Directors will be elected. Each member will receive ballot papers by mail before the AGM, granting them the opportunity to vote either in person or by proxy (online or regular mail), ensuring a fair process.

We cordially invite you to consider serving on MGCAANA's Board of Directors for the 2025/2026 term. This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience and contribute to advancing MGCAANA's mission and vision.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at mahamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com should you have any questions or require further information.

We really appreciate your consideration of this invitation and look forward to welcoming you to MGCAANA's Board of Directors.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our beloved Mayan community

Warm regards,

Board of Directors and Executive Committee

MGCAANA 2024/2025

Fundraising Event - Dodol Making

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants for their valuable contributions, which played a significant role in making the fundraising event a resounding success.

**Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America
(MGCAANA)**



***Join our Sinhala Tamil New Year
fundraising event of 2025***



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**\$15
MINIMUM
DONATION**

**WITH
MAHESHINIE RAJAPAKSHA**

**VIRTUAL EVENT
SUNDAY
March 23rd, 2025
10 AM PST
11 AM MST
12 noon CST
1 PM EST**



*Heartfelt Sympathy
for the loss of MGCAANA member
Dr. Malika Godamudunage*



The MGCAANA family wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Kasun Imaduwege and family. May they find peace, comfort, and courage at this time of sorrow.

May Malika attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana!

*With Sympathies,
MGCAANA Association
Board of Directors & Executive Committee
(2024/2025)*

Reaching the New Goal **\$50,000** Set for Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF)

The Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF), set up by MGCAANA, provides financial aid to disadvantaged students at Mahamaya Girls' College. Scholarships from VSTF pay for educational expenses and boarding fees of students attending Mahamaya. "Vidya," a Sanskrit word, means knowledge or wisdom. Our initial goal was to raise \$20,000, which we achieved in 2018; The current goal is \$50,000.

The total amount collected for VSTF reached **\$51,006** as of April 2025. Currently, we have reached the new goal.

To donate online or by cheque, please visit:

<http://mahamayaalumnina.org/vstf.php>

We value your donations - fulfilling our purpose of MGCAANA

The updates are according to Ms. Himashinie Diyabalanage (Co-chair, VSTF) - on behalf of the endowment committee and the VSTF Board of Trustees. *VSTF Announcements:* We are excited to share that in 2024, the VSTF awarded **24 scholarships worth Rs 20,000 each**. These scholarships will support deserving students in pursuing their educational goals. Congratulations to the recipients! And thank you to our sponsors and distinguish donors for making this possible!

https://www.mahamayaalumnina.org/VidyaTrustFund/MGCAANA_Vidya_Scholarship_Trust_Fund_Brochure.pdf

Renewing MGCAANA Membership for the Year 2025/2026

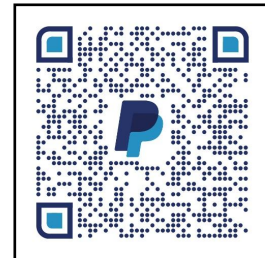
Thank you to members who already renewed their membership for the year 2024. If you have not renewed your membership yet, this is a friendly reminder to renew your membership to support MGCAANA's ongoing activities.

How can you renew your membership?

Online: Use your credit card via PayPal account to pay your membership fee through the MGCAANA membership renewal page.

<https://www.mahamayaalumnina.org/membership.html>

or using the MGCAANA PayPal QR code



By Mail: Please mail a check payable to MGCAANA (Annual membership: \$15 - Students; \$25 - Regular). Address: Treasurer, MGCAANA, 2417 NE 20th, Renton, WA 98056.

Note: If you wish, you can also renew your membership for 3, 5, or 10 years by paying US\$70.00, US\$115.00 and US \$230.00 respectively. Your support helps MGCAANA continue its legacy in helping Mayans and their communities in North America as well as current students at Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Upcoming MGCAANA Activities

- Board meetings (Monthly)
- Next Newsletter (July 2025)
- Webinars - Stay tuned.

Want to know what your Board of Directors (BOD) is up to?

Please read the minutes of the BOD's monthly meetings posted on MGCAANA website:

<http://www.mahamayaalumnina.org/minutes.php>

If you have new ideas, concerns, suggestions etc. to improve MGCAANA and to find out how it operates, please feel free to connect with the BOD through email:

Mahamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com

Newsletter Committee :

Ms. Veroni Nadeesha Jayawardana

Proofread by: BOD members

Dear valued members,

Please send your articles, pictures and artistic creations for the MGCAANA Newsletter to its official email account of MGCAANA, which is mahamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com

Send in any personal success stories, recipes or even old memories that you would like to share with our fellow Mayans. Kids and family members are most welcome to share their artistry with us. The Newsletter committee will retain your original work of art and will publish your work as the availability of space.

Thank you,

The Newsletter Committee.
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