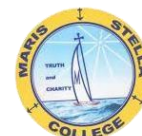


# MARIS STELLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) VIJAYAWADA



## PROGRAMS FUNDED BY US FEDERAL GOVT.

### 1.Virtual English Language Fellow Program (VELF) – 2021-22 Academic Year

Resource Person: Silvia Place-Hildesheim

No. of students benefitted: 187

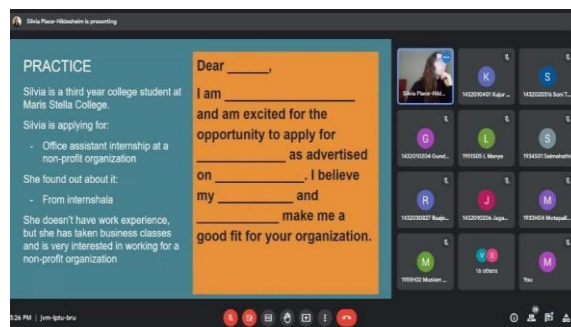
VELF funded by the U.S. Federal Govt. was launched on 30th Aug. 2021. The programme was completed on 18th Dec.2021. Three batches of students, totalling 187 have been certified. A virtual certificate ceremony was held on 17th Feb 2022 in which Ruth Goode, Head of the Regional English Language Office, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.



**US Consulate Team interacting with the Principal during their visit to the College**



**Ms. Ruth Goode, Regional English Language Officer, U.S. Embassy interacting with the VELF students**



**Virtual VELF classes by the English Language Fellow, Ms. Silvia**



**Virtual Certificate Ceremony of VELF Programme**

## 2. English Language Fellow Program (ELF)

Resource Person: Shannon De Smith

A 10-month in-person programme (ELF) began on 27th Jan. 2022 with Shannon Smith as the Fellow. It had to be begun virtually in consequence of the pandemic situation. It was completed in Nov. 2022. Shannon Smith arrived on campus and began her in-person classes on 7th March 2022 after an orientation session. The in-person classes were concluded on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. (11 months)

Virtual: 10 Months

In- Person: 11 Months

No. of students benefitted: 350







**ELF class by Ms. Shannon Dee Smith**



**ELF coverage in the local newspaper**

### 3. English Access Microscholarship Program

Two year programme from 2022 – 2024

College was funded: USD 39022.28

No. of students benefitted: 50



**US Consul General Jennifer Larson along with other officials witnessing students' communication skills**





**Students during classes and intensive sessions**



**Community Service at Kuntamukkala village**



#### 4. Study of United States Institute for Student Leaders (SUSI) programme

Rishitha Jaladi, II B.Sc. (CBZ) and Sharanya Boddada, II B.A. (HEP) selected for June - July 2021 program. Due to Covid pandemic they visited the USA in October and November 2022.



Reshma Revathi II BA got selected for the same programme and visited the USA in June-July 2022.

Sushma Vardhan II B.Sc Agriculture and Rural Development attended the program from 23 June - 22 July 2025.



## 5. Online Professional English Network (OPEN) courses

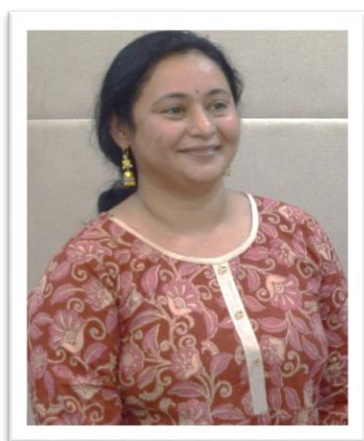
The U.S. Consulate in Hyderabad, with the aim of helping the college improve English language teaching capacity through VELF, ELF, Access and the **Online Professional English Network (OPEN) courses**, offered all the four slots offered by the Regional English Language Office at U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, for the Spring sessions to teachers of the English department of the college to help them in professional development. The 8-10 week course began on 7th March, 2022. The four teachers from the Dept. of English received certificates of completion from the American universities which have developed/offered these courses.



## 6. Two-week Teacher Exchange Program in USA



Ms.T.Divya Chandana, a teacher of English Access Microscholarship Program participated in a Two-week Teacher Exchange Program at the **University of Rhode Island, USA** in July 2024.



Ms. H. T Lakshmi Rao, another access Teacher has been selected to attend a Teacher Exchange program at **Kent State University, Ohio, USA in March 2024**. Due to some issues program has been postponed. Dates will be intimated soon.

## 7. Community College Initiative Program (CCIP)

Maanya Kiran II B.Sc. Agriculture and Rural Development was selected for the prestigious **Community College Initiative Program (CCIP)** – a fully funded one-year non-degree program starting in January 2026.





## 8. Young South Asia Leaders Initiative Workshop

P.Greeshma Sindhu, an alumna of English Access Microscholarship Program and Ms. N. Rini Anand Access Teacher were selected to participate in the Young South Asia Leaders Initiative Workshop on Civic Engagement at Colombo, Srilanka in August 2025.



## 9. American Corner Model United Nations Conference (ACMUN)

Six Under Graduate students Bhoomika Jain, II BBA M. Annapurna, II B. Sc Biotechnology, G. Swetha, II BA History, Tarranum Fathema, II B.Sc Zoology, G. Sushma Vardhan, II B.Sc A & R and K. Grace Evangeline, II BA Special English were partially funded by US Consulate, Hyderabad, India to participate in American Corner Model United Nations Conference (ACMUN), at St.Francis College for Women, Hyderabad, Telangana from 3-4, February 2025.

