

### The Keynote Speakers

This year's theme "Fearless Future Forward" was explored by 8 keynote speakers, many of them CGS Alumni who engaged all delegates in classes 3 upwards. Their messages inspired students, as one student said "A pivotal point in an individual's life is identifying their passion as stated by our generous speaker. One particularly played an important part as my group came face-to-face with gruesome and tiring outdoor activities. These helped me explore my individuality and helped me connect with nature."



"Struggle is important for us to grow our wings and fly just like the butterfly, for example have you ever faced a situation where you couldn't do something and you struggled and you kept going at it and then you really became good at it? It could be art, playing the guitar or a piano or learning how to ride a bike. When you struggle you get stronger."

**Zabina M Chowdhury**, CGS '00, Leading the Core Team at CGS, MBA from IUB 2009.

**Rasha Tariq**, CGS '05, Counselor at CGS Lower, BBA from Assumption University

**Farin Daulah**, Adjunct lecturer at North South University, Co-founder of Yellow Brick Road, MBA University of Westminster.

**Irina Rezwan**, CGS '18, Graphic Designer at Upwork.

**Sagar Mazumder**, CGS '15, Entrepreneurship instructor at BRAC University, EE from BRAC University .

**Azeezur R Khan**, CGS '08, General Manager at Thianis Apparels, MSc from University of London.

**Ata Adnan**, Diabetes Specialist in Surgiscope Hospital, founder and photographer of Reminiscence photography. MSc in diabetes from University of Leicester.

**Amin Hanan**, Content Coordinator at Mad Koffee, stand-up comedian, RJ at Radio Foorti, content writer. BA from BRAC University.



### Adventure Conference

This year the CGS Annual Round Square conference on the theme 'Fearless Future Forward' was based on the pillar of ADVENTURE and challenged delegates to reflect; 'How Fearless are you' and 'How Future Ready are you?'. Through activities, keynote speakers, outdoor treks and discussions delegates were pushed to ask themselves these questions, face their fears and learn from their mistakes.

8 skill areas for being future ready were identified as illustrated right:

Delegates also took a quiz as one of the activities and this is still available online. Follow the link:

[www.cgs.com.bd/quiz](http://www.cgs.com.bd/quiz)

Keynote speaker, Rasha Tariq told delegates, "See beyond your fear, the benefits you gain when you overcome your fear are magical."

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|  | <b>Leadership / Teams</b>                             |
|  | <b>Communication / Problem solving</b>                |
|  | <b>Values: Responsible / Empathetic</b>               |
|  | <b>Strategic / Initiative / Innovative / Creative</b> |
|  | <b>Analytical / Technical</b>                         |
|  | <b>Interpersonal / Networking / Social</b>            |
|  | <b>Adaptable / Flexible / Agile</b>                   |
|  | <b>Entrepreneurial / Risk-taker</b>                   |



The outdoors at Mati ta was the setting for a very different type of conference at CGS. Interacting with nature and overcoming physical challenges put delegates out of their comfort zone and helped promote their leadership and team skills. And needless to say they all enjoyed the outdoors in the beautiful winter weather, with senior classes staying overnight in camps!



## The Team

Alumni from the Class of 2019 (pictured below) accompanied by staff members, set about organising the eleventh Round Square conference at CGS! Seated left to right, Top row: **Maria Hos-**



**sain, Madeeha Chowdhury, Farin Daulah** (chairperson), **Tasnima M. Arufa, Shumaila Rizwan,** Front Row: **Ifaz Uddin, Harage Uddin, Aleeva Z. Mahmud, Tahmeed Sharif, Ayan Noor** worked relentlessly as a tight knit team supported by staff members **Moni, Shompa, Zabina, Mohinul, Monwarul, Rabbe, Kamal, Maha, Rosy** and **Zia** to pull off an amazing experience for 1662 delegates, over a three-week period.

## The Activities

This year the steering committee had an action packed conference for 1662 student delegates with a spectacular range of activities. The aim was to incorporate and embrace the theme in every way possible and deliver traditional activities and sessions with a new twist.

**Arts and Crafts:** Photo frame painting, origami, beads and working with recycled materials to make decorative objects.

**Barazza sessions:** Each team of delegates was given the challenge of coming up with an archetype character that embodied all the education, values, skills and competences to be future ready.

**Games:** Brought out the competitive side of delegates, as they competed in teams in games like "Tug-of-war" and races as pictured below.

"Starting from the activities to the food and keynote sessions everything was wonderful. The memories we made, we will cherish them throughout our lifetime."

*Student delegate, CGSD class 10*



**Singing:** Younger groups enjoyed a singing activity session, "Hokey Cokey".

**Online Quiz:** Developed especially for the conference, the quiz activity was based on reflecting on theme, 'Fearless Future Forward'.

**Posters:** Teams were assigned to create posters based on various theme related topics.

**Trek at Bhatiary:** Senior groups (classes 5 upwards) set out for a challenging trek in the beautiful hills surrounding our city at Bhatiary.

"The activities were extremely challenging and we had to overcome them by working together as a team. Each activity taught us the importance of teamwork just as the keynote speeches."

"During the activities we lost 3 times however we refused to give up and won the other 3 games. This has taught us a lot like creating unity amongst our teammates and cooperation. The activities were truly taught us the value of fearless future forward."

*Student delegates, CGS class 11*

### Outdoor Challenges at Mati ta:

1. Zip line
2. Kayaking
3. Human Football
4. Tag of War
5. Belt Race
6. Turning Over
7. Tic Tac Toe (water version)
8. Tripod
9. On Tree Obstacle Course
10. Human Tunnel

"Failing is no reason to lose confidence but rather something to sit back and reflect on and then try again to ensure success. Have confidence and faith in your inner voice."

*Azeez Rahman Khan*

