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"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

- Michelle Obama
From The CEO’s Desk

“It always seems impossible until it's done.” - Nelson Mandela

A year ago it seemed like a scene from a sci-fi movie, in which we lived and breathed in the confines of our homes and many times muffled in a mask. When I wrote my last note, I mentioned our transition to virtual interventions, with some silver lining due to flexibility with merging centers, accessing global speakers and alumni, and so on. We faced some challenges with fund flow and little did I know that we were headed for a long period of the virtual world, and less visibility of returning to normalcy. However, our perseverance paid off. Things started looking up in December from a funding perspective with corporates approaching us and by the end of the first quarter of 2021, we had raised Rupees seven crores, our highest ever. Our existing donors honoured their commitments and the new donors resonated with the mission to extend their support. We added 13 new donor companies to our portfolio. In addition, we had our first-ever fundraiser campaign where we raised funds from several individuals including alumni to surpass our set target.

The next challenge was to enrol students virtually. We planned an automated online enrolment process to reduce redundancy and to efficiently collect digital documents from students and the verification reports. What we had not envisaged was doing the complete outreach virtually, reaching out to students who didn’t know us, didn’t know their seniors, and hadn’t ever visited the college they got admitted to. My team was relentless. They connected with colleges to put up posters on their website, get the list of students, and set orientation dates. We were learning, adapting, pushing, at times ready to give up but we didn’t. After our first induction for the new students, we got overwhelming feedback about the session and how promising the program sounded. The word spread and we got interest from more students to join. It was an arduous process with the second lockdown exacerbating it further. All’s well that ends well! We managed to enrol 250 students. One of the significant projects of the year was the impact study conducted by a reputed Third Party agency, Sattva Consulting and funded by JP Morgan. It gave some good insights into the program and its impact. In 2020-21 we embarked on an exciting journey comprising, digitalization, automation, and planning of Katalyst 2.0.

Our Big Hairy Audacious Goal is to quadruple our impact by 2025!

POORVI SHAH
CEO, Katalyst India
From The COO’s Desk

“We are analog beings living in a digital world, facing a quantum future” – Neil Turok

Last year was a roller coaster for one and all. The challenges forced our team to think differently and adopt innovative ways to continue supporting our students financially and emotionally, and also stay actively engaged with our stakeholders. It opened our minds to the immense possibilities of the virtual world. It laid the foundation for a whole new strategic plan for Katalyst 2.0, where we want to increase scale, efficiency, and learning outcomes by digitalizing the organization.

In the past year, we already started our journey towards adopting technology by automating many of our processes. Our MIS systems have strengthened and information that took at least 3-4 days to compute manually, is now available in real-time, and with no manual intervention needed. This allows us to take proactive actions and improve our program. We conducted our first-ever enrolment online and have inducted 250 new students. We have conducted Leadership talks every month with esteemed dignitaries globally from various fields, as virtual has no geographical boundaries.

The team has converted the challenge into an opportunity that will make Katalyst an internationally known organization not only for its impact but also for its performance.

I am excited about this quantum leap we will take!

AARTI NATHAN
COO & Chief Impact Officer, Katalyst India
From Kamlesh Sajnani to Everyone:

Katalyst is a very unique NGO in its essence. Promoting and supporting “girls” from financially challenged backgrounds to achieve self-sufficiency and long-term professional sustenance through education. Its ideology, commitment and spirit is commendable and is visible with the support that is expressed by my colleagues on the board, the operational team, mentors, donors, trainers, and organisations that partner with Katalyst. We would like to see it go beyond its scope and embrace to achieve “Women in Leadership” especially those that come from challenged backgrounds where achievements such as these may seem a distant dream. We at Katalyst look forward to substantially expand the cohort of “girls” in the coming years, create opportunities to be admitted to the best global and Indian universities and programs, and through these inspire others to never give up.

Success is not an activity, it is progress.

From Noopur Desai to Everyone:

I have had the privilege to see Katalyst from different angles…as a mentor and as a board member. Katalyst truly stands for transformation! Transformation of young, diffident engineering girl students into confident, driven young women who are ready for roles in the corporate workplace. Transformation of ordinary citizens into responsible, supportive, and caring mentors. Transformation of Katalyst from a small 10-girl organization to its new avatar: Katalyst 2.0. My own internal transformation, working with the dedicated Katalyst team and my young mentees who have taught me many things about life and living. Thank you, Katalyst!

From Paula Mariwala to Everyone:

For too long the gender balance has been biased against women in leadership positions in our society. Empowering women to take on leadership roles in the corporate world and indeed across sectors is key to creating a more just and fair society.

Katalyst’s goal of harnessing the potential of women in higher education to create impactful women leaders through a well-structured curriculum and high-touch mentoring is both unique and transformational. It has been a privilege to have been a part of the Katalyst journey to see these young women evolve into leaders who can inspire others to pursue their dreams and be role models for their own communities. I am sure Katalyst will continue to scale this transformational journey for many years to come.
From **Shital Kakkar Mehra** to Everyone:

The Katalyst curriculum teaches life skills, helping the girls become more confident, with an enhanced sense of self-worth, and better decision-making abilities. While these skills were always vital for both professional and personal success, their importance has further been heightened during COVID-19, where remote work and adaptability have become the norm. Also, the mentorship program pivoted to an online model during the lockdown and the girls greatly valued access to mentors, who played the role of a counsellor/guide. Access to mentors offered the Katalyst girls a chance to share the challenges they faced during the lockdown months with respect to their online classes, placements, and internships at a time when their regular support groups (professors/wider circle of friends) remained inaccessible. With the support of the Katalyst team, the girls are better equipped to meet the challenges of the post-COVID world.

From **Vijay Mahajan** to Everyone:

Katalyst is making efforts to change the quality of thinking in its ‘Katalysts’ which shall lead to the change in the quality of their ecosystem in which they live. The year put up the toughest challenge during the late stages of the first and the second wave of COVID. The team not only faced personal challenges with self and immediate families but had the daunting task of enrolling another 250 students. A web portal was designed for enrollments and the process was completed with finesse. Many new initiatives like technology up-gradation, Katalyst 2.0, Alkemist, and Akcelerator were launched. Finally, this year shall be remembered for the organization making serious inroads into international fundraising & crowdfunding. With a highly committed & energized team, Katalyst is ready to take a big leap into the future. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Katalyst team on the arduous journey they undertook in the year gone by.
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Managing Director, Lead – Corporate Citizenship, Accenture India
Education is one of the most important journeys that one embarks on as one is growing and preparing to take on life. I believe that by educating a woman, you educate your community and your nation. That’s the magic that Katalyst is creating every day.

Katalyst is simply one of the most amazing organizations with its impact on our community. They have done a phenomenal job in preparing the next generation of women to lead in this new and fast-changing world, especially in the technology sector. It is fascinating to see how Katalyst’s wonderful team and mentors are helping every candidate grow throughout the process and in turn strengthening our nation with women's power. The team has been very creative in utilizing the resources available to them. I have been impressed how they worked with Mokxa Technologies’ team to leverage Joget DX, Open-Source Low Code Platform to digitize the complete student lifecycle process end-to-end. It’s amazing to see them gain tremendous operational efficiency, easy data accessibility, and establish automated processes to reduce overheads that are critical for the success of the program. Katalyst and Mokxa team collaborated to deliver various processes including tracking of attendance using QR Codes both for physical and virtual training, mentor and mentee interactions over integrated emails all tracked in the app without mentor logging in the application, student registrations via importing data in the app and many other processes. It is rare to see NGOs of this size leveraging technologies to such an extent. The impact they have through the program is not only commendable but also very heartening. Thanks to the leadership and the team for all the wonders they have done so far. I look forward to seeing even more in the coming years.

RAVEESH DEWAN
CEO, Joget, Inc.

It has been my pleasure knowing, interacting, and working closely with Katalyst in delivering on its mission of Empowering Women for Equality in Opportunity and Leadership.
In the last year and a half, I have been amazed to watch Poorvi, Anjali, and the entire team deliver a fabulous set of outcomes to their beneficiaries in this pandemic. Katalyst has managed to grow aggressively during these testing times. I have witnessed the significant and positive changes Katalyst has brought to 1000 + young women’s lives. On behalf of SVP India and myself, I wish Katalyst all the very best. I am sure millions of young women in the future will benefit directly and indirectly from its endeavours.

DR. S SUBRAMANIAN
Partner, SVP
About Katalyst

Katalyst India is an award-winning NGO that stands for the economic empowerment of women. The initiative definitively prepares young women for leadership roles, thereby creating a wider talent pool for India Inc and helping bridge the gender divide.

**Vision** - Empowering Women for Equality in Opportunity and Leadership

**Mission** - To accelerate the growth of young women in professional education, through developmental interventions and an enabling environment, to enhance self-belief and leadership.

Set up in 2007 with 10 young women, Katalyst now has chapters in Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, and Delhi and has impacted the lives of almost 1430 girls, with 570 currently in the program. 55% of Katalyst alumni have reached managerial positions, with 12% already at the senior leadership level.

Katalyst achieves its objectives through various program interventions given below throughout the undergraduate degree or professional course years of its beneficiaries.

- Mentorship
- Financial Assistance & Medical Insurance
- Digital Enablement
- Proprietary Curriculum
- Internships & Corporate Engagement
- Placements
Katalyst Reach

730 Students
430 Mentors
856 Alumni

70,051 hours of training conducted
Rs. 1,35,99,200 total payout
Rs. 31,515 highest payout
Rs. 6,40,000 average starting salary
Rs. 5,00,000 median starting salary
Rs. 22,00,000 highest starting salary
Katalyst seeks the support of corporate partners for TO BE A CORPORATE PARTNER OR DONOR colleges with a pool of girls from low income communities

Katalyst seeks to partner with pedigree professional TO BE A COLLEGE PARTNER and perspectives. guide them and expose them to a new set of experiences TO BE A MENTOR

family income of less than 5.0 lakhs per annum are eligible TO ENROLL AS A KATALYST for degrees like Engineering, CA and Architecture and have a Meritorious girl students who are pursuing professional

The assignments provided by Katalyst have also helped them to develop their presentation skills, recognize their artistic abilities, and dream big, and have shown them that sky's the limit. The sessions conducted by Katalyst for spoken English. I am proud to say that my mentees and I, both feel that there has been significant progress in their hobbies, technology, current affairs, etc. and guiding them on how to build their reading skills and improving their exchange ideas through various activities, to name some: Innovative Poster Making, Reverse Mentoring (Guru each interaction, our bond is getting stronger, allowing us to explore different topics for discussion and collectively

began with my Mentees. Both my Mentees are in their first year of Engineering and are enthusiastic learners. With help me unleash the potential for the youth of tomorrow. It has been five months since my journey of learning This pandemic situation gifted me the opportunity to collaborate with the Katalyst Mentorship Program which relevant questions which will lead them to the right path.

Mentoring to me is about inspiration and igniting the minds of my mentees by creating curiosity in them to ask "Where there is passion, comes in the ability for compassion and a way to give back." thought as I have been trusted to be the catalyst in their lives. With the highest levels of gratitude to my Mentees – Purnima Special), etc. I stand by the lines "Aspire to Inspire", thus making every single move given more than one point.

Rakshitha and Meghana, I thank the entire team of Katalyst for this opportunity and recommend anyone reading this article to step up to create an impact on a student's life.
Katalyst Curriculum

The redesigned Katalyst Curriculum is a unique learning pathway to lead the transformational journey of the young Katalysts in the area of self-development and leadership, communication skills, technical skills, English language competency, and career readiness skills. The vision of the curriculum is to enable the girls to develop as well-rounded leaders in personal and professional spheres of life. The curriculum comprises 600 hours of training which is provided across four years. The curriculum is delivered through 6 courses which have 72 modules in total.

FEATURES OF THE K CURRICULUM:

- Scientifically researched proprietary curriculum based on industry needs
- Interactive, reflective pedagogy for face to face sessions and e-learning for self-paced learning
- Strong emphasis on developing excellent language and communication skills
- Modules scaffolded across semesters as per need and skills required in the student life cycle
- Delivered through collaboration with top-class trainers and training organisations who are leaders in the industry

The Katalyst curriculum focuses on four Developmental Areas of the Katalyst student:

26% Personality Development & Communication
26% Career Readiness & General Awareness
25% Technical Skills
23% English Proficiency

These developmental areas are covered under the following six courses:

- **Trailblazer:** Leadership Program
- **All Rounder:** Field Exposure Program
- **Ms. Karsimatic:** Communication Skills
- **Career Climber:** Employability Skills
- **Wordsmith:** Blended English Language Course
- **Technosaurus:** Emerging Technology
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Katalyst’s Impact

Placement & Compensation

• The current average salary offered to Katalysts is INR 7 lakhs, compared to INR 4.23 lakhs mean salary expectation of engineering graduates.

• The median salary offered to Katalysts is 43% higher at INR 5 lakhs as compared to INR 3.50 lakhs offered to others.

• The placement rate for Katalyst for the year 2019-2020 was 85% which is 33% more than the percentage of engineering graduates placed in 2018-19.

Employability & Performance in the Workplace

• 55% Katalyst alumni are working in managerial roles.

• 12% Katalyst alumni have reached the senior leadership level.

• Employers have reported that 69% of Katalysts out perform their peers.

Self-confidence & Awareness

• 100% Katalysts are aware of skill relevant job opportunities compared to only 47% among others.

• 94% Katalysts have high confidence in their English communication.

Social Empowerment

• 89% Katalysts are able to contribute financially to their households after getting jobs.

• 100% Katalysts reported receiving greater respect in their community. They also serve as role models to their siblings and peers and help make career-related decisions.
Interventions Throughout The Year

The Mumbai centre had a total number of 100 students across the four graduating batches. The students are from various Engineering colleges of Mumbai - VJTI, Xavier’s Institute of Engineering, UMIT, Saboo Siddiq, PVPPCOE, Fr CR College, Vidyalankar, Don Bosco Institute of Technology, Atharva, and Rajiv Institute of Technology. The students are very motivated, enthusiastic, and keen to learn.

Various college orientations for student outreach and inductions for the new batch were carried out by the Mumbai centre. Orientation of the new mentors was also conducted in May 2021.

The Mumbai students have actively participated in all the Katalyst events. The centre meetings with students are events to look forward to. The students enjoy connecting with the centre manager and coordinator and connecting with each other. Activities, fun games, and topical themes during the sessions included - 20 questions game, highlights of the month, identifying learning styles, behaviour patterns, etc.

The centre performance rates were high in terms of training attendance and mentoring. As a centre manager, I wish to increase the student base, mentor networking, and make Katalyst visible to potential donors and corporates.

SHWETA MATHUR
Program Manager, Mumbai
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Interventions Throughout The Year

It has been more than two years of being associated with Katalyst and I can proudly say that every day we are growing to achieve the vision of Katalyst.

With online Convention to Alumni Meets, from generating online internships to creating an ecosystem of constant learning, we can proudly say that even a pandemic couldn't stop us to bring the winds of change in our girls' lives.

As we have witnessed, Technology now allows people to connect anytime, anywhere, with anyone in the world, from almost any device. This dramatically changed the way Katalyst is working towards empowering more girls. In the right role and with the right people, Katalyst is growing and expanding with the right blend of creativity and innovation. Working on Technology for the past year has given more dimensions to streamline the processes of Mentorship, and Connect with our girls.

I would like to thank our College partners, Mentors, Leaders, Corporates, Training partners, and most importantly our Team. I believe motivation plays a huge role in developing character and empowering people to make better choices for themselves especially during the hard times and we at Katalyst are thriving to bring change.

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt

MEHAK KANDA
Manager - Pune Program & Technology
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

KOFFEE WITH MENTOR

K-MEETING

RESUME WRITING
Interventions Throughout The Year

It’s the second consecutive year of the COVID’s spread across the world. It’s also the second consecutive year where the Katalyst program has gone virtual, becoming stronger in reach and leaving an impact on our students’ lives.

The year 2020-2021 has been quite an eventful year for Bangalore centre. Despite going fully virtual, our program saw more rigor amongst our students. We conducted leadership sessions and called leaders across the globe to share their stories and talk about specific subjects like, “Don’t Let Digital Transformation Make You Less Human”, “Glass Ceiling or Sticky floor” etc.

Katalyst Mentors kept encouraging and motivating our students to stay focused in these difficult times. Our corporate partners held onto our cause and continued their support by conducting a series of technical and non-technical workshops. And our students kept themselves motivated and engaged with us throughout the year.

Whether it was the first-ever virtual Convention, or virtual Enrolment and Induction, or Annual Alumni Meet, Bangalore students volunteered with zest and contributed to making these events successful.

As it’s rightly said, “In the face of adversity, we have a choice. We can be bitter, or we can be better”. We have chosen the latter.

SHALIMA JAIN
Program Manager, Bangalore
COLLEGE VISIT

MENTOR INTERACTION

CATIA

ORIENTATION

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The Delhi centre enters its fifth year with remarkable confidence. With sharpened clarity on approach and improved knowledge, to fulfill the vision of the organisation the centre has made remarkable changes from the last year. Presently 92 girls are benefitting from the program. Our current college partners are IIT Delhi, Bhartiya Vidya Peeth College of Engineering, Jamia Millia Islamia, and G L Bajaj College.

During the pandemic, remote learning became a lifeline for education. This year has been a challenging year for us to shift from the classroom model to the online model. But fortunately, we were successful in completing the curriculum by organising training virtually. The training aims to instill skills like resilience, adaptability, collaboration, communication, empathy, creativity, and emotional intelligence, etc.

It gives me immense pleasure to interact with these young minds. Undoubtedly, these girls of today are the future employees of profitable global businesses. Last year has been a very eventful and great learning experience for these girls. They have undergone various technical and non-technical training which were aimed at empowering them both personally and professionally.

As part of the Katalyst team, it feels great to be working for these girls and see them growing in their career paths. Hopefully, next year will be even more successful than this year.

AYESHA KHAN
Program Manager, Delhi
Point 1: BE SELF AWARE

- Your Introduction
- Family
- Birth city
- Hobbies & Interests
- Strengths & Weaknesses (Focus on strength)
- EQ + IQ + AQ = 3Q

PUBLIC SPEAKING

LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION

Etiquette in Using Business Cards

The following are a few considerations to keep in mind while using, and handling business cards:

- Always keep your business cards handy
- Show good manners while receiving business cards
- Follow business card with your offerings
- Time of presentation of business card
- Keep hierarchical order in mind

Let's look at each in detail.

BUSINESS ETIQUETTE

ORIENTATION
Highlights Of 2020-21
INTERNATIONAL AWARDS
2020 brought in accolades for Katalyst with five international awards and recognition validating the model and the need to have this program:
• Outstanding Support for Students award by Times Higher Education, Asia
• Championing Diversity award by The PIEoneer, UK
• Gold Award for the Best Education Project from Global Good Awards, UK
• Finalist of ‘The KIT Innovation Challenge’ by the KIT International, Australia
• World of Difference Award by The International Alliance for Women

INDUCTION CEREMONY
Welcoming over 250 young women in STEM to the Katalyst program, the induction ceremony was conducted over the span of three interactive sessions where students logged in from their homes to get a closer look at what their four-year journey with Katalyst will look like, including and overview of the program, and insights from mentors and alumni.

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET
The newly formed Katalyst Alumni Task Force organised the Annual Alumni Meet which was attended by Katalysts all over the world on 29th May, 2021. The meet was graced by eminent speakers including Dr. Preeti M Galagali, and our alumni who shared their journeys.

GIVEINDIA FUNDRAISER
With almost Rs. 30 lakhs donated by 92 supporters (including alumni), Katalyst’s first-ever retail fundraiser was an overwhelming success. We are grateful to all the donors for their significant contribution towards our cause and SVP Partners for their support throughout this activity.

2020 WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
The 2020 Women’s Leadership Conference, focussed on global leaders providing new insights and plans to advance women leaders and gender equity in the face of the unprecedented challenges of 2020 and otherwise. Poorvi Shah, CEO, Katalyst spoke on forging new paths to women leadership in India at this virtual event hosted by The Conference Board, New York.
The Delhi centre enters its fifth year with remarkable confidence. With sharpened clarity on approach and improved knowledge, to fulfill the vision of the organisation the centre has made remarkable changes from the last year. Presently 92 girls are benefitting from the program. Our current college partners are IIT Delhi, Bhartiya Vidya Peeth College of Engineering, Jamia Millia Islamia, and G L Bajaj College.

During the pandemic, remote learning became a lifeline for education. This year has been a challenging year for us to shift from the classroom model to the online model. But fortunately, we were successful in completing the curriculum by organising training virtually. The training aims to instill skills like resilience, adaptability, collaboration, communication, empathy, creativity, and emotional intelligence, etc.

It gives me immense pleasure to interact with these young minds. Undoubtedly, these girls of today are the future employees of profitable global businesses. Last year has been a very eventful and great learning experience for these girls. They have undergone various technical and non-technical training which were aimed at empowering them both personally and professionally.

As part of the Katalyst team, it feels great to be working for these girls and see them growing in their career paths. Hopefully, next year will be even more successful than this year.

AYESHA KHAN
Program Manager, Delhi

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An Impactful Journey

My journey with Katalyst started roughly ten years ago, which seems like ages now. I completed my bachelor's in 2013 and my master's in 2021. Yes, you're right! It took me seven years to decide to pursue a master’s degree, and trust me I don't regret it. I am currently working as a developer in Auckland, New Zealand.

Katalyst was always like a second home for me. When I moved to Bangalore for my engineering studies, I faced several challenges, the most significant one was my lack of confidence, but that didn't stop me from dreaming big.

I heard about Katalyst through a few friends and thought it would be helpful for me. I've never looked back since I joined Katalyst. Along with the financial help, I feel it was the leadership skills that enhanced my confidence. After meeting several other girls at Katalyst, I realised that I am not alone and that many other girls in similar situations seek help.

The most memorable experience was the trip to Goa that Katalyst conducts every year for girls from various centres. We were about 100 girls from Bangalore travelling in three train compartments, and the excitement was unlimited.

As the phrase "Katalyst - winds of change" says, it was the catalyst in my life that transformed me for the better. I consider myself to be lucky to be associated with Katalyst. Even if only one girl gets inspired by my story, I'll be grateful. I want every girl to invest more time in education, to be self-sufficient, and to stop apologising for who they are and what they want to be.

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Being from a humble traditional business family, the aspirations I weaved for myself were unimaginable, so much so that the path to them was completely unknown. It was questionable to its very existence.

After joining the prestigious IIT Delhi, I had a hard time introspecting if I belonged there if I was capable of surviving amongst the smartest brains in the nation. But I continued to stride each day to deem myself worthy and kept my long list of dreams very close to my heart throughout this journey.

Not only did I explore all the opportunities that came in my way, I never shied away from going that extra mile to achieve them. I gathered work experiences in the fields of research, analytics, and consulting to finalise the career of my dreams. I studied extra courses and achieved a minor degree along with my major to acquire the skills required for the field of my choice- Management Consulting.

Katalyst had a huge role to play throughout this roller coaster ride. Starting from the immense boost of confidence that I got after my selection in the program, to numerous training in leadership, problem-solving, and aptitude which equipped me with relevant skills. My Katalyst mentors were my biggest cheerleaders who further helped me unleash my inner potential.

I would say I have always believed in the power of dreaming, the power of working hard towards chasing those “unreasonably” big dreams, and the power of trusting myself to achieve them. Fortunately for me, this sheer dumb belief worked in my favour - all I had to do was put in my best efforts, and keep going one day at a time!

To continue dreaming and working towards making them true. Cheers!

AASHI AGARWAL
Business Analyst, AT Kearney
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One of the first pieces of advice I received from the training sessions in Katalyst was to step out of my comfort zone. Being an introvert, stepping out of the comfort zone was one of the hardest things to do. The various activities, workshops, and gatherings provided me a platform to interact with others and break my wall of comfort. In the first session of my internship, I realized I was not as afraid of speaking my mind as I was three years ago.

Interactions with my mentor were something I look forward to, every month. My mentor pushed me to explore different technologies and helped me be a better programmer. This experience was advantageous during my college placement drive. I was able to bag two offers. Being a first-generation graduate in the family, I am proud to have achieved this. Continuing this effort, I aim to be in a leadership position in the future.

Coming from a humble background, pursuing higher studies abroad is a seemingly impossible task. Usually, dreams are subject to financial restrictions. But when the opportunity came up, I immediately registered for the higher studies training program at IMS Learning Resources Pvt. Limited, which was also sponsored by them. I received training for exams such as GRE and TOEFL. Irrespective of the outcome, I am content to have written the exams and applied to the universities for MS.

Katalyst was not just the "winds of change" in my life. It was a storm of change that pushed me to step out of my comfort zone. The kind of storm that helps me rise high, and aim for anything that is even beyond my eyesight.
An Impactful Journey

As Paulo Coelho quoted perfectly "When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it", Katalyst is one of the integral parts of my universe which guided me and accompanied me in my journey to fulfilling my dreams.

I am thankful for all my struggles and challenges in life in terms of a humble background with limited resources and opportunities which proved to be my greatest motivating factor to achieve whatever I am today. It is an amazing feeling to be the first person to graduate from my family, the first person to fly abroad from my village, and to provide a better standard of living to my parents.

Back in the day, even though I was the topper out of 49 BMC schools, some people advised me to take admission in local colleges rather than any A graded college as they believed I would not be able to cope up with the pace of big colleges with my vernacular medium studies. I challenged myself and dared to think big because that was the only way to provide betterment to my family. During my engineering days, when other students were preparing for their CAT or GRE, I was struggling to pay my college tuition fees. I opted for a way to 'Earn & Learn' and started giving tuitions to CBSE/ICSE primary school students. This benefited me monetarily as well as improved my vocabulary and soft skills.

Katalyst has helped me to think two steps ahead with its amazing initiatives like preparation for placements & competitive exams, soft skills training, Goa convention, etc.

My advice to all those who are working hard to achieve their dreams and have humble beginnings is that - do not give up. It's just a matter of time. The greatest thing which you have is "The purpose of creating opportunities and building resources for yourself".

Smita Mahadik
IT Analyst & On-site Coordinator, TCS
"Success is no accident; it is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you're doing or learning to do." - Pelé

It's always been a dream for me to work at a company where I'd be able to make a difference. Currently, I'm working at MasterCard as a Software Development Engineer.

I completed my graduation in Computer Science from the College of Engineering, Pune. While pursuing my degree, I realised that it's never about what field you excel in; it's about how passionate you are about it. Having joined Katalyst right in my second year, I understood the impact of being passionate by looking at the leaders at Katalyst.

Before you even get to know Katalyst, you would get a vibe that it is a program that's here to make a difference. Katalyst truly empowers women, bridging not only the employability gap but also the financial gaps. Every lecture and seminar attended here have helped me grow.

One major initiative I would like to highlight is the mentorship program within Katalyst. Every student gets a mentor to interact with for any guidance, be it professional or personal.

I was once felicitated at a Katalyst convention, and while standing on stage, I looked at the panelists and said, "You should be proud of yourself because you made me believe that I'll one day be sitting where you're sitting today!".

If there is one thing that I firmly believe, it is paramount for a woman to be financially independent. Today, the world is offering gender-neutral opportunities. We, as women, just have to grab it! That's where Katalyst is making its contribution, and I'm grateful it helped me grab mine.

PRIYA KADAM
Software Engineer 2, Mastercard
Alumni Speak

My biggest motivation has been my mother, who couldn't complete her education when she was young due to various challenges. I was determined to pursue education to overcome our financial challenges and fulfill my mother's dream. I got support and guidance from my parents, relatives, and teachers. Very few girls from my village back then used to go to school beyond the 12th grade.

Coming to Mumbai for education, gave wings to my dreams. Although, having studied in vernacular medium till then, 11th was a big challenge for me. It was very difficult to understand the topics being taught in English. After coming to Ruparel College, I developed a complex seeing confident people around me, who were fluent in English as well as good in studies. With time I was able to overcome this. I got better in both English and academics. I was able to score well in 12th and was among the top 5% highest-scoring students in Maharashtra.

I got into one of the best engineering colleges in Mumbai (VJTI). This was a turning point for me. I decided to overcome my fears and took part in various extra-curricular activities, sports, and cultural events in college. My challenges got eased with my involvement with Katalyst. Katalyst helped me financially, so I could focus on my studies and improve my soft skills which helped me build the necessary confidence required to navigate through my professional life.

I landed my dream job at Visa in 2015. After being employed, I was able to support my sister, brother, and a few other students from my village financially as well as mentor them in other aspects. I've spent 6 years working in the same company exploring different technologies. This job challenges me to be a better version of myself every day.

I am grateful for all the life experiences which helped me become an independent, confident, and good human being. If you really believe in something, the whole universe will help you achieve it. So just go for it!

ROSHANI GAWAD
Sr. Software Engineer, Visa
Mentors Speak

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VIVEK ANOOP, Founder & MD, Learning Anchors
I feel excited to be a part of the Katalyst Mentoring Initiative. Being a mentor– is about passing the torch, carrying the legacy. It is a legacy of excellence and goodwill, a torch of knowledge and dedication. The greatest attribute was to challenge me – make me want to be better, make me want to make them proud. Because living up to expectations is a far better motivator than fear or monetary gain – the great mentors know that and they instill that in their mentees. A great mentor is not only a great teacher and a scholar, he/she is also a great motivator. It has been an amazing journey being with the Katalyst family and students during the mentoring program. I must say I have enjoyed nurturing the young millions through the fabulous mentoring program. The most fulfilling experience of my life is being a mentor at Katalyst. I have felt pride and joy every time these young girls have come to interact with me. They may not have needed much of my help, but I am proud nonetheless that they had it during their time with me. I have found that there is nothing more gratifying than seeing your young girls soar as high as an eagle. I would like to thank the Katalyst team for giving me this amazing opportunity to mentor and guide the young girls.

SAPNA JHA, Founder & MD, HapGen Educational Services

Having spent a life getting mentored at every step, willingly or otherwise, when I sat back and reflected, I saw faces. My experience in the mentorship program has been very enriching. I gained fresh perspectives on work-related practices and experienced career rejuvenation. Through the mutual exchange, it provided a great opportunity to better understand the younger generation and stay young at heart! The activities and interactions with my mentees always inspire me. I am grateful to know them since they are energetic, proactive, and curious about a future career. This mentorship program has enabled me to give back, refresh, and make some positive influence.

MAYUR SHAH, Senior Manager, Vodafone Intelligent Solutions

Krupa Patel is my first mentee and she is from Mankhurd. In the first session itself, I got a chance to speak to her parents, where I introduced them to Katalyst’s mentoring program and its benefits. Katalyst also conducted sessions for new mentors for process awareness, sharing the learnings from senior mentors. After a few online sessions, I had the opportunity to meet her in person. She will be the first computer engineer in her family and that makes me proud. Our former president Late Dr. Abdul Kalam has always been my inspiration and his book "Wings of Fire" was my obvious choice of gift to Krupa. It’s a pleasing mentoring Krupa and learning from her too in the form of reverse mentoring. This initiative of Katalyst is changing the lives of many young engineering girl students and transforming them into professionals and good citizens.

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Colleges Speak

Katalyst has played a life-changing role in the lives of many female students of XIE who availed the opportunity. The training provided in developing communication skills, academic sustainability, and corporate presence/visits as well as in many academic subjects has opened many new opportunities and instilled self-confidence in many girls. The volunteering work, training programs, and conventions have opened new arenas of networking and learning, simultaneously inculcating skills of organization, teamwork, and leadership, as well as aid their overall personality development. The students have also greatly benefitted from the mentorship program which has provided them not only curricular guidance but also overall support that helped them inculcate many useful life skills and qualities. The life lessons and guidance that the mentors provide; acquainting the mentees with a plethora of knowledge, also helping them gain an industry/work experience in their respective fields, helping them prepare for actual corporate interviews has contributed immensely in shaping and forming the students, making them ready for corporate life. The financial assistance that has been provided from time to time has given wings to many dreams that could have been held back. Katalyst does not only provide support to many financially underprivileged female students but also forms them to be at par with the world.

PROF. SANIYA GONSAVES
Xavier Institute of Engineering, Mumbai

Katalyst has pioneered first-rate efforts towards women empowerment by offering scholarships and training to meritorious girl students in their pursuit of professional education. Katalyst aims at abating the gender gap at leadership positions as well amid privileged and lowly women sectors by supporting, nurturing, and training talented young women from weaker sections thus creating future women leaders. Within just 14 years of its inception, Katalyst has impacted the lives of more than 1200 girls to become empowered leaders, take leadership positions, and influence the next generation of leaders. Katalyst has achieved this by partnering with around 25 leading academia, 5 training organizations, and 35 corporates. Katalyst scholars are offered financial assistance, medical insurance, an add-on 600 hrs of unique training in technical, leadership, communication, job-readiness skills along with frequent visits to industry and Tech Fests. Katalyst also provides one-to-one mentorship, access to world-class technology, assistance with internships along with world-class industry exposure and corporate interactions. I congratulate the Katalyst team for mentoring and empowering budding talented young women by enhancing their innovation, leadership, and employability skills to take up the challenging leadership roles to influence the next generation leaders in the process of community building. We are grateful to Katalyst for partnering with Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune in this noble endeavor through which around 100 girl students have been directly benefited.

PROF. MAHAJAN
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Trainers Speak

Have been engaged with the Katalyst program for over a decade now, as a mentor and training partner. I must say this is one of the most fulfilling experiences I have had, to be part of the journey of these amazing, gritty girls who come into the program and transition into being confident women professionals. Katalyst occupies a wonderful niche of being a guide, mentor, and cheerleader for its participants who may not have similar encouragement from their families and other immediate contexts. In the long run, it is heartening to see the impact the program makes not only in the lives of the participants but also their families: in enabling the young women, we also change the socio-economic status of the families they come from and leave a lasting impact on the younger generations in their families and communities. It is inspiring to notice how most of the participants blossom from being shy and tentative when they enter the program, to being assertive and determined as they step into their careers.

RUKMINI IYER
Exult Solutions

TechieAid has been providing Technical and Soft Skills training to the students of Katalyst for the past 4 years. It has been a great experience for us. During the process of imparting knowledge to students, the trainers also have learnt a lot interacting and grooming them. Also, we have seen good progress in students year over year on both Technical and Soft Skills from the time they enrolled to Katalyst and as they near their graduation. Katalyst has been providing an excellent platform for these students to excel, make a good start to their careers, and take up leadership positions in the future. We feel proud to be associated with Katalyst on this epic journey.

KIRAN G
TechieAid

MTIS is associated with Katalyst as its training partner and engaged in delivering technical training for the past 4 years. I feel immense pleasure being part of this esteemed organization that is involved in providing a better future to underprivileged talented girls. Katalyst is a great organization working for the upliftment of underprivileged talented girls. This organization makes efforts to reduce the miseries faced by the girls who are talented but not able to get better education due to poverty. Education is the basis of development; thus, Katalyst provides education to the girls to enhance their as well as the future of the country. Katalyst is involved in grooming these girls entirely and helping them to achieve a successful position in their lives.

KAVITA MANDILWAR
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MISS UNIVERSE - MANALI PARAB
Manali Parab graduated as an Electronics and Telecom Engineer. She believes hard work with honesty is the key to success. Being a college topper, she actively participated in TEDx, NSS, Women development cell of her college. She has received noteworthy awards in Katalyst and college. Currently, she is preparing for UPSC. Along with this, she is pursuing classical music and yoga.

MISS WORLD – LAXMI CHAVAN
Laxmi Chavan has graduated from Vishwakarma Institute of Technology Pune with a CGPA of 8.8. She has interned with Nvidia Graphics Pune. She is passionate about Volunteering for social causes. Currently, she is working with Panchtantra Programming as a Camp-Volunteer. She loves storytelling and teaching coding to the children at Panchatantra programming. Her dream is to become a civil servant and serve the nation. She is currently working as an associate engineer at Signify Innovation Limited with a CTC of 6.52 LPA. Recently, she was awarded as an employee of the month Dec-2020 from a team of 60 people. Looking forward she wants to give back to society as she says she was blessed with the giveback of Katalyst.

MISS INDIA - LAXMI CHAINANI
Laxmi Chainani has graduated from Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune with a bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering with a 9 CGPA. She is obsessed with technology-related things and in her free time she enjoys doing competitive coding. She has earned various awards by participating in technical events. She enjoys science and fiction movies and exploring new places. She is currently working as an Associate Software Engineer at Veritas Technologies with a CTC of 10.75 LPA.
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Priyanka Korade
Winner: Miss Rookie

Vaishnavi Jasutkar
Winner: Miss Rookie
Panelists 2020

Avani Davda, Former MD, Godrej Nature’s Basket

Currently an Independent Director of Mahindra Logistics Ltd., and Strategic Advisor in Bain Advisory Network, Avani is a passionate business leader who has led businesses across consumer, retail, and hospitality sectors. She has successfully created a premium brand experience in the Indian consumer and retail space.

Anand Deshpande, Founder & Chairman, Persistent Systems

As a true technology visionary, Anand’s strengths lie in identifying and investing in next-generation technologies and encouraging internal entrepreneurship to ensure that Persistent Systems stays at the forefront of technology innovation.

Farhana Haque, Group Director - Devices, Microsoft

Farhana has around 17+ years of experience in business consultation and P&L management. An active mentor for startups, she campaigns unlocking human potential. Outside work, Farhana is passionate about philanthropy and supports several non-profits, with a particular focus on women and children.

Moderator - Sunit Mehra, Managing Partner, Hunt Partners

Sunit leads Hunt Partners’ Private Equity and Consumer practices across Asia and works closely with numerous corporate boards on matters of Leadership, Succession Planning, and Board Effectiveness. He is an advisor to several Indian business houses on Corporate Governance, Board Evaluation, and Board Search, raising standards of Good Governance.
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I feel excited to be a part of the Katalyst Mentoring Initiative. Being a mentor— is about passing the torch, carrying the legacy. It is a legacy of excellence and goodwill, a torch of knowledge and dedication. The greatest attribute was to challenge me – make me want to be better, make me want to make them proud. Because living up to expectations is a far better motivator than fear or monetary gain – the great mentors know that and they instill that in their mentees. A great mentor is not only a great teacher and a scholar, he/she is also a great motivator. It has been an amazing journey being with the Katalyst family and students during the mentoring program. I must say I have enjoyed nurturing the young millions through the fabulous mentoring program. The most fulfilling experience of my life is being a mentor at Katalyst. I have felt pride and joy every time these young girls have come to interact with me. They may not have needed much of my help, but I am proud nonetheless that they had it during their time with me. I have found that there is nothing more gratifying than seeing your young girls soar as high as an eagle. I would like to thank the Katayst team for giving me this amazing opportunity to mentor and guide the young girls.

SAPNA JHA, Founder & MD, HapGen Educational Services

Having spent a life getting mentored at every step, willingly or otherwise, when I sat back and reflected, I saw faces. My experience in the mentorship program has been very enriching. I gained fresh perspectives on work-related practices and experienced career rejuvenation. Through the mutual exchange, it provided a great opportunity to better understand the younger generation and stay young at heart! The activities and interactions with my mentees always inspire me. I am grateful to know them since they are energetic, proactive, and curious about a future career. This mentorship program has enabled me to give back, refresh, and make some positive influence.

MAYUR SHAH, Senior Manager, Vodafone Intelligent Solutions

Krupa Patel is my first mentee and she is from Mankhurd. In the first session itself, I got a chance to speak to her parents, where I introduced them to Katalyst's mentoring program and its benefits. Katalyst also conducted sessions for new mentors for process awareness, sharing the learnings from senior mentors. After a few online sessions, I had the opportunity to meet her in person. She will be the first computer engineer in her family and that makes me proud. Our former president Late Dr. Abdul Kalam has always been my inspiration and his book “Wings of Fire” was my obvious choice of gift to Krupa. It’s a pleasuring mentoring Krupa and learning from her too in the form of reverse mentoring. This initiative of Katalyst is changing the lives of many young engineering girl students and transforming them into professionals and good citizens.

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