GENDER CHAMPIONS

‘Gender Champions’ is a Central Government programme - a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Human Resources, intended to promote gender equity and equality on the campus.

Gender Champions in a college are supposed to work on raising awareness on how to beat gender bias and promote gender equality in all levels of society.

Twenty of our vibrant and dynamic students, after participating in a series of very challenging screening tests, emerged Gender Champions for the year 2019-2020. These Champions have render invaluable service to the College by strengthening the potential of young girls and boys and ensuring gender equity and equality on the campus.

GC Campaign in Marian

The campaign of ‘Gender Champions’ in our college started on 01 July 2019. Very interesting activities like Flash Mob, installations, ‘Chekkutty Paavaas’ Street play, singing and orientation talks were conducted to make the Marian Campus resonate with the awareness of the importance of becoming a Gender Champion.
Orientation & Application

An orientation on ‘Gender Champions’ was given to students on 12 July 2019.

A total of 189 students submitted the application.
Screening Process

The first stage of screening - Oral Presentation on Gender related topics, was conducted in two sessions. The first session was conducted on 01/08/2019 for MCA, MSW, BSW, Commerce, BCA students and the second session conducted for BACE, BBA, Mathematics, Economics, MCMS, MMH, and M Com PGDM on 05/08/2019.

The second level of Screening – Group Discussion was conducted on 19/08/2019 for six groups of eight students and for the remaining 6 groups of 8 students the same was organized on 20/08/2019.
A total of 33 students entered the final stage of screening – the ‘Stress Interview’ held on 21/08/2019.

20 students were selected as Gender Champions of Marian College.

**Inauguration**

The inauguration of ‘Gender Champions @ Marian’ took place on 10th October 2019 in the Conference Hall. The Chief Guest was Dr. Kochurani Abraham - feminist, theologian, gender researcher and trainer and Senior Fellow of Indian Council of Social Science Research. Twenty students of Marian were commissioned to be engaged as Gender Champions for the year 2019-20. All the 20 Gender Champions of Marian College were distributed with the Gender Champion’s badge.
Activities

Representatives of the Gender Champions visited the Mannam Memorial High School, Kattappana, on 24/01/2020 and conducted seminars on the need for Gender Awareness which was well-received by the school.
On February 22 and 23, Gender Champions will conduct ‘Gender Fest’ on the Marian Campus. This programme will be held in collaboration with EBSB.

The purpose of this upcoming event is to showcase Marian’s commitment to uphold Gender Equity and Equality on the campus, as well as to provide platforms to Marian students and also performers from outside, to display their artistic skills with a view to promoting the cultural diversity of India.

The highlights of the Fest are:

1. Kadhakali
2. Gothrathalam
3. Bharata Natyam
4. Kutchipudi
5. Kerala Nandanam
6. Painting and Photography
7. Movie Exhibition
8. Book Fair by DC Books
9. Installations
10. Talks
11. Open Forum

This event will be one of the signature events, unique to Marian, and could be held every year.