AlumNite" is when we welcome the year's crop of graduates into the alumni fold, and bid farewell to them as students. This year's Event is on July 19, Thursday, starting at 4 pm in CLT with snacks. As in the past several years, Class of '18 student performances will be intermixed with more serious business. Do come for the music & dance, and the food (we end with dinner), but do stay for the Awards & other well-deserved recognition for our students, our faculty, and for our alumni.

Several "Chair Professorships" will be launched that night, named for luminaries (Profs. SR Rajagopalan, TT Narendran, M.A. Parameswaran, V.S. Raju) and for corporate sponsors (Zoho). Two "Distinguished Alumni Awards" will be conferred (on Profs. Mas A Subramanian and Giridhar Madras).

An Excellence-in-Teaching award (in the name of Prof. YBG Varma), and an Excellence-in-Research award (in the name of Keshav – Ranganath) will be presented as well, along with an Outstanding Patent award. In addition, several sponsored prizes will be distributed to students for various academic and other accomplishments (including, for the first time, a Wodehouse-Asimov-Christie Award for Fiction Writing in the 3 genres!).

The Director will be present and address the audience. There will also be short addresses by me; CEO-Development Office ("Subbu" Subramnian); President, IITMAA (Ms. Shuba Kumar); and by the outgoing Student Secretary for Intl & Alumni Relations (Ms. Vineesha Badabhagni). Interspersed throughout the program will be cultural vignettes showing off the talent of the Class of '18.

We'll keep it light, we'll keep it tight. Do join us with family, and enjoy a great Nite!