

“Democracy is something that gives the weak the same chance as  
the strong”

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SJCC elections!

It is that time of the year again and is always considered to be the spark that ignites josephites to become one family for the greater glory of the institution itself.

Since time immemorial St. Joseph’s College of Commerce has abided by the strong ideology of Democracy as the pillar for every consensus. Students are given a fair chance to contest and also to help their fellow candidates in order to win the elections. Various posts, starting from the President and ranging upto the Ladies Secretary have their eligibility criteria laid out well in advance in order to help the students decide among themselves.



After the election nominations, students are allowed to campaign through social media platforms as well as via word of mouth. Strict rules and regulations act as supplements to curb the student from having an unfair advantage over the other. Huge banners are often spread across the college campus to grab the attention of those walking into college on a dull Monday morning. The college is also decked with various posters that turn heads and one is spoilt for choice as to whom they should vote for. However, certain innovative ideas and themes manage to pop up which is appreciated by one and all.

The contestants are also given an opportunity to voice out their ideas and opinions through speeches that eventually decide who is going to pull it off. Keeping in mind the norms of the college, the speeches are often taken to a whole new level. A round of drum beats and fanfare always precedes these speeches as an act of support to these candidates.



Electronic Voting Machines or EVM's are in place at our auditoriums to facilitate the system of voting. Election ID cards are substituted for college ID cards in order to gain entry to cast votes. The students exercise this responsibility and often stay back for the much awaited results.



This year, elections were held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Wednesday and the following candidates were successful in beating all odds to secure a place in the Student Council. They are:

**President:** Utkarsh Choraria

**Vice President:** Selvin Jones R

**General Secretary:** Shashank C.N

**Treasurer:** Reshwin Noel Washington

**Ladies Secretary:** Benita Albert

**Academic Co-ordinator:** Sanchita Reddy

**Cultural Secretary:** Deepak J

**Sports Co-ordinator:** Nihal Colaco

**BBM Co-ordinator:** Ankita Chatterjee

**TT Co-ordinator:** Chetan Khandelwal

**PG Co-ordinator:** Alamelu L

I would like to conclude by quoting Abraham Lincoln

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power”



STUDENTS' COUNCIL ELECTIONS LIST 2016 - '17

RESULTS

	Name of the Candidates	<sup>Xavier</sup> Loyola Hall	<sup>Lopla</sup> Xavier Hall	Total No. of Votes
<b>PRESIDENT</b>				
1	Divyanjali	637	554	1191
2	Utkarsh	195	247	442
		442	307	(749)
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>				
1	Crystal	637	554	1191
2	Prithvi D.M	88	47	135
3	Selvin R	110	59	169
		435	448	(937)
<b>GENERAL SECRETARY</b>				
1	Rajeev M.P.	638	553	1191
2	Shashank C.N	84	96	180
3	Suha Z	431	388	(819)
		123	69	192
<b>TREASURER</b>				
1	Gantavya	638	553	1191
2	Reshwin	256	184	440
		382	369	(751)
<b>LADIES SECRETARY</b>				
1	Aishwarya	250	226	476
2	Benita	85	41	126
3	Sharon	99	110	(209)
		66	75	141
<b>ACADEMIC CO-ORDINATOR</b>				
1	K.K. Jain	638	552	1190
2	Royina	134	45	179
3	Sanchita	170	190	360
		334	317	(651)
<b>CULTURAL CO-ORDINATOR</b>				
1	Deepak J.	638	552	1190
2	Divij K.M.	181	215	(396)
3	Kevin Dennis	108	91	199
4	Razi Abbas	167	130	297
		182	116	298
<b>SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR</b>				
1	Britto	637	552	1189
2	Nihal	331	246	577
		306	306	(612)

