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Alumni Portal to Integrate Students for Career Assistance

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Abstract: The connection between students and alumni plays a vital role in both academic and career growth. This paper introduces the Student-Alumni portal, a digital platform aimed at strengthening alumni-student engagement, optimizing data handling, and expanding career development opportunities. The system incorporates functionalities such as alumni networking, event coordination, advertisements, resume-building resources, student information management, and automated email alerts. Developed using PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and a MySQL database, the platform provides an intuitive and secure interface. The proposed solution tackles common issues in alumni involvement, offering an effective and scalable model for educational institutions.

Keywords: Alumni Management, Student Engagement, Data Management, PHP, MySQL, Resume Building, Digital Platform, Automated Email Notifications

I. INTRODUCTION

Alumni associations play a pivotal role in nurturing lasting bonds between graduates and their former institutions, offering essential support to both current students and universities. However, conventional alumni engagement approaches often face inefficiencies, making it challenging to sustain meaningful interactions, monitor alumni achievements, and promote professional networking. Consequently, many institutions struggle to fully utilize their alumni community's potential for mentorship, career support, and institutional advancement.

To overcome these obstacles, the Student-Alumni Portal is developed as a unified digital platform that connects students and alumni. This system facilitates smooth communication, enabling alumni to remain linked to their institution while offering current students mentorship, networking prospects, and career-related assistance. Through this portal, users can participate in discussions, share employment opportunities, join events, and contribute to institutional growth.

Core functionalities of the platform include resume-building utilities, automated email notifications, and event planning, ensuring a well-rounded strategy for career progression. Additionally, the system improves alumni involvement through personalized profiles, discussion boards, and an intuitive interface that promotes active engagement. The integration of automated alerts and interactive components further strengthens communication, making it simpler for alumni and students to stay informed about significant updates and events.

By establishing a centralized platform for alumni connections, the Student-Alumni Portal cultivates a strong professional network, expands career possibilities, and supports the long-term achievements of both individuals and the institution. This initiative marks a crucial advancement in modernizing alumni interaction, ensuring that graduates stay engaged with their alma mater while equipping students with the necessary resources for a thriving career.

II. PRAPOSAL SYSTEM

The Student-Alumni Portal is an online platform that facilitates seamless interaction between students and graduates. It offers features that allow alumni to guide students, share career opportunities, and take part in institutional events. The system also enables students to create and update their resumes, stay updated on alumni engagements, and receive

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automated email notifications. The platform ensures safe data storage and access through MySQL, with a strong backend developed using PHP.

Advantages:

- Improved Alumni-Student Interaction Offers a unified platform for students and alumni to stay connected. Alumni can mentor students, share insights, and offer career advice.
- Streamlined Data Handling Ensures secure storage and retrieval of student and alumni information. Provides easy access to alumni contact details and professional milestones.
- Career Development & Resume Enhancement Alumni can share job vacancies and internship opportunities with students. The resume-building feature enables students to create and update professional profiles.
- Event & Announcement Coordination Institutions can efficiently promote events, webinars, and reunions. Automated alerts keep alumni informed about campus happenings.
- Automated Email Updates Key notifications (job opportunities, events, alumni updates) are delivered directly to users' inboxes. Helps maintain an engaged and active alumni network.

Admin:

The administrator plays a crucial role in ensuring the seamless functioning of this initiative. In this dedicated section, the admin will input their credentials to access the system. Upon logging in, the webpage will display relevant information. The admin has full control over the platform and can use the query feature to retrieve vital details about alumni and students. Additionally, the admin can oversee events, announcements, user accounts, and advertisements.

HOME PAGE:

The homepage of the Alumni Portal acts as the primary hub for graduates, students, and guests. It features essential sections like Alumni Connections, Events & Announcements, and Advertisements, facilitating smooth interaction and engagement within the alumni network.

PROFILE PAGE:

The Profile Page in the Alumni Student Data Management System enables logged-in users to modify their personal information, including Full Name, Address, Mobile Number, Department, Qualification, and Job Role. Additionally, it offers options to view or generate a resume. Alumni connections can also access and view the user's resume.

EVENT AND NEWS:

This segment will highlight forthcoming and previous events associated with alumni engagements, including reunions, webinars, networking gatherings, and job fairs.

The news section will keep alumni informed about significant updates, accomplishments, and institutional progress.

ALUMNI FRIENDS:

The Alumni Connections section enables graduates to interact, build networks, and maintain contact with their peers and fellow alumni. It fosters lifelong relationships with alumni friends and also includes a feature for chatting with them in the future.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

Successful execution is essential for the project's achievement. The Alumni Data Management System is an online application developed to help institutions organize and maintain alumni information. Setting up an Alumni Portal requires creating a web-based platform where administrators can oversee alumni records, while students can sign up, update their details, and monitor their career growth.

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This web application is developed using PHP, HTML, and CSS for the front-end. Different tools are necessary for the successful implementation of this project. Install PHP packages or extensions along with jQuery.

IV. MODULES

Admin Module

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Job Opportunities & Resume Development

Alumni can share job vacancies and internship opportunities for students. The resume-building tool enables students to create and update professional resumes while also allowing alumni friends to view them, enhancing career prospects and job placement opportunities.

Automated Email Alerts

Critical updates, including job postings, events, and alumni news, are directly sent to users' email inboxes, keeping the alumni network informed and engaged.

Optimized Data Handling

Ensures secure storage and retrieval of student and alumni records, providing easy access to alumni contact details and their professional accomplishments.

V. LETERATURE REVIEW

1Ruth G. Luciano, Gloria M. Alcantara, Renato Bauat, Jr:

The constraints of the study on the alumni tracking system include a limited sample size, involving only 10 college deans and program heads, which may not comprehensively reflect a wider viewpoint. The system's dependence on internet connectivity and up-to-date devices could exclude alumni lacking these resources. Moreover, data security and privacy concerns emerge due to the handling of sensitive information. Additionally, there is no well-defined approach to maintaining ongoing alumni involvement or regular updates. Lastly, the necessity for specific hardware and software may pose a challenge for institutions with restricted resources.

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The Alumni Management System has several constraints, including slow communication due to administrative approval, possible security risks related to user data, and delays in user enrollment caused by manual registration verification. The system may encounter scalability challenges as the number of users increases, and data accuracy may diminish over time if alumni do not consistently update their profiles. Alumni Management System: A Solution for Alumni Database Management.

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The Alumni Connect platform, despite its numerous advantages, has certain drawbacks. Users from remote or underprivileged areas may be excluded due to the necessity of stable internet access and up-to-date devices. Sustaining alumni engagement over time can be difficult, as some may lose interest or have other life priorities. Data security concerns also emerge, necessitating robust protection measures. Challenges such as reluctance from less tech-savvy alumni and potential scalability issues as the platform expands may arise. Lastly, ensuring the platform's long-term maintenance demands substantial financial and human resources, raising sustainability concerns,

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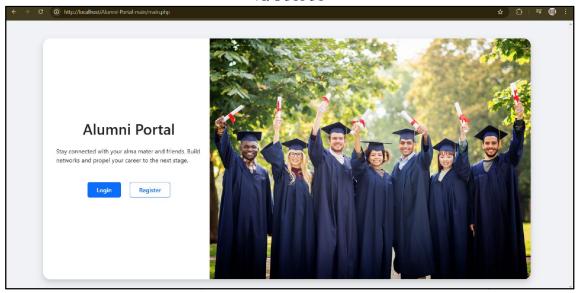
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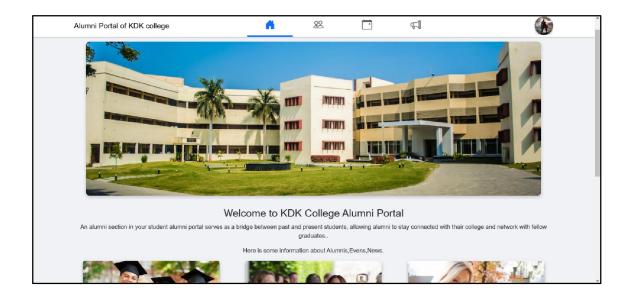


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VI. OUTPUT













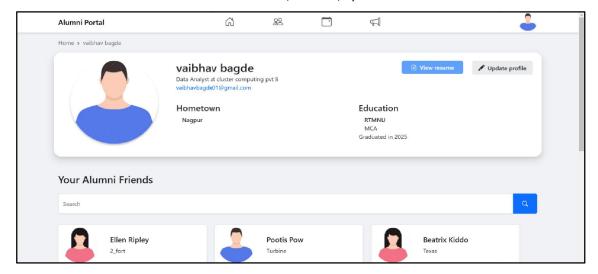
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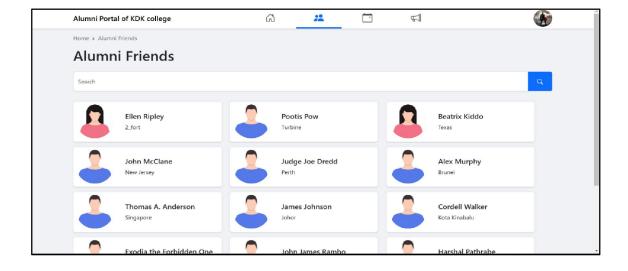
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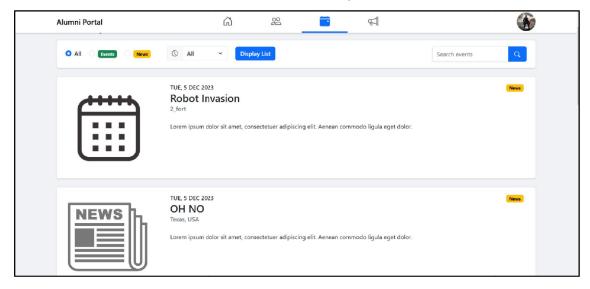
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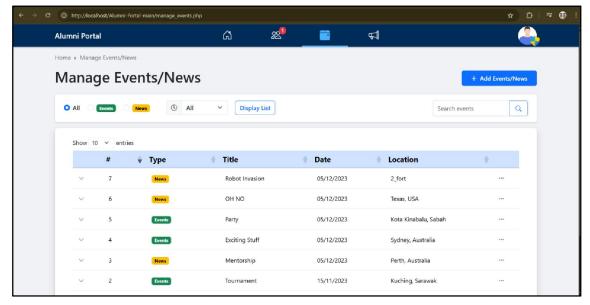
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VII. CONCLUSION

The Alumni Portal Student Data Management System offers a well-organized platform for graduates to stay connected, share career updates, and engage with their former institution. Equipped with features such as profile management, event notifications, news sharing, alumni networking, and resume creation, the portal enhances communication and strengthens the alumni network.

By providing seamless access to alumni information, fostering professional relationships, and promoting continuous interaction, this system acts as a valuable resource for both graduates and the institution. Future upgrades, including job listings, mentorship initiatives, and discussion boards, can further enhance the platform, transforming it into a comprehensive space for alumni engagement.



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