MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

It seems a lifetime since Dr Peter H Armacost and his wife Dr Mary-Linda left us to return to the United States. But in reality it has only been a few months. While he is missed greatly, his legacy is well-established and Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) is moving strongly ahead with many positive developments.

Another person left us as well and also at the same time – our first Chief Advancement Officer, Dr Manzur Gill retired this year having served from 2004-2012. His legacy is also still with us and can be most easily seen in the large network of alumni who have reconnected with Forman.

We believe that you, being our alumni, are one of the key stakeholders in your alma mater. We are very proud of your achievements and likewise know that you will always strive with us for further growth and success of this institution. In this spirit, I would like to share some facts and figures that should be an encouragement to you. We have a 278-strong active faculty in the College (Intermediate) and the University combined; 25 are on extended leave, mostly for further education, making a total of 303.

Of these 102 are female and 99 are PhDs. In recent years the productivity of research coming from FCC has skyrocketed.

We now are attracting significant grants and support for research being conducted by our faculty and students. This was virtually nonexistent four years ago but since then it has been increasing annually.

Following our fall 2012 admissions, our student numbers are 3,096 in the Intermediate and 3,269 in our Baccalaureate and Masters programs. This makes a total of 6,365 students, more than we have ever had in the history of the University and College. I am pleased to report that our merit standards continue to rise for our incoming students.

In May 2012 there was a groundbreaking for a new women’s hostel. Funded by USAID, it will house 374 women. It is scheduled to open in May 2014 and we are optimistic that the target date will be met. This will enable us to recruit female students nationwide, further raising our quality of students.

These and many other achievements are all thanks to the leadership that Dr Armacost provided as the Rector and with the support of Dr Manzur Gill who helped to reawaken the interest and indeed passion of Forman Christian College’s alumni. It is you, the alumni who are reading this, that have made the foundation upon which the transformation of your alma mater has been made.

Thank you for that and please do continue to provide us the benefit of your support and encouragement. We cannot do without it.

James A Tebbe
Rector

This issue of Formanites Forum is dedicated to Dr Manzur Gill. Chief Advancement Officer (2004-2012). Much of FCC’s progress can be attributed to his unflagging work & support of the institution.
I owe a great debt of gratitude to CTI High School Sialkot, Gordon College Rawalpindi and Forman Christian College Lahore. Since the mid-1800s, these institutions have made it possible for me and countless other underprivileged students to get a quality education.

I was in 8th grade when I started to dream of going to America to get the highest degree possible (at that time I did not know the name of the highest degree was PhD). After obtaining my PhD degree in Electrical Engineering from SMU, Dallas, Texas, I was involved in developing nonvolatile memory technologies such as Flash memories, first in Texas Instruments, then in National Semiconductor and finally in Intel Corp. By the time I established myself in the industry, I started to dream of going back to my homeland and helping the educational institutions which had given me opportunities to get an education.

It was in this context that I gave a talk on my beloved CTI High School to a gathering of senior citizens in Monterey, California. My talk was followed by a gentleman who spoke about the imminent denationalization of FC College. Afterwards, he came up to me and without hesitation asked, “When will you join FC College?” The gentleman was Dr Peter Armcast. One year later I left Intel and joined FCC. He asked me to serve as FCC’s Chief Advancement Officer. I asked him what a Chief Advancement Officer was, and he said, “Don’t worry, I will teach you.” He turned out to be a great teacher, a great colleague and a great administrator.

Working for electronics companies was good for the pocket, but serving FCC has been very satisfying for the soul. Whenever a student came to me for monetary help, it took me back to my college days when I was a needy student. Working with the alumni to help deserving students has been a uniquely satisfying experience. I had the good fortune to welcome fellow Formanites from all the continents and from

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**TRIBUTE TO DR GILL**

Dr Manzur Gill left a distinguished career at Intel Corporation in order to return to Pakistan and help to strengthen his alma mater, Forman Christian College. The current and growing strength of the Formanite Alumni Association is a tribute to his good work at FCC. He has been dedicated and tireless in working to develop the Formanite Alumni Association. This is an important key to the long term strength of FCC. The task was especially difficult because the alumni records had been lost during the nationalized period of FC College. Dr Gill has planned and conducted outstanding Annual Formanite Reunions each March; he has organized a number of new alumni chapters, and he was always gracious and helpful to Formanites who returned to the campus.

**A man with perseverance who contributed to the phenomenal growth of the alumni association.**

**His contributions and services to FCC will be remembered for a long time.**

**A person with a passion for helping others like him achieve their dreams.**

**Dedicated and extremely professional, a good colleague and a genuine friend.**

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**Peter H Armcast PhD**
(Rector 2003-2012)

**Ajaz Khan**
(Formanite 1958-60)

**Mukhtar Khan Tareen**
(Formanite 1997-99)

**Tajammal H Jafri**
(Formanite 1962-1964)

**Brig Javed Warrach**
(Formanite 1960-1965)

**Haroon Samson**
(Director Development FCC)
all parts of Pakistan to the campus. It was a special pleasure to hear the stories of when they were students here. I could relate to many of their stories since I had been a student here, played basketball for FCC and had lived in Ewing Hall.

There are many, many, many Formanites who have contributed to the welfare of the students and their alma mater and they have become lifelong friends. But one person who needs special mention is Chaudhry Ahmad Saeed. In biblical language he is a “good Samaritan”, one who helps without expecting any reward. Chaudhry Sahib along with several other prominent Formanites played a pivotal role in getting FCC denationalized and helped bring our alma mater to its current state in a few—almost miraculously—short years. I must emphasize that what has been achieved would not have been possible without the active support and leadership of alumni and friends of FCC.

God Almighty has been gracious to me all my life. He blessed me abundantly—far more than I ever deserved. He gave me a wife—Susheela from India—who was far more beautiful, far more educated and far more loving and faithful than I ever deserved. We have been blessed with a daughter who lives in the USA. I am leaving FC College, but my beloved Susheela’s name will remain on the Physics block.

Finally, I want to pay special tribute to the workers in the Advancement Office who have worked well beyond the call of duty and the many alumni who have worked tirelessly for the welfare of their alma mater to educate the future leaders of Pakistan. God bless Forman Christian College and FC College alumni!

Dr Manzur Gill is a true Formanite and has worked selflessly for years. Through his endeavors, over 10,000 alumni have been registered all over the world. He has connected with and branched out to people in order to increase the FCC family.

Manzur came from humble origins and went on to complete his PhD from the USA. Coming to FCC was like a new world and he shaped this world through his hard work and passion.

Manzur Gill has been a lifeline for many students in terms of providing financial aid to them. An example is the house he rented as a hostel, just so shelter-less students could get an education.

He calls FCC his home and it will keep his name alive. I am confident that the values of excellence and humanity that flow from him will echo in our minds and hearts for the rest of our lives.
**FCC NEWS IN BRIEF**

**April 2012**
**Donation by Millat Tractors**
Millat Tractors donated Rs 10 million for financial assistance to deserving university students. The amount covers need-based scholarships for 75 students for the period 2011-2014.

**May 2012**
**USAID-hostel groundbreaking**
USAID has provided $6 million for FCC to construct an on-campus hostel for female students. The new 6-storey hostel will have 290 single and 42 double rooms.

**June 2012**
**Scholarship endowed by family of M K Malik**
Dr Mrs Akhtar Malik and family gave an endowment of Rs 4 million in memory of the late Muhammad Khan Malik (FCC 1948-1954), to cover tuition fee and college expenses for a student from Mianwali, Mr Malik’s hometown.

**Sep 2012**
**Faculty Retreat 2012**
A 5-day Faculty Retreat covered a variety of issues including Professionalism and Ethics in the Classroom, Academic Integrity, Student Advisors, the Effectiveness of UNIV 100 and LANG Courses.

**Sep 2012**
**Dupont Pioneer scholarships to MPhil Biotech students**
DuPont Pioneer awarded scholarship grants to Maria Maqsood and Muhammad Adeel, both graduates of FCC BS (Flors) Biotechnology to study in the MPhil Biotechnology program.

**Nov 2012**
**Alumni Job Platform started**
Formanites can support fellow alumni in their job search by informing the Advancement Office if their organization is recruiting professional staff. Opportunities will be forwarded to professionals in our alumni database who fit the defined profile, who can then contact these organizations directly. The service is free. Information about vacancies should be sent to: annmail@fccollege.edu.pk (Ext: 565)

A successful businessman once said to me, “Today I am a father, a husband, a boss, a businessman and have a great life, but in all these roles the boy who was once studying, with his big dreams yet to be realized, sometimes feels lost. When I meet my batchmates or visit my college, that boy remembers his self, his dreams and goes back to his life rejuvenated.” I think that is the crux of the relations family, remembering who one was before it all began and holding on to that dream as one goes through life.

Amna Arshad, General Manager Alumni Affairs

**GUEST SPEAKERS**
Some of our guest speakers this year:

- Mani Shankar Aiyar
- Nazneen Sheikh
- Dr Atta-ur-Rehman
- Dr Ayasha Jalal
- Faculty Ahmed

- Shabnam
- Shaiqa Pervaiz
- Atiq Ahmad
- Dr Tudor Zemfirescu
- Khwaja Junaid Musleh

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**THE FCC ALUMNI SPIRIT**
At Forman Christian College, we are very proud of the philanthropic spirit in our alumni. Formanites have been very supportive in participating at FCC events, sharing ideas and fundraising. We are grateful for all the contributions made by alumni and would like to make a special mention of this year’s prominent alumni donors thanking them for their generosity.

Haroon Samson
Director Development

Mr Yusuf H Shirazi
Chaudhry Ahmad Saeed
Sir Anwar Pervez
Mr Shaukat Tarin
Mian Tajammal Hussain
Mr Attiazaz (Bob) Din
Mr Abdul Majed
Dr Manzur Gill
Mr Tajammal Husain Jafri
Mr Adil J Mansoor
Mr Abdul Latif Abbasi
Mr Shaukat Hassan
Mr Anthony Richards
Mr Asad Ullah Khawaja
Dr Sufian Aslam
Dr Hamid Saeed
Dr Kauser Abdulla Malik
Dr Saeed Abu Rashid Jafri
Mr Imad Ahmed Tabassum
Mr Jawad Mirza

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. FCC welcomed its new Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Dr Donald E Douglas in July 2012. Dr Douglas is an Asian studies specialist. He holds two graduate degrees from the University of Michigan where he concentrated on Southeast Asia and China in his studies. In addition, he has lived and worked in Asia for a major part of his adult life and has twenty years of experience in working in higher education in China.

2. Plans are being made for a series of events to celebrate FCC’s 150th Anniversary in 2014. Events will start from this year. If you have any suggestions/ideas to share please email them to 150@fccollege.edu.pk

3. The Library Commons will officially open in January 2013.

4. This year’s Annual Alumni Reunion Dinner will be held on 2 March 2013.