

## From the desk of Samcara Co-ordinator!



Ms. Khushboo Bedi  
Co-ordinator SAMCARA

Welcome to VUCA world parents and students- Volatile, Unpredictable, Complex and Ambiguous! You would have been living under a rock if you did not know how artificial intelligence is set to affect jobs and careers in 2023-2030. Those that are resisting, rather than riding the crest of the wave will not be making lay, whilst the sun shines when it comes to landing in-demand jobs in the next 7 years and enjoying job growth. AI will take some jobs, but it will create new ones! **Artificial intelligence (AI)** could replace the equivalent of 300 million full-time jobs, a report by Goldman Sachs. A study by the Mc Kinsey Global Institute reports that by 2030, at least 14% of employees globally could need to change their careers due to digitization, robotics, and AI advancements. According to McKinsey, AI could help create 20 to 50 million new jobs globally. As students, lets be AI ready, no matter which stream we are in. Also, now the focus is on skill-based hiring, which means that organizations will prioritise competencies of a candidate rather than degrees. Sharing some new AI careers that integrate different streams. **BBA** with specialization in **AI, Fintech, Edtech, Business Analyst, Data Analyst, Biotechnology, Digital commerce, database administrator, UI/UX designer**. With AI complexities, one way to shine is life skills! Embrace Lifelong **Learning**- Constantly learn and adapt to new technologies with online courses and workshops. Developing Soft Skills such as communication, problem-solving and collaboration will be crucial in the era of AI. AI can advise, Humans decide! Let's embrace AI and harness its power to our benefit.

## DIGITAL SAT

**S**amcara is proud to share that The Sanskaar Valley School is now a registered SAT centre. We conducted our first Digital SAT examination on campus on **11th March 2023**. Students from various parts of the state took the assessment. **Digital SATs** were conducted in June and October.



## ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATION – KARAN

**“A goal without a plan is just a wish.”** Mr. Karan Mehta conducted a session on entrance exam preparation. He discussed various career clusters, their paper patterns and how to prepare for them. He also set up a timeline for the year, addressing the acceptance rate of top entrance exams. The students realized the importance of starting timely and planning the year wisely.



## DEMYSTIFYING BOARD EXAMS

As is a tradition at Sanskaar, the newly formed Grades were welcomed with a series of orientations on the first day. The only twist this time was that the **Grade 10** orientation was headed by two of our own students. It is a fact that students connect better with

students, rather than teachers or specialists; with that thought in mind, our **Head Girl, Nikita Idnani and Deputy Head Girl, Ananya Singh** were brought in to have a session with our students. They spoke about exam pressure, anxiety, dealing with stress and

overcoming emotional issues. They also offered insights as to how to prepare for the Boards; while also sharing their personal journey and discussing what they could've done better. The students discussed difficult topics while having witty conversations on the side.



## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Career Workshops ■ Global Career Fair ■ Scholarships ■ Placements
- Summer Opportunities ■ Counselor Enrichment Program

## SESSIONS

### Samcara At IC3 Annual Conference 2023

Our Career Counsellors attended the International Career and College Counseling (IC3) Annual Conference at Hyderabad. There were 1500+ attendees from 420+ schools and 255+ universities. The team returned empowered with sessions, workshops, key notes and networking.



### Summer Engagement Highlights-Assembly

Samcara's unique assembly showcased the diverse summer pursuits of our students. Students engaged in internships, summer schools, published research papers, filed patents, created documentaries and so much more. Students shared their experiences to inspire their peers and encouraged each other to utilize their summer break optimally.



### UNIVERSITY CONNECT-HOW BIG DATA AFFECTS WHAT WE WATCH

Team Samcara invited Prof. Partha Sarathi Roy (management faculty) from Shiv Nadar University to address the students of grade 11 & 12 to give an insight about usage of big data. Prof. Roy had a very interactive session with the students taking up Netflix case study and making the students understand the levels of data and data analysis

procedure used by the companies for their business development. Prof. Roy also addressed questions on how students can prepare themselves for the field of data analytics. The session was very informative for the students not only in terms a career option and also understanding how data plays a very important role in today's world.

### SAMCARA ORIENTATION – GRADE 9 “The early bird catches the worm”

Team Samcara conducted an orientation session for Grade 9 students to help them start their career planning journey early to reach their dream destination. The counsellors introduced the students to Samcara – The Career Counseling Cell, their role in the career planning process and how to build a profile for summer opportunities. The counsellors emphasized the consistency in the activities focused on.

Sample profiles of sanskaarians were showed to motivate the students. The 9th graders were inquisitive about the opportunities and were excited to start their career planning journey with the counsellors.



### “Research is Creating New Knowledge.”

Samcara organized a session with Shoolini University (India's first private research university) to create awareness about the research field. **Dr. Saurabh Kulshreshtha** (Dean of Research & Development at Shoolini University)

spoke about research as a new-age skill in today's world. He mentioned that research is not limited to science but every field (**management, humanities, design, etc**) requires research to innovate things. He shared examples of the students who have

filed patents including **Nikita Idnani's** (student of TSVS) research journey and filing patent. Samcara has also opened a special research and patent program for the **9-12 Graders** in collaboration with Shoolini University.



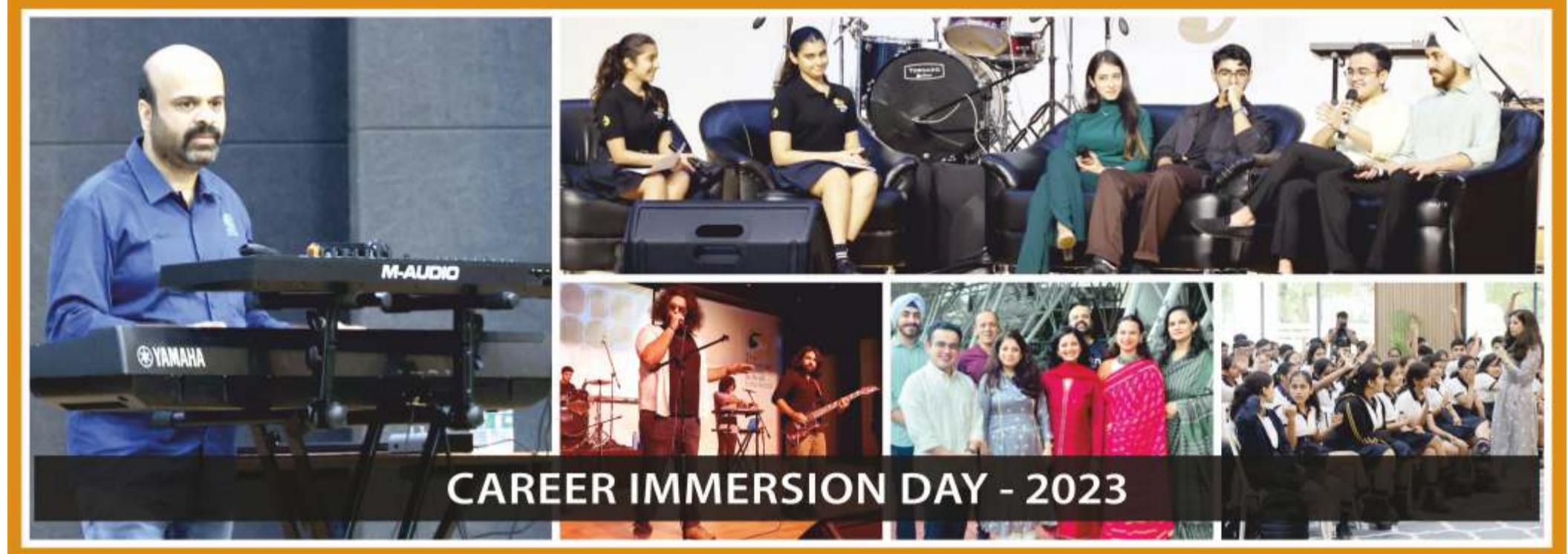
### SUBJECT ORIENTATION-Grade 10:

Samcara guided Grade 10 students through a session exploring a wide range of careers including emerging fields while dispelling myths about subject choices and shedding light on university admissions in India and abroad to help them choose their **Grade 11** subjects wisely.

# CAREER IMMERSION DAY

Career Immersion Day, one of its kind event the first time. It gave students a chance to explore careers they have not thought of exploring earlier. Immersing themselves in a day full of career discussions with the best in the industry. Keynote speaker – **Mr. Anil Srinivasan** (Teacher, Musician, Pianist), celebrated counsellor – **Ms. Amrita Ghulati** (Academic Head, IC3 Institute), our dear alumni – **Mr. Devak Namdhari, Mr Arpan Kapoor, Ms. Prakriti Dawani, Mr. Tanish Morandani** doing very well in offbeat careers

and lastly the electrifying band performance by the True School of Music students. At the end of the day, the students left with a sense of purpose, ready to pursue their dreams and with the understanding that potential is boundless.



**DIGITAL PSAT:** Samcara conducted the first Digital PSAT on October 15 for our school students from **Grades 8-11**. More than 50 students took the assessment. **PSAT (Preliminary SAT)** is administered by the College Board, the makers of the SAT (the SAT is a university admissions test taken by students as part of applications to universities in the U.S. and across the world), the PSAT is similar in format to the SAT.

## RED PEN SESSION

The prestigious Red Pen Team counselors **Ms. Sheetal Vora and Ms. Mehnaz Jaffer** empowered Shikhar teachers with knowledge about National and International education and new age careers. Grade 11 and Grade 12 students

attended a special workshop that gave them clarity on college applications. Later, counsellors fielded one on one queries in a focused group session for students from **Grades 9-12** interested in international applications.



## IC3 REGIONAL FORUM

Samcara team had a presence at the IC3 Regional Forum at Emerald Heights School, Indore with over 40 counsellors, Principals and 30 Universities globally. Eminent speakers took various workshops for the counsellor and had an open discussion about the need of career counseling at all schools. We are proud to share that **Ms Khushboo Bedi** was invited to present a session on counsellor- The Brand Designer for students. **Ms Namrata Sharma** presented a session on World Wide Web. It was also a great opportunity for our counsellor to network with Universities representatives and learn about the application process, entrance criteria and scholarships at various universities.

## CURIOUS CASE OF CAREERS

Samcara hosted a workshop on “Curious Case of Careers” with **Ms Kala Anand**, Vice President (Global), Upgrad Connect. The careers landscape is fast-changing, and has a deep impact on education and employability outcomes. Through a series of case studies from **Engineering, Sports, Technology and Advertising**, this workshop helped students navigate emerging careers and examine the tectonic shifts. Students discussed and discover multiple perspectives of careers in this interactive workshop.



## GLOBAL CAREER FAIR

Global Career Fair 2023 witnessed 50+ National & International Universities across more than 12 countries, providing invaluable information and opportunities to explore diverse educational pathways. It

was a remarkable experience for the students and parents. They gained new insights and knowledge regarding new courses, admission criteria, scholarship options and much more.



## Next Genius Scholarship Fair

The Next Genius Scholarship Program offers a 100% tuition scholarship for undergraduate studies in the USA, India, and Europe. College and university representatives from the USA were on the campus to interact with the selected students to give them an idea about the college life, admissions, scholarships, transfer options to top universities, etc. Curious students gained lot of insights about the next genius scholarship program and the entry to various institutes through next genius on scholarship.



## FOUNDER'S DAY

Sanskaarotsav, our yearly founder's day was organized after 3 years. A spectacular exhibition and cultural show was put up by the students of Sopaan and Shikhar. Samcara showcased CareerPedia in the exhibition, highlighting the future of education – liberal education, sustainable careers, gig economy, VUCA world, Industry 5.0, Data – the new oil and finding your ikigai. The new normal education pedagogy was also shown where careers will be a combination of subjects like **FinTech – Finance + Technology + Data Science**. The chief guest and the parents really appreciated the efforts and were happy to receive new information to keep themselves abreast with the latest changing trends.



## ONE ON ONE COUNSELING SESSION

The Samcara Team scheduled one on one counseling sessions for all **Grade 11** students along with their parents. The counselors helped the student to decide their Career plans with a back up option and also create a list of colleges (dream, target and safety). This will help them be aware regarding the career roadmap and prepare accordingly.



## Pre-Departure Session for International Students

Preparing students to transition from school to college is a very crucial process. **Ms Khushboo**, conducted a Pre departure workshop for international applicants. She emphasised the importance of **LIFE SKILLS**. She encouraged students to develop essential life skills, such as **money management, cultural sensitivity, social skills, self-management, multitasking, emotional resilience, and the capacity to handle pressure**, rather than spending their summers taking more online courses.

## VANSHIKA'S SESSION

Samcara invited **Vanshika Shrivhare (2023 Batch)**, who recently received a scholarship of 1.25 crore from Drexel University for her undergrad studies to help the international applicants create a realistic timeline for their international applications planning and executing the various tasks at the right time along with focusing on their academics. She shared her own journey and what helped her get a huge scholarship.



## PARENT CONNECT

### An insightful Parent Connect Workshop Conducted by Samcara!

It was a workshop full of deep conversations. Samcara carried out a compelling presentation for parents, emphasizing the important role they play in the career journey of their child. The workshop discussed the evolving professional landscape, coping mechanisms to face industry 4.0, and promising directions for strengthening student profile, discussed the role of parents in career decisions and how to support their child in the career journey. The team busted a number of myths about career and stream options, ranking myths and helped the parents understand the application procedure and timeline, offered advice on choosing a university, emphasised the value of contingency planning, and highlighted the relevance of summer engagements for a student. Samcara would like to extend gratitude to parents for an overwhelming response.



## CAREER AWARENESS 2.0

Samcara conducted a special session for Grade 9 students talking about the various traditional and new age careers and the new normal education pedagogy. The importance of AI and its impact on careers was also discussed, along with the expected future skill set in the workforce. The way forward for the students was highlighted so that they can plan out their career exploration journey.



## COUNSELOR'S UPDATE | Counselor's Tour

Exploring US Higher Education, Career Cell coordinator **Khushboo Bedi** was awarded a fully funded scholarship for the UnivAssist 2023 Global Counselor Tour, which took place in the USA from April 21 – May 8, 2023. She was one of the 15 counselors from 11 nations, including India, who were chosen to decode US education. There she visited Kent State University, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, North Carolina State University, Ohio University, Elon University, and University of Oklahoma. **Ms. Bedi** returned with deeper understanding of the US education system and is helping students find their best fit university.



## Atlas Skilltech University

Samcara Team visited **The Atlas SkillTech University, Mumbai**. The University offers multidisciplinary programs in design, management and digital technology focusing on building skills of the future.



## Flame University Visit

**Ms. Khushboo Bedi** explored liberal education at Flame University, gained insights into academic advancements, university dynamics, and innovative teaching methodologies. This experience empowered her to support Sanskaar students better.



## G2 CONFERENCE

**Ms. Khushboo Bedi**, Career Cell Coordinator was invited at the G2 Conference, Bengaluru. She facilitated a workshop for 130 career counselors and independent education consultants from 15 countries. Attendees felt empowered with knowledge and experience sharing.



## PLAKSHA UNIVERSITY VISIT



Ms Khushboo Bedi, was invited by Plaksha University for an Educator's Conference. She vouches for their tinkering labs, visionary founders, experienced faculty and evolved student cohort.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Name Of The Student	University	Scholarship Amount
Vanshika Shihhare	Drexel University	\$152,000 FOR 4 years
Jhalak Gupta	University Of Loughborough	25%
Aabir Ghosh	The Design Village, Noida	100%
Aryan Singh	Iowa State University	\$14,000 Scholarship
	Drexel University	\$28,000 Scholarship
	Michigan State University	\$20,000 Scholarship
Shlok Gupta	Indiana University	\$40'000 for 4 year scholarship
	Illinois Tech	\$90,000 scholarship for 4 years
Shria Goyal	University Of San Francisco	Scholarship of \$29,000 per annum

## PLACEMENTS



**INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS 2023**

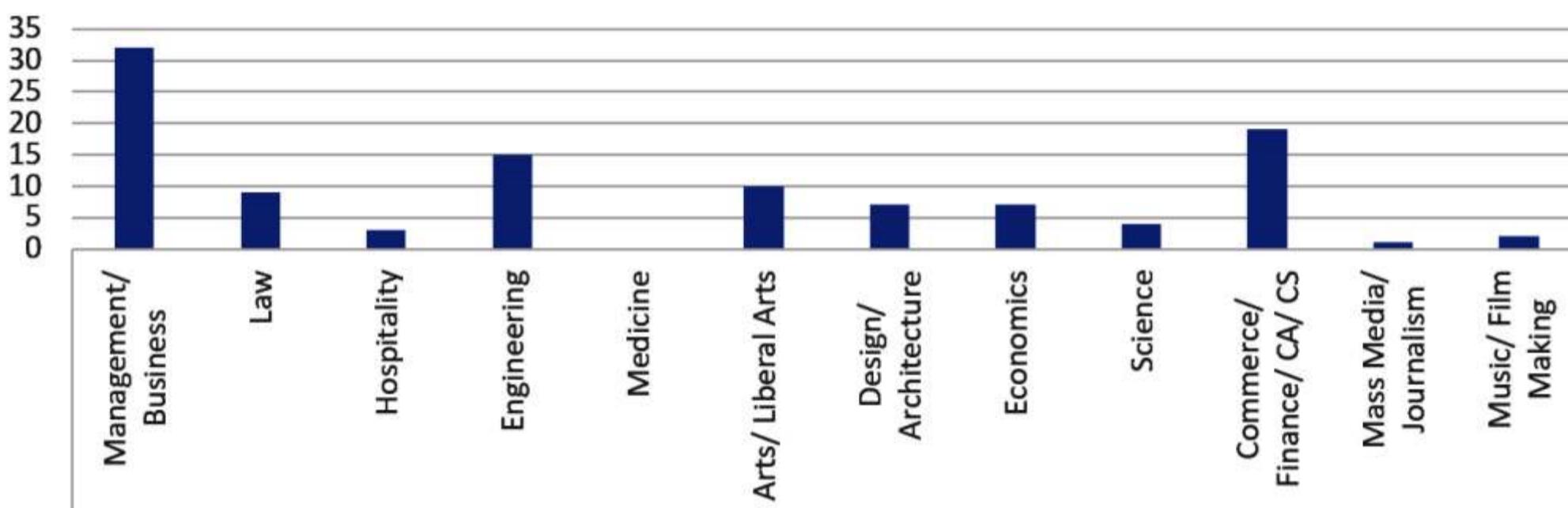
- School of Visual Arts (SVA), USA
- University of Manchester, UK
- University of Alberta, Canada
- Lancaster University, UK
- University of California (UC) Davis, USA
- Rutgers University – New Brunswick, USA
- Penn State University, USA
- Brunel University, UK
- Deakin University, Australia
- Drexel University, USA

## NATIONAL PLACEMENTS 2023

Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru ■ National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru ■ National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Mumbai ■ National Institute of Design (NID), Kurukshetra ■ Miranda House, New Delhi ■ St. Xavier's College, Mumbai ■ Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Mumbai ■ Ashoka University, Sonipat ■ HR College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai ■ Christ University, Bengaluru Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Bhopal ■ Shiv Nadar University, Noida Delhi School of Journalism(DU), New Delhi ■ OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat ■ Mithibai College, Mumbai ■ Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad United Institute of Design (UID) Karnavati University, Ahmedabad ■ Nirma University, Ahmedabad ■ Ajeenka DY Patil University, Pune ■ Gargi College, New Delhi ■ Whistling Woods International, Mumbai ■ Jai Hind College, Mumbai ■ Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala ■ Welcome group of hotel Management Manipal



## PLACEMENT ANALYSIS 2023



## PARENT/ STUDENT ENDORSEMENTS

### Let's Hear It From Parent/ Student!

The last two years of high school are like a roller coaster ride and we went on this ride too! There was a lot of dilemma deciding on the right course and institute based on the aptitude of my daughter which would help her select the career of her choice! At the Sanskaar Valley School, we were very fortunate that we had the support of not only teachers who knew our children really well but the formal placement setup of Samcara at every step. From as early as class X when we could take psychometric tests to all through the tough years of XI and XII Khushboo Ma'am and Namrata Ma'am were always there sharing innumerable opportunities both in India and abroad for us to explore. Today we can proudly say that when we took the final decision for Mrittika, it was a well-researched decision, thanks to Samcara!

**Dr. Sheuli Mitra (Mrittika's Mother)**

Professor, School of Planning and Architecture Bhopal

Samcara, the Career Counseling Center of The Sanskaar Valley School, has been a beacon of guidance and unwavering support for students seeking direction in their academic and professional journeys. With a team of dedicated and experienced counselors, Mrs. Khushboo bedi ma'am and Namrata ma'am who have consistently gone above and beyond to provide invaluable assistance to students in exploring their interests, identifying their strengths, and charting a path towards success

Through personalized counseling sessions, aptitude assessments, and comprehensive resources, Samcara has empowered countless students to make informed decisions about their careers. I personally have been connected with them from last two years and have seen their commitment to individualized attention, combined with a deep understanding of the ever-evolving job market, ensures that each student receives tailored guidance that aligns with their aspirations. The endless support they provide whether it is even a smallest issue or concern you have regarding your child's career they will resolve and make you understand so thoroughly and nicely.

Once again, thank you, Samcara, for being such an invaluable resource and for helping Gunjan navigate the complexities of career planning. I am forever grateful for your guidance and support.

With sincere appreciation,  
Gul Awatramani

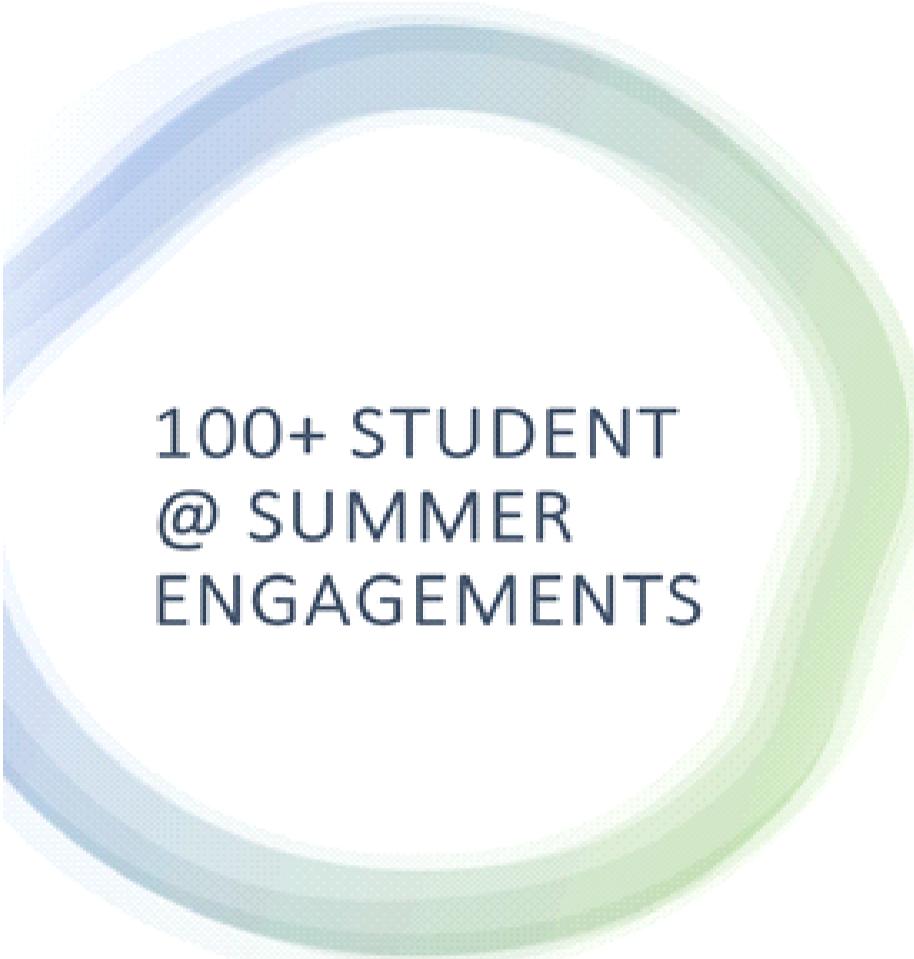
(Gunjan's Father – Batch of 2023)

For someone who was literally clueless about the university application procedure, **Khushboo Ma'am and Namrata Ma'am** were life savours. I had gone to them with just one clarity on mind, that being the course I wanted to pursue and then everything, everything was sorted out by my two new best friends. Samcara welcomed me with such open arms, that you would find me there every time of the day. From my university list, my essays, my applications and my predicted grades, **Khushboo Ma'am and Namrata Ma'am** were by my side through all of it. The way guided me was commendable and I am really grateful to have had them on my journey. Both the teachers have been my support system during an overwhelming time like the application process.

**All I can say is a huge thank you to them for being the best!**

**Shlok Gupta (Batch of 2023)**

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



100+ STUDENT  
@ SUMMER  
ENGAGEMENTS

SUMMER SCHOOLS  
(NATIONAL &  
INTERNATIONAL)

CORPORATE INTERNSHIP

SOCIAL INTERNSHIP

RESEARCH



**INTERNSHIP  
AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS**

 Dainik Bhaskar	 BGS Hindi News 24x7 Channel		
 Google Digital Garage	 LUMIERE EDUCATION		
 Fortis HOSPITALS	 THE RED GROUP	 LADDER INTERNSHIPS	
 FREE PRESS			
 Marriott	 NIRVANA FOUNDATION		
			



**SUMMER SCHOOLS**

 UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD	 Yale University	 HARVARD UNIVERSITY
 Shoolini University	 ASHOKA UNIVERSITY	 Stanford University
 SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY	 Ahmedabad University	 IISER Bhopal
 INSEAD The Business School for the World!	 O.P. Jindal Global University A Shriram Institute of Technology, India	 NUS National University of Singapore
		