

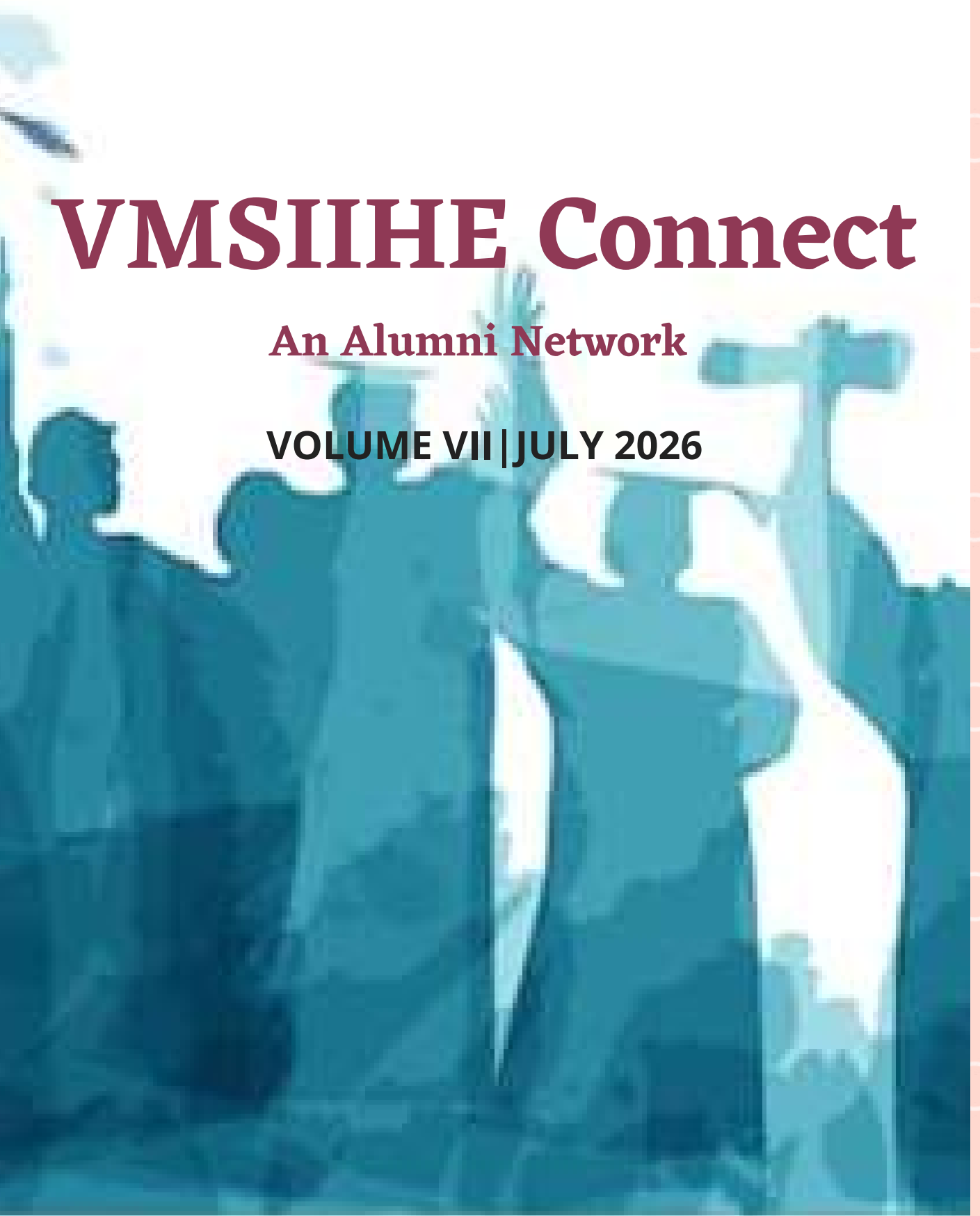


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An Alumni Network

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Dear Alumni,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits.

I am delighted to share some exciting updates from VMSIHE.

This year, we are proud to announce that 60 students have gone to Portugal for their internships, including placements at three prestigious new hotels: W Algarve, Conrad Algarve by Hilton, and Victoria Palace Hotel.

During my recent visit to Switzerland and Portugal, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet several of our former students. It was truly a proud and heartwarming experience to see them grow professionally and excel in their careers.

I am also pleased to inform you that we have signed two new Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies (ESHTE) and NOVA University Lisbon (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa), Portugal. These collaborations will focus on postgraduate studies, student and faculty exchange programmes, training, research activities, and other academic initiatives.

Additionally, VMSIHE will now be a part of the Portugal India Business Hub (PIBHub), opening new avenues for collaboration and global engagement.

I am equally happy to share that our partnership with the Martinhal Hotels & Resorts Group continues for the academic year 2026–2027, with scholarships being offered to 20 deserving students.

As valued members of the VMSIHE family, I request all of you to stay connected with us by sharing your current job profile, professional achievements, cherished memories at VMSIHE, or any inspiring stories from your journey. You may share these with me directly or through your Alumni Coordinator. Your success continues to inspire our current students, and we would love to celebrate your accomplishments with our community.

I take this opportunity to wish you continued success, good health, and happiness. Please stay in touch, and I sincerely hope to meet you again soon.

Prof. I.S. Mirza
Director & Principal

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Dear Esteemed Alumni of VMSIHE,

This year marks 12 years of VMSIHE, during which we have proudly graduated 10 batches of International Hotel Management students, 2 batches of Culinary Arts graduates, and 4 batches of Master's students. Together, you represent a vibrant and growing family of professionals who are making their mark across the hospitality industry, both in India and around the world.

As your Alumni Faculty Coordinator, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your continued support, encouragement, and the pride you bring to our institution through your achievements.

While your careers may have taken you across different cities and countries, VMSIHE will always remain your home. An institution is not defined only by its campus, but by the strength of its alumni community. Staying connected allows us to celebrate each other's successes, share opportunities, support one another during challenges, and continue learning together.

As our global alumni family continues to grow, I encourage all of you to take the initiative to establish Alumni Chapters in the countries and regions where you are based. These chapters can serve as platforms to network, mentor, celebrate milestones, and most importantly, foster a sense of belonging among fellow VMSIHE graduates. Whether it is a casual meet-up, a professional networking event, or simply being there for one another, these connections will strengthen our community across borders.

Equally important is your engagement with our current students. Your experiences, industry insights, career journeys, and words of encouragement are invaluable. Through guest sessions, mentoring, internship guidance, career talks, or even informal interactions, you have the power to inspire students who aspire to follow in your footsteps.

Let us work together to build an alumni network that is active, connected, and impactful—one that not only celebrates the past but also contributes meaningfully to the future of VMSIHE.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. We look forward to your continued involvement and to creating many more opportunities to connect, collaborate, and grow together. Together, we are stronger. Together, we are VMSIHE.

Alethea Baracho
Faculty Alumni Co-ordinator

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IT'S NOT A GOODBYE IT'S A SEE YOU LATER



Prof. Mirza meeting up with the alumni in Switzerland

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Prof. Mirza meeting up with the alumni in Portugal

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From classrooms to careers-our alumni return, inspiring the next generation.



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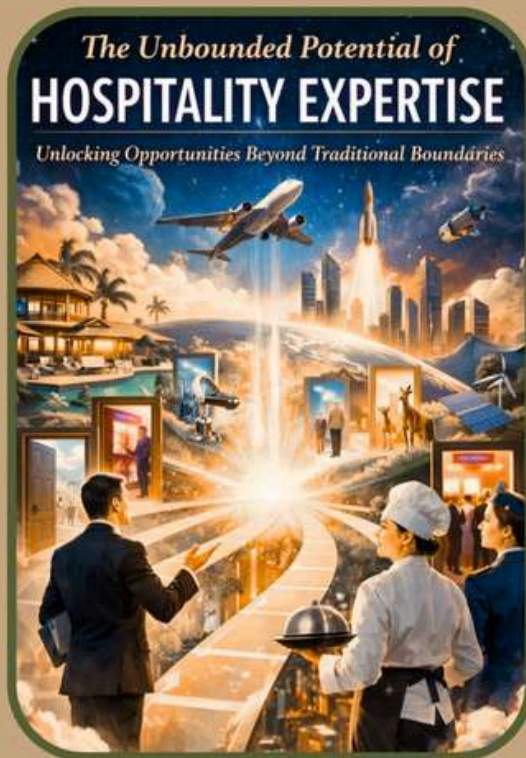
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The Unbounded Potential of Hospitality Expertise: Unlocking Opportunities Beyond Traditional Boundaries

MARCH 16, 2026



AS STUDENTS STUDYING HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE OF THE INDUSTRY'S DYNAMIC NATURE AND THE WIDE RANGE OF CAREER PATHS IT OFFERS. HOWEVER, YOU MIGHT NOT BE AWARE THAT YOUR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE GO FAR BEYOND THE CONFINES OF HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS. HOSPITALITY EXPERTISE IS A VERSATILE AND VALUABLE ASSET THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO A VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS CORPORATE SERVICES, LUXURY RETAIL, HEALTHCARE, REAL ESTATE, FACILITY MANAGEMENT, AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

BENEFITS OF HOSPITALITY EXPERTISE

SKILLS YOU'VE GOTTEN THROUGH YOUR STUDY, LIKE A CUSTOMER-CENTRIC APPROACH, EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION, AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL, ARE HIGHLY SEEKED IN MANY SECTORS.

• **HERE ARE A FEW ADVANTAGES OF UTILISING HOSPITALITY EXPERTISE IN MANY INDUSTRIES:**

- 1. EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE:** UNDERSTANDING YOUR CUSTOMERS' WANTS AND EXPECTATIONS CAN PROMOTE BUSINESS GROWTH AND LOYALTY ACROSS INDUSTRIES.
- 2. ADAPTABILITY AND PROBLEM-SOLVING:** HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONALS ARE SKILLED AT DEALING WITH UNFORESEEN EVENTS, MAKING THEM A GREAT ASSET IN FAST-PACED SETTINGS.
- 3. LEADERSHIP AND TEAM MANAGEMENT:** YOUR EXPERIENCE MANAGING TEAMS AND LEADING PROJECTS CAN BE USED TO A VARIETY OF ROLES, INCLUDING CORPORATE MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

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WORKPLACE FLEXIBILITY: WHERE CAN YOU USE YOUR SKILLS?

- 1. CORPORATE SERVICES:** TO HANDLE THEIR CORPORATE TRAVEL, EVENTS, AND FACILITIES, FIRMS ARE INCREASINGLY SEEKING PERSONNEL WITH TRAINING IN HOSPITALITY.
- 2. LUXURY RETAIL:** TO CREATE ENGAGING CLIENT EXPERIENCES AND FOSTER BRAND LOYALTY, UPSCALE STORES LOOK FOR HOSPITALITY SPECIALISTS.
- 3. HEALTHCARE:** TO MANAGE FACILITIES, FOOD SERVICES, AND PATIENT EXPERIENCE, HOSPITALS AND WELLNESS CENTERS USE HOSPITALITY EXPERTS.
- 4. REAL ESTATE:** TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH CUSTOMISED LIVING EXPERIENCES, LUXURY PROPERTY DEVELOPERS AND MANAGEMENT FIRMS USE HOSPITALITY SPECIALISTS.
- 5. FACILITY MANAGEMENT:** FOR POSITIONS LIKE FACILITY MANAGER, OPERATIONS MANAGER, OR CLIENT RELATIONS MANAGER, HOSPITALITY EXPERTS ARE HIGHLY VALUED BY FACILITY MANAGEMENT FIRMS.
- 6. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:** TO FILL POSITIONS LIKE PROPERTY MANAGER, RESIDENT SERVICES MANAGER, OR OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, WHICH CONCENTRATE ON RESIDENT EXPERIENCE, OPERATIONS, AND CLIENT RELATIONS.

"YOUR HOSPITALITY EXPERTISE IS A KEY THAT CAN UNLOCK DOORS TO EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREERS - BE BOLD, EXPLORE, AND APPLY YOUR SKILLS IN THE RIGHT PLACE!"



APPLYING YOUR INTERESTS AND SKILLS TO MAXIMISE YOUR HOSPITALITY ABILITIES, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- **IDENTIFY YOUR PASSION:** THINK ABOUT WHAT AREAS OF HOSPITALITY INTEREST YOU THE MOST, SUCH AS EVENT PLANNING, CUSTOMER SERVICE, OR OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT.
- **EXPLORE INDUSTRIES:** LOOK INTO FIRMS AND POSITIONS THAT MATCH YOUR INTERESTS AND TALENTS.
- **NETWORK AND BUILD CONNECTIONS:** ATTEND INDUSTRY EVENTS, JOIN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS, AND NETWORK WITH ALUMNI IN YOUR DESIRED FIELD.
- **DEVELOP TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:** CONCENTRATE ON LEARNING SKILLS THAT ARE IN HIGH DEMAND ACROSS INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS DATA ANALYSIS, DIGITAL MARKETING, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

IN CONCLUSION, HOSPITALITY EXPERTISE IS A VALUABLE ASSET THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. BY UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS AND VERSATILITY OF YOUR SKILLS, YOU CAN UNLOCK NEW PATHS AND DRIVE EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER EXPERIENCES IN DIVERSE SECTORS.



by Rohit Paul

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We are proud of you Ayesha!!!

A MICHELIN STAR MOMENT



An extraordinary achievement for the Alba team at **Raffles Doha** and a proud moment for **VMSIHE** as our alumna **Ayesha Mukadam** contributes to this **Michelin Star** winning success.



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ALUMNI SERIES

We were delighted to welcome our esteemed alumnus, Mr. Aaron Cruz Rodrigues, Proprietor of ACR Hospitality and a member of the M.Sc. Hospitality Management Batch of 2020–2022, back to VMSIHE as a guest speaker. He conducted an insightful session for our students, sharing his expertise on the marketing and public relations strategies he successfully implements in the hospitality industry. His practical insights, real-world experiences, and entrepreneurial journey provided our students with valuable knowledge and inspiration, helping them understand the evolving landscape of hospitality marketing and brand management.



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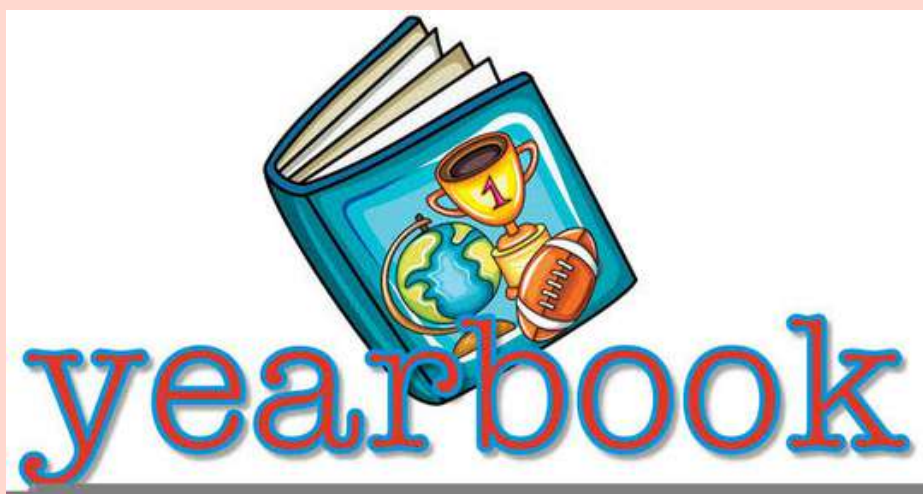
STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR ALMA MATER!

Relive the highlights of the academic year and stay up to date with everything happening at VMSIIE through our Annual Yearbook 2025–26. From student achievements and international internships to campus events, industry collaborations, and memorable moments, the yearbook captures the spirit and journey of the VMSIIE family.

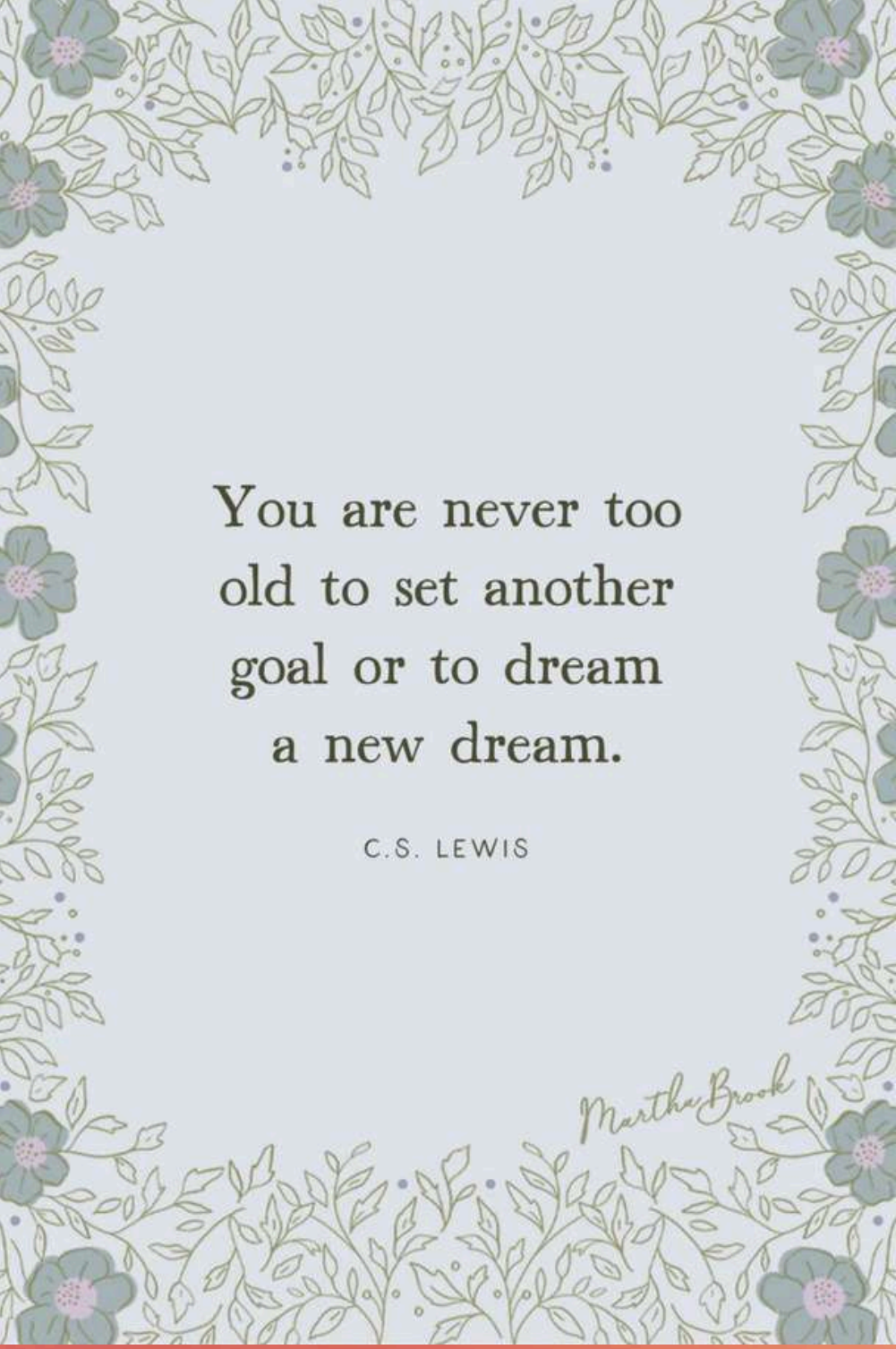
We invite you to explore the latest edition and continue celebrating the milestones of your alma mater.

Read the VMSIIE Annual Yearbook 2025–26:

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You are never too
old to set another
goal or to dream
a new dream.

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Martha Brook