



ROYAL COLLEGE

THE LOYALTY PLEDGE

The 22nd Anniversary



"WE AT LOYALTY PLEDGE ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING FELLOW ROYALISTS WHO ARE ASPIRING TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS. IN THIS ENDEAVOUR, WE STRIVE OUR BEST TO ENSURE ROYALISTS WHO LEAVE THE COLLEGE ARE EMPOWERED AND ENABLED TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. IN SPIRIT, OUR PLEDGE TO "ROYAL" IS TO DELIVER THIS MISSION."

THE INCEPTION—

The Loyalty Pledge was launched in 2002 by the Royal College Union by awarding educational scholarships to 10 deserving students at Royal College. The Loyalty Pledge gradually transformed itself into a structured and professionally managed entity under the Royal College Union. Over the years, Loyalty Pledge expanded its wings to support multifaceted educational lives of children. Throughout its journey, the Loyalty Pledge has been able to make positive influences on the students at Royal. The Loyalty Pledge has awarded 2988 educational scholarships to date in its endeavour to make young Royalists of today, better Sri Lankans for tomorrow. The value of the scholarships donated so far exceeds Sri Lanka Rupees One Hundred and Ten Million. The Loyalty Pledge takes immense pride in seeing the achievements of its scholars and in witnessing how they contribute back to Sri Lanka.

Expanding the focus to support multifaceted areas in child development beyond the ordinary educational curriculum, the Loyalty Pledge launched the Personality and Communication Development Programme in 2020. This programme helps students harnessing and developing their personality and communication skills through activity based curriculum. Four dedicated programmes are conducted for the students in grades 6,7, 8 and 9 separately and each programme attracts 35 to 40 students. Loyalty Pledge wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Mrs. Tharanga Wijesundara and Mrs. Dulani Wickramasinghe who are the main resource personnel conducting this programme.



OUR MISSION

We believe that a student's social, financial or family circumstances should not be a barrier to unleash his true potential. Our mission is to be a safety net for all students who face challenges of whatever type whilst studying in Royal. It is going further to make them well rounded gentlemen with skills and attitudes valued and sought after and expected by the world from a "Royalist" when they step out of the Boake Gates.



OUR MILESTONES

2002	Started the journey
2003	Conducted the 1 st Medical Screening Camp for Students in the Junior School
2007	Awarded 100th Scholarship
2008	Introduced Perpetual Scholarship Donation Scheme
2013	First honorarium scholarship to support a Royalist to participate at an international meet
2014	Awarded 1000th Scholarship
2019	Launched Loyalty Pledge website
2019	Awarded 2000th Scholarship
2020	Started Personality and Communication Development Programme
2023	Awarded 2500th Scholarship
Today	Awarding another 188 scholarships.

Messages



Royal College, as a premier educational institution in Sri Lanka providing primary and secondary education, it is a dream for every child in the country to join this esteemed institution to pursue their academic ambitions. Therefore, children from all walks of life and different parts of the island join this institution every year. The Loyalty Pledge plays a silent yet significant role in ensuring that no child is left behind in achieving their educational goals due to economic hardships. Over the past two decades, the Loyalty Pledge has supported Royalists with more than 2000 scholarships, helping them achieve their lifelong ambitions and become worthy citizens of Sri Lanka. On this occasion of the Loyalty Pledge awarding scholarships to another group of recipients, I extend my sincere gratitude to the Royal College Union, the Loyalty Pledge, and its donors for their continuous, unwavering, and valuable support given to the student community at the College. Furthermore, I wish the Loyalty Pledge all success.

Mr. Athula Wijewardana, Principal, Royal College



The Royal College Union firmly believes that education is a right of every child. More than two decades ago, the Loyalty Pledge was established to ensure that economic challenges would not hinder the children at Royal College from enjoying this right. The Loyalty Pledge has donated more than 2000 scholarships by living up to the noble objective and visionary foresight of its founders. I am delighted that another batch of nearly 150 students is receiving scholarships today. The Loyalty Pledge has transformed itself over the years into a professional organization with a dedicated staff and necessary infrastructure. It has thereby created a reliable and trustworthy platform for old Royalists in Sri Lanka as well as overseas to support the College. Therefore, I take this opportunity to extend the sincere appreciation of the Royal College Union to the Loyalty Pledge Management Committee, its donors, and the staff for their unwavering commitment to this worthy cause, and I wish the Loyalty Pledge all strengths to continue with their commendable service to our alma mater.

Mr. Aruna Samarajeeva, Secretary, Royal College Union



Since 2002, Loyalty Pledge has made a positive impact on a significant number of deserving and needy Royalists. We endeavor to harness the strengths of the entire Royal fraternity to help out more such students and make them productive citizens. Old Boy Groups both in Sri Lanka and abroad who voluntarily came forward to support this great cause encouraged us tremendously, besides non- old Royalists and NGOs. All of them can be assured that their valuable contributions were used with utmost care and responsibility, to gain maximum productivity to run our programmes. We invite you to be a part of it and strengthen our hands.

Mr. Abhaya Amaradasa, Chairman, LPMC



Loyalty Pledge scholarship program has been a beacon of hope, empowering students and fostering academic excellence, leadership, and inclusivity. We are proud of the our program's success and grateful for the support of the College, RCU, committee members, benefactors and the scholars. The transformative power of education is evident in the achievements of our scholarship recipients, and we remain committed to providing opportunities for students to reach their full potential.

Dr. Kasun Hemachandra, Secretary, LPMC

Donors Are Our Strength

The donors are the lifeline of the– Loyalty Pledge. The Loyalty Pledge would not have survived for more than two decades had not been for the generous support of old Royalists living in various parts of the World. The Loyalty Pledge always extends its heartiest gratitude to the old Royalists community all over the World for their continuous support. The following groups have been longstanding partners of the Loyalty Pledge who have extended their solitary support to us at good times as well a–s during challenging times.



- » Royal College Old Boys in Australia Association
- » Royal College Old Boys Association – New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory
- » Royal College Old Boys Association of New Zealand
- » Royal College Old Boys Association of North America
- » Royal College Old Boys Association – Ontario
- » Royal College Old Boys Association - Sydney
- » Royal College Alumni Association of Washington, DC
- » Old Royalists Association of United Kingdom
- » Royal College Group of 1953
- » Royal College Group of 1960
- » Royal College Group of 1969
- » Royal College Group of 1986
- » Royal College Group of 1995
- » Royal College Group of 1996
- » Royal College Group of 2000
- » Royal College Group of 2005
- » Royal College Group of 2013

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Loyalty Pledge Events and Achievements in 2024/2025

Annual Scholarships Award Ceremony 2024

The Loyalty Pledge held its annual award ceremony in grand scale on 28th June at the Royal College Union Skills Centre. Recording another historic milestone in its journey of more than two decades, the Loyalty Pledge awarded another 165 educational scholarships worth almost Rs. 8 million to young Royalists including 19 undergraduates.

Mr. Thilak Waththuhewa, the Principal of Royal College graced the award ceremony as the chief guest and Dr. Lakmal Kulasekara, Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and the founding director of Danthaja Premium Dental Chambers delivered the inspiring keynote speech based on his life experience. The Secretary of Royal College Union, staff of Royal College, old Royalists from donor groups, office bearers of the Loyalty Pledge and its staff participated at the ceremony.

The representatives from various old Royalists groups including the overseas groups were present at the ceremony. Old Royalists and their groups have been the main donors and live wire of the Loyalty Pledge. The Secretary of the Loyalty Pledge made a special appreciation to the donors who stood by Loyalty Pledge in good times as well as difficult times.

The new scholars received their scholarship certificates during the ceremony. Randima Bhagya Wijesekera, a Loyalty Pledge scholar made a speech at the event how Loyalty Pledge is helping him to meet with educational needs in the current challenging economic climate. Supun Jayasinghe, who is an undergraduate explained to the audience how Loyalty Pledge has been a tower of strength to pursue his education. These narrations and reflections of the scholars on the Loyalty Pledge testified the glorious contribution made by the Loyalty Pledge to the Royal College community and made all donors to the Loyalty Pledge proud.

Adding colour to the event, the students of the Loyalty Pledge's Personality and Communication Development Programme performed a song to entertain the audience.



GRANDEZA '24 : ENSEMBLED EXTRAVAGANZA

Young Royalists presented GRANDEZA 2024 showcasing their prolific talents and enthusiasm to the world at large. GRANDEZA 2024 was held on 29th August 2024 at Navarangahala with the presence of Mr. Tilak Waththuhewa, Principal of Royal College as the Chief Guest. A house full audience at Navarangahala witnessed the glamorous event.



It was an evening of grand celebrations relating to performing arts presenting unforgettable moments. The creations were based on English language and literature to promote diversity and pluralism in the multi-cultural environment in Sri Lanka. The extravagant show included songs, dances, theatrical items performed by students in various languages. The colourful costumes and background lighting created an electrified environment at Navarangahala giving excitement to the audience.

400 students participated at this celebratory event presenting various items capturing dances, action songs, recitations, stand-up comedy and dramas. "Shalalala", "It's my life", "Man Who's Man", "As long as you love me" are some of the songs to which students showcased fabulous dances on stage.

The Personality and Communication Skills Development programme of the Loyalty Pledge laid the foundation for GRANDEZA. Loyalty Pledges initiated the Personality and Communication Skills Development programme to develop and harness personality and leadership skills among the Royalists in the junior school. GRANDEZA was inaugurated in January 2023 to stage the artistic performances of students who participated in the Personality and Communication Skills Development programme of the Loyalty Pledge. Subsequently, it evolved into an organized stage event and its second version was held in July 2023. Today, it has further evolved into a large scale production enabling the students in that programme to unleash their talents and skills to a wider audience. The quality of production, vibrancy and scale of GRANDEZA have gradually enhanced year on year offering students the opportunity to perform at musical events of high stature at a very young age.

Loyalty Pledge wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Mrs. Sagari Tharanga Wijesundara whose relentless efforts made GRANDEZA a reality. Further, her commitment to the Personality and Communication Skills Development programme is exemplary. Mrs. Wijesundara was supported by the staff of the College and students in composing music and choreographing the items. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Wijesundara and rest of the staff at the College supporting her, GRANDEZA has become an annual event of the calendar of Loyalty Pledge.

Theatre and Stage Craft Programme



The students of Personality and Skills Development programme of LPMC took part in ten day theatre and stagecraft programme under the patronage of Angelo Pereira, renowned choreographer and stage drama director. During the programme, students had the opportunity to learn about stagecraft, choreography, physical theatre and creating scripts. The lessons were meticulously curated to ensure that the students would get all around knowledge to produce a stage drama from scripting to playing on the stage. The training sessions were conducted in a real time environment akin to stage dramas are rehearsed so that participants to could understand nuances of stage dramas behind the scenes. The programme culminated in a public show where students played numerous roles as actors in front of a public audience. In addition to gaining knowledge, participants thoroughly enjoyed the programme as this was a novel experience to them.

Ms. Tharanga Wijesundara, Teacher in Charge of the Personality and Skills Development programme, said that “the students improved their theatrical skills and eloquence, developing their personality to perform in front of a huge audience with much confidence.” The parents of the children who took part in the programme believe that this opportunity has boosted the confidence of children unleash their artistic potential as well as their ability to act before an audience without stage fright. The Loyalty Pledge extends its appreciation to Ms. Tharanga Wijesundara for co-ordinating this programme, and to Mr. Angelo Pereira and Ms. Karen Pereira for conducting this programme.



Loyalty Pledge Scholar Shines at International Olympiad in Informatics for the Second Time

Mindiya Karunasinghe, tech whizz kid of Royal College, shined again at the 36th International Olympiad in Informatics held in Egypt. The Loyalty Pledge awarded him an Honourarium Scholarship to financially support his participation at the competition in Egypt. The Loyalty Pledge congratulates Mindiya for his remarkable achievement and for making Sri Lanka as well as Royal College proud.

Mindiya has been the Sri Lankan flag bearer at several international Olympiad events. He was the Sri Lankan Representative at the 35th version of the International Olympiad held in 2023. He was also the Sri Lankan representative at Asia Pacific Olympiad in Informatics in 2022 and 2023. He had secured 3rd place at the National Olympiad in Informatics in both 2023 and 2024.



He has proven his capabilities in innovative thinking, knowledge in software and application developing languages and superior ability to apply the knowledge to create solutions for day to day securing several coveted achievements. He was awarded the ICT Student Award by the Computer Society of Sri Lanka in 2023. He won the 1st place in National School Software Competition in 2019 and subsequently, became 3rd in the same competition in 2023. More importantly, he became 1st in the Asia Pacific Invention Competition in 2018 when he was 14 years of age.

Mindiya has invented a number of products all which have won accolades from various institutions in Sri Lanka as well overseas. During the COVID 19 pandemic, he invented a distantly managed temperature monitoring system. He was able to export this device to India and Bangladesh in addition to his supplies to Sri Lanka. He has also created applications to monitor school van pick-ups and drop-ins, movements of blind walker and automatically control speed of household fans according to the outside temperature.

Apart from his excellence in the field of information technology, he has demonstrated his multi-faceted capabilities in other spheres in his life. He is one of the Deputy Head Prefects of Royal College. He holds Karate Black Belt 1st Den. He was the Chairman of the Computer Society in the College in 2022. He has secured 3As at the GCE A/L examination in 2023.

Mindiya has proven to the World that he is a bright future prospect of Sri Lanka. The achievements he has made so far speak for it. The Loyalty Pledge wholeheartedly congratulates Mindiya on his achievement and considers it as a great privilege to have been able to support him to bring glory to Royal College and Sri Lanka. We at Loyalty Pledge wish him all success in his bright career which is yet to be unleashed and wish him to bring more glory and grace to Royal College and, mother Sri Lanka!

Loyalty Pledge Scholars Excel at Advanced Level Exam 2024



Supun Abeysekara

Heshan Ranasinghe

Loyalty Pledge takes immense pride in announcing that two of our scholars have achieved 3 As in the Biology stream at the General Educational Certificate Advanced Level examination in 2024. Loyalty Pledge congratulates and extends its best wishes to all the recipients of results on their performance at the examination.

Supun Abeysekara who is a scholar of Loyalty Pledge from Kurunegala, secured 3 As in the Biology stream returning the best performances of all the LPMC scholars at this exam. He became 14th in Colombo district and 209th in the Island. Supun joined Royal College after obtaining exemplary 194 marks at the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination. He was ranked 4th in Kurunegala District at the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination. He continued his academic excellence by obtaining 9 As in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination. Supun held various leadership positions in the sports and co-curricular activities in the College, and he was actively involved with the cadet platoon at Royal. He was a Junior Steward as well as Senior Prefect of the College.

Heshan Induwara Ranasinghe obtained 3 As in Biology stream. He secured 81st and 297th ranks in Colombo District and the Island respectively. The journey of Heshan has not been a bed of roses. He hails from Karadeniya, Galle. He scored 183 marks in his Grade 05 Scholarship Examination and thereafter, he attended Royal College. He continued his excellent academic streak by obtaining 9 A's at the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examinations. Heshan's engagements at Royal were not limited to academic pursuits. He was a member of the College weightlifting team taking part in a number of tournaments representing the College.

Loyalty Pledge has been able to be a tower of strength to both Supun and Heshan throughout their academic career at Royal. Loyalty Pledge made sure that their financial hardships would not have become a barrier to achieving these goals. Today, they have become true testimonies for the purpose and spirit of Loyalty Pledge. Both Supun and Heshan have extended their sincere gratitude to the Royal College Union, Loyalty Pledge and donors of Loyalty Pledge. Whilst Loyalty Pledge is wishing them best of luck with the next phase of their education, Loyalty Pledge will be committed to supporting them to aspire their dreams and become beneficial citizens to Sri Lanka.

Staff of Loyalty Pledge

The Loyalty Pledge programme is supported by full time and dedicated professional staff. The staff is entrusted with reviewing of scholars, co-ordination with donors, monitoring the Personality and Communication Development programme and other administration work. The silent efforts of the staff of the Loyalty Pledge is one the key reasons behind the success of the Loyalty Pledge.

- Ms. Chanika Jayasinghe- Coordinator
- Ms. Punthara Sapugasthanna- Accounts Executive
- Ms. Tharaka Munasinghe- Accounts Assistant



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HANDS WITH LOYALTY PLEDGE

As the donations are the primary source of income of Loyalty Pledge, we welcome your generous contribution. We would like to highlight that all donations are collected into the fund of Loyalty Pledge from which the scholarship amounts are distributed. We do not disclose the identity of the scholars to the donors as we believe that the dignity of scholars should be respected.

General Scholarship

The sponsorship for a scholarship is Rs. **48,000** which can be paid in one installment or monthly instalments. You can submit the application electronically and the payment can be remitted to the bank account of Loyalty Pledge.

Perpetual Scholarship

A Perpetual Scholarship is Rs. **400,000** which is a one-time payment. The interest income of a Perpetual Donation will be used to finance the scholarships of Loyalty Pledge.

General Donation

You can contribute to Loyalty Pledge by any amount of your choice. Your donation, irrespective of its amount, will benefit a deserving Royalist who is struggling to achieve his aspirations but your donation will help him to overcome his barriers.

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