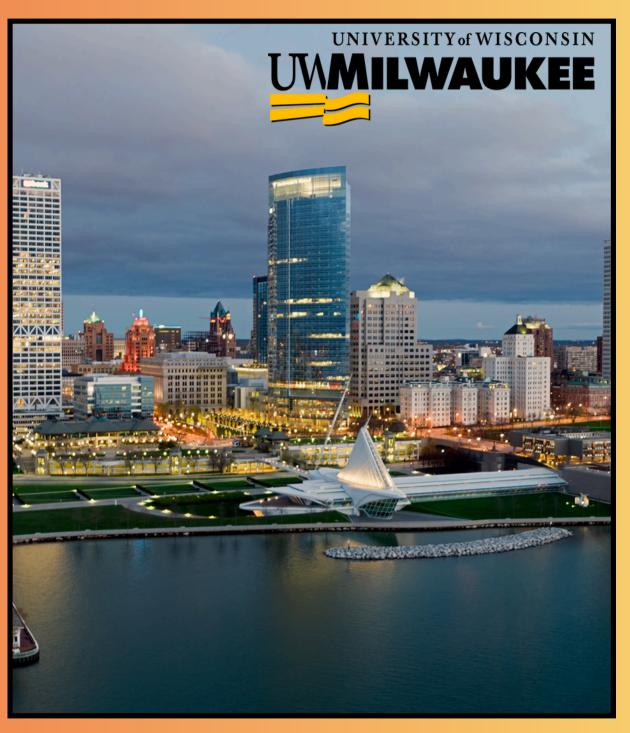
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Convener's Note

Dear North South Finalists, Families and Well Wishers:

We are **honored** to **welcome you** all to the 2024 National Finals! We are thrilled to host the event at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Congratulations to all the National Finalists! Did you know you were selected from a pool of over 7,000 students participating in the regional contests this year?

Each of you is uniquely gifted with **kindness and talent**. Recognize your potential and consciously decide to use these qualities for the greater good. As you progress in your education, aim to contribute positively to society by learning and developing skills that lead to personal success and a meaningful impact.

Education is not just about academic achievement but also about becoming a well-rounded individual who thinks critically, acts compassionately, and leads responsibly. Let this **intention** guide your actions and decisions, keeping you focused on your goals and committed to continuous growth. Embrace learning with enthusiasm and an open mind, knowing that each step brings you closer to making a positive difference in the world.

Thank you, parents, brothers, sisters, and grandparents, for helping students prepare for the finals. As parents, the best thing we can provide to children is a **good education**, a **nurturing environment**, and **strong ethical values**. With these foundational skills, they will explore the world and bring about positive changes in human lives.

Legacy—We are the legacy of our parents; our success belongs to them. Likewise, our children's success belongs to us. So think and act yourself how you want to see your success through your children.

I firmly believe that **education is a gift that grows as it is give**n. By giving back to the community, education will expand exponentially, and you will realize the significant impact you have made.

We are especially grateful to Dr. Kaushal Chari, Dean of the Lubar Business School at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, for helping us secure the venue to host the finals. We are also grateful to UWM faculty member Alisha Campbell and her team for their continuous help and support.

Did you know that the North South Foundation is a **volunteer-based organization**? Volunteer and be part of it, We are grateful to its founder, **Dr. Ratnam Chitturi.** His legacy brings smiles to many children's faces by igniting their minds with knowledge.

Did you know that the **first Indian American to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee** is now the CEO and President of the North South Foundation. Thank you, **Dr. Balu Natarajan**, for giving the opportunity to host the event in Milwaukee.

We thank our Wisconsin state leaders & Milwaukee community members, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Chancellor and his team, NorthSouth CEO and his team, board of trustees, directors, sponsors, national and local hosting team volunteers.

Did you know that our national volunteers traveled from various locations across the East Coast, Midwest, and West Coast? The Wisconsin State Milwaukee and Madison North South chapters teamed up to conduct the event. We also received help from neighboring states, with chapters from Chicago and Michigan contributing to the event.

On behalf of the entire 2024 National Finals Team and Milwaukee Community, Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

Sincerely, Khaja Modin Convener, 2024 National Finals North South Foundation



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August 3, 2024

Greetings, Attendees of the North South Foundation National Finals:

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the great state of Wisconsin for the North South Foundation's 2024 National Finals. It is an honor to have you here in Milwaukee.

The city of Milwaukee is wonderful for learning and exploring, and the city's museums and attractions provide creative, engaging, and educational opportunities for Wisconsin families and visitors alike. Like you, the state of Wisconsin values the importance of education and creating spaces that empower the nation's youth to learn and grow to become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

On behalf of the state of Wisconsin, I wish all this year's participants the best of luck and I hope everyone in attendance is able to enjoy the many experiences the city and greater state of Wisconsin have to offer.

Once again, welcome to Wisconsin! I hope you enjoy your stay and come back to visit again soon.

Sincerely,

Tony Evers Governor







August 2, 2024

Dear Participants and Friends of the North South Foundation,

I am pleased to welcome you all to the North South Foundation National Finals at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Over these two days, 2,000 talented and passionate Indian-American K-12 students will compete and demonstrate their talents in a multitude of academic subjects.

Since 1989, the North South Foundation has promoted academic excellence, character development, and recognition of both Indian-American and Indian K-12 students. The Foundation's regional and national conferences have built a community of the next generation of Indian-American leaders.

I have no doubt that the participants of this program will achieve great success in their future endeavors. Thank you for making the journey to Wisconsin and good luck to all the students participating.

Sincerely,

Tamphy Baldwin

United States Senator







United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 3, 2024

Dear North South Foundation National Finals Participants,

Greetings and welcome to beautiful Wisconsin!

It is great that you will be gathering at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in Milwaukee for the 2024 North South Foundation National Finals.

During your competition, you will be able to gather with the brightest Indian-American elementary, middle and high schoolers to compete in various academic events. It is a great achievement to make it to the finals. I commend your hard work and dedication to academic excellence.

I wish you the best as you compete and much success as you continue your educational studies.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson

United States Senator







LaTonya Johnson

WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

6TH DISTRICT

Dear National Spelling and Math Bee Students,

Welcome to Milwaukee!

I am thrilled to welcome you and your families as you gather here for the 2024 North South Foundation's National Finals competition. Your dedication to academic excellence and participation in this prestigious event is commendable, and our city is honored to host such talented young minds from across the country.

Milwaukee is a city rich with cultural heritage and a strong commitment to education. As you compete and showcase your talents, I hope you also take some time to explore what our wonderful city has to offer. From the stunning shorelines of Lake Michigan to our vibrant and growing neighborhoods, Milwaukee has something to offer to everyone.

The North South Foundation's work in promoting education and providing scholarships is making a tangible difference in the lives of students both in the United States and India. By offering these opportunities, they are enabling many young people to achieve their academic goals and build brighter futures. Their support and commitment to education have helped countless students across the world access the resources they need to succeed.

To all the participants, I want to say congratulations. Your hard work, perseverance, and passion for learning have brought you to this moment. Embrace this opportunity, challenge yourselves, and most importantly, enjoy the experience. Remember, this competition is not just about winning; it's about growing, learning, and making lasting memories.

As Vel Phillips, the trailblazing civil rights leader and the first African American judge in Wisconsin, once told us, "If you really want it, don't dream small dreams, dream BIG dreams." Your participation in this event and your dedication to education are the first steps toward achieving those big dreams. Best of luck to all the competitors.

Sincerely, LaTonya Johnson Wisconsin State Senator Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Letter From The Chancellor

Dear participants,

Hello and welcome! You are members of a very special and elite gathering of students and their families, coaches and supporters.

And we are delighted to have you on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus.

You are in the right place to open doors to a successful and economically bright future. You may not know that UW-Milwaukee is the only public urban research university in Wisconsin. Why does this matter? Going to college should be affordable and within reach for all. UW-Milwaukee is unique in that it provides this access AND rigorous academic programs that incorporate research – very much like the hard work you have done to be part of the North South Foundation's National Finals.

We offer many hands-on learning opportunities and life experiences on our campuses and in the vibrant city of Milwaukee, and we are steps away from Lake Michigan, one of the nation's five Great Lakes. I encourage you to explore and enjoy our campus and thriving downtown and discover why Milwaukee is the culinary capital of the Midwest.

I hope your time in Milwaukee is exhilarating, educational, and full of memory-making experiences.

Best regards,
Mark A. Mone, PhD
Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee



Office of the Chancellor

Letter From The Dean

Greetings students and families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 North South Foundation

Bee Finals. The Lubar College of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

(UWM) is honored to be a part of your journey towards academic excellence.

The Lubar College takes pride in nurturing future leaders who are eager to make a positive impact on society. We are excited to witness the talents and determination of participants during this competition.

While you are here, I encourage you to take time to spend time at the Lubar College and explore the city of Milwaukee. From our innovative business facilities to the beauty of the nearby neighborhoods and Lake Michigan's shores, UWM offers a unique setting that I hope will inspire and motivate you. Milwaukee's entrepreneurial culture and welcoming community are sure to enhance your experience.

I extend my congratulations to all participants for reaching the finals, and my sincere appreciation to the families and mentors who have supported them. Your hard work and perseverance are commendable, and I am confident that this event will be rewarding and memorable.

Best of luck to everyone and enjoy your time at UWM.

Sincerely, Kaushal Chari Sheldon B. Lubar Dean



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Letter from the Editor



Dear All,

I am thrilled that you have chosen to read this Bee Book. It represents countless hours of dedication from many individuals, including myself. To all the competitors, congratulations on your achievements. However, I want to address why these achievements can sometimes become limitations.

Many of you have reached this point due to your passion for academics—whether in math, spelling, geography, or the various competitions hosted by NorthSouth. Yet, each year, many leave with their enthusiasm diminished because they did not achieve the place they desired.

Reflect on why achieving a certain rank is so significant to you, and I urge your parents to do the same. Are these competitions about being able to say, "I'm #1 in the whole world," or are they about fostering a deep exploration of a topic?

Consider the successful individuals you see in the news, like Steve Jobs, Warren Buffett, and Neil deGrasse Tyson. How many of them won a spelling bee?

This is not to say that spelling bee winners are not successful. Look at our very own Dr. Balu. But, often, too much pressure is placed on these competitions. Merely participating in these events places you in the top 1% of your age group and will likely keep you in the top 5% of Americans for the rest of your life.

Yet, I often hear stories of children devastated because they didn't achieve their desired rank. I understand this feeling, as it's tough to feel like you could have done better. What I cannot condone is parents who reinforce this disappointment, telling their children they should have done better.

This mindset only fosters a negative relationship with learning and creates a desire for validation rather than personal growth. This is why so many Indian children, whether they are raised in India or America, develop a fear of failure that can ultimately lead to mental health issues. Issues that ruin many promising futures.

If you're a parent reading this you might think that holding a high standard is what's best for your kids, but consider how you feel when, after working extra hard on a project, your boss tells you it's not enough. Does that make you feel motivated? Probably not, and it won't for your kids either.

One "setback" should never hold someone back, much less a setback as small as not placing well at a **NATIONAL FINALS** where they beat out thousands of other qualified competitors to participate. So tell your kids you are proud of them. Hyper-fixating on the handful that beat them instead of the thousands they beat does no one a favor and everyone a disservice.

So, if you competitors take one thing away from this letter, let it be this: Celebrate yourselves. I want you all to shout here in Milwaukee, "I AM A FINALIST!" with your chin held high. That is an incredible accomplishment, and do not let anyone take that away from you.

Thank you and best of luck, Harsha Gaddipati Chief Editor Bee Book 2024



NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS

DR. RATNAM CHITTURI. FOUNDER

Dr. Chitturi founded NorthSouth in 1989 inspired by a basement conversation with his friend Dr. N. Bhaskara Rao



This is an often-asked question by people. In a recent post by Raj Chintapalli on LinkedIn, a related question sparked my interest on the matter. The question is "What is the value in what you are about doing." Ancient Indian texts say that Brahman is Satyam (truth; permanent) and Jagat (the universe we perceive) is mithya (impermanent). Knowing that the universe is impermanent, what is to do? Options are infinite. I posed this question to Dr G K N Reddy, who founded the NorthSouth chapter in Bengaluru back in 1994 and is still active at 97 years of age. "Help Others" is his answer.

Why help others?

It gives us satisfaction. It gives meaning to life. Helping others enables us to discover ourselves. We become more compassionate and selfless. When we do good to others, good comes to us. This is the law of karma. Goodness comes from the heart. The heart is needed to balance the brain. When they are in balance we achieve joy, magnanimity, harmony, patience, and peace. In the fast-moving world of today, we all need this to manage stress and mental health.

Who is eligible for volunteering?

Volunteerism is changemaking for a greater purpose. Everyone can be a changemaker. But there are some rules for the road. Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." There should be a change in us before we can embark on helping others or bring change in them. Change in self requires serious intentionality and commitment, self-discipline, time management, dedication, laser focus, careful listening, overcoming obstacles, leadership skills, accountability and doing what it takes to succeed. People who dedicate as little as 4 hours a week can make a massive difference.

How Can I Help NorthSouth?

There are thousands of ways you can help. You can put up a desk at an ethnic event to promote NorthSouth activities. You can be part of a cleanup team at a NorthSouth event. You can be a coach, a grader, a proctor, a room guide, a fundraiser, or an audio/video master in your chapter. At the National Finals, you can be a technical coordinator, a Bee Book editor, a food team member, a receptionist, a project manager, a workshop conductor, a traffic guide, or a hospitality team member. In online coaching, you can be a coach, coach lead, admin, content maker, or homework preparer. At the corporate level, you can assist as a department head for a subject, SME, data scientist, test maker, QA/QC, social media, marketing, communications, IT specialist, AI/ML, business analyst, architect, or UI analyst. In Accounting and Finance, you can engage in account receivables, account payables, financial reporting, due diligence, financial planning or internal audit. In Fundraising, you can be a fundraiser, work on corporate giving, or networking. Every volunteer's contribution, no matter how big or small, is crucial in the running of NorthSouth.

How do I sign up?

Please sign up at https://asgarddata.outgrow.us/northsouth-volunteer

I would like to express my gratitude to volunteers, donors, parents, children and well-wishers who made NorthSouth what it is today and to those who will build its future. I would like to wish all the contestants who came to the Finals a grand success in their endeavors.



NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION MISSION & PROGRESS



BY DR. ARUN MAHESWARI, CHAIRMAN

For the past 35 years, the North South Foundation has been dedicated to helping children reach their full potential. To achieve this mission, it offers a wide range of educational programs designed to enhance fundamental skills in reasoning and critical thinking, as well as building skills in public speaking, SAT, etc. NorthSouth also offers coaching to improve subject matter knowledge in English, Geography, Math, Science, Programming, etc. As training is imparted, periodic assessments and contests enable the students to evaluate their capabilities and identify areas requiring further work.

NorthSouth has grown from one success to another. It is now an established and well-known NGOs in the Indian education space.

One of the earliest and most successful NorthSouth activities has been to train youngsters to compete in the well-known Scripps Spelling Bee championship contest. NorthSouth has performed extremely well in this endeavor in the past two decades and more, as evidenced by a large number of kids trained by NorthSouth reaching Scripps's finals and often winning the championship. The latest success is 2024 Champion Bruhat Soma, trained by NorthSouth.

While NorthSouth success in the Spelling Bee Championship has been extraordinary, it has achieved similar success in many other areas.

You may be surprised to know that NorthSouth is run almost entirely by unpaid volunteers. Our success can be traced to a very large number of dedicated volunteers who have worked tirelessly. We do not have fancy facilities, large libraries, expensive systems, etc.; we do not even have an office! Our principal and most valuable asset is our volunteers.

Excellence in any aspect of learning is a commendable and useful pursuit. For example, the benefits of spelling proficiency include expanded vocabulary, better communication, improved ability to memorize, better academic achievement, better scores on SAT tests, help with college admission, confidence in public speaking, etc. Excellence in other academic areas of coaching offers similar benefits.

However, aspiring to achieve a high level of performance in any area helps not only in the specific area being pursued but also in building many general skills: planning to achieve an ambitious objective, exercising discipline and consistent effort, prioritizing competing demands, managing competitive pressure, and maintaining motivation over a long period of time, even in the face of adverse results. These general skills will help achieve excellence and success throughout life.

Some of you have done well in your pursuits with NorthSouth, and others may have fallen short of your targets. I want to remind you of the need for persistence and give you the example of Abraham Lincoln: Born into poverty, Lincoln encountered one adversity after another. He lost multiple elections for different positions and failed multiple times in business before he succeeded big-time and became the President of the United States, and he was one of the greatest.



NorthSouth is enhancing its offerings. One key change is moving from static coaching to a more holistic and productive learning journey approach. This approach sets well-defined learning objectives, uses assessments to identify gaps, and then creates a personalized plan that leverages technology and content available on the web.

NorthSouth activities generate sizeable surplus funds, which are being used to provide financial support to needy students in India to pursue college education. We plan to increase the number of Indian scholarships substantially. We also provide -based assessments and coaching for K-12 classes in India, currently in English but soon also in vernacular languages.

For the last few years, NorthSouth has been undergoing an exciting traNorthSouthormation to professionalize and modernize its Board and Executive Committee. Our founder, Dr. Ratnam Chitturi, has retired after building a great organization, and a very accomplished volunteer CEO, Balu Natarajan, is running the organization. As its first activity towards this traNorthSouthormation, a comprehensive strategic plan has been developed and is being implemented. We are building a stronger foundation (people, technology, subject matter content, assessment question bank, etc.) to support a much larger number of students across a wider geography with more comprehensive and technologically sophisticated programs.

Thank you for being a part of the NorthSouth family. NorthSouth is part of your support team, just like your parents and teachers, to help you succeed. I wish you good luck in all that you decide to achieve, and I hope you take advantage of NorthSouth as you journey forward toward college and strive to achieve your potential. Finally, we hope you will stay connected with us beyond high school as a volunteer, coach, and supporter.



Scholarship recipients interacting with NorthSouth India Team at an engineering diploma college in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

NorthSouth India Team for distribution of checks at an engineering college, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India





Letter From The CEO

Dear Finalists, Parents, Volunteers and Well Wishers:

Congratulations!

The 2024 NorthSouth Finals are upon us, and we have so much to celebrate.

We have brought hundreds here to participate in these finals over a single weekend. Some think of it as a competition. Others think of it as a gathering for smart kids. But for us at NorthSouth, this weekend represents so much more.

When our volunteers come together to support a child's education - be it through a regional contest, coaching, Learning Journey activities, a workshop, a prep club, a webinar, or a Young Changemakers event - they aren't just sharing technical expertise. You can get technical expertise in many places. What you get here is notably deeper, and different.

What we're supporting are the 4 Es: Excellence, Education, Empathy, and social Entrepreneurship. In other words, everything we do is about empowering our children. We do this intentionally, by giving them educational access, providing them confidence to excel in all that they do, instilling a sense of empathy for those less fortunate, and developing the skills needed for long-term social entrepreneurship.

When we do it right, we don't just support smart kids, we develop smart kids who want to give back, and change the world for the rest of their lives.

As you celebrate this weekend, please keep the 4 Es in mind. Observe the 4 Es, and respect the 4 Es. Do your best to pass on the spirit of why NorthSouth exists, and why do what we do.

Our purpose is our passion. Thank you for being a part of it!

All the best,

Balu Natarajan, M.D. CEO North South Foundation USA





THE JOURNEY OF NORTHSOUTH THROUGH THE PANDEMIC: **PIVOT AND ADAPT!**

BY: SAVITHA NAIDU

Director, North South Foundation Board, Chair, NorthSouthUSA Scholarship Committee, Convener, 2019 National Finals @ MIT

When we hosted the National Finals at MIT in 2019 and celebrated the 30th anniversary of NorthSouth, none of us knew how the world would change soon! With nearly 4500 finalists and their families in Boston, the campus buzzed with excited children, some nervous parents and an army of over 400 volunteers! Everywhere you looked, there was a sea of teal blue or maroon t-shirts, it felt like everyone belonged and were connected in some way to the NorthSouth family! In spite of the pressures of the contests, we took time to build new friendships, reacquaint ourselves with old friends, tour the historic MIT campus, meet some of the NorthSouth champions and enjoy the experience. Hundreds of families and volunteers look forward to attending the National Finals year after year!

And then the Pandemic hit in 2020! The world as we knew it had changed forever! We literally closed our front doors, and our physical world was reduced to being within the four walls of our homes! At NorthSouth we were busy preparing for our regional contests to be held in March and April hosted by 90 chapters across the country when everything was shut down in early March. While we were all still in the early stages of learning what Covid was and its impact on the world, our volunteers were actively working behind the scenes, making the decisions that were right for our NorthSouth families and doing our part to flatten the curve. We canceled the contests.

Panacea challenge was the brainchild of Dr. Balu Natarajan, wanting to give something for our families to do with their children virtually, while cooped up at home during a national emergency! Students and families could make a poster, a video presentation or write an essay about Covid-19, its impact on the world and how to be safe and practice social distancing. The challenge was embraced by many, it was a great distraction and a creative outlet while waiting out the storm! It just showed how much we cared about our NorthSouth families and found ways to pivot and adapt to the changing environments! A few short weeks into the lockdown we had the Panacea virtual challenge up and running!

As schools adapted to virtual classrooms, our Young Changemakers, with a mission to make a difference in the world, recognized that many Title 1 school students in the US were not able to attend classes online as they did not have electronic devices. So, they started a campaign and raised funds to donate over 300 Chromebooks to several Title 1 schools. Many families opted to donate their paid registration fees towards our Covid donation drive, instead of getting a refund. It always takes a community to come together to help those in need and you did your part! We are grateful and proud of our NorthSouth families.



2019 National Finals Award Ceremony MIT, MA



Panacea challenge - Art Work



As we continued to monitor the global pandemic situation, our leadership team was working hard to bring the contests back to keep the children challenged and engaged, now in a virtual form. So, as India celebrated its 74th Independence Day on August 15th, 2020, we conducted our first ever online contests on that day. It felt different, it was unique, but we all embraced it and volunteers pitched in across the country to make this happen. And for the first time in over 2 decades, we did not host a National Finals. Many of us missed it as it had become an annual tradition for families to travel to a new city where the finals was hosted, and mingle with old friends, peers, colleagues and volunteers.

The pandemic was here to stay, so 2021 was all about Zoom, zoom and more zoom!! We zoomed for work, we zoomed for school, we zoomed for social activities, we performed on zoom and we hosted info sessions and workshops on zoom at NorthSouth as we adapted to the new normal. Over 8000 students participated in the regional contests via zoom. 1500 volunteers came together to make this happen!! We also brought back the National Finals after missing it in 2020, virtually!

Three years later, in 2023 we were finally able to put the pandemic behind us and resume onsite contests. It felt good to interact with NorthSouth families in person at the local chapters and in August of 2023, we hosted our first post-pandemic National Finals at Ohlone College in California. As a parent and a volunteer who had been attending the finals since 2005, I was personally thrilled to be at the finals, a sentiment shared by other parents and volunteers alike!!

As we get ready to welcome you to the National Finals at Milwaukee, I would encourage all families to take some breaks between contests to relax, make new friends, interact with volunteers and savor the experience! A student has worked hard to make it to the National Finals, a huge achievement already, but don't forget to have fun! Welcome to the NorthSouth family, you belong here!

Fun Facts:

- We are 11,892 volunteers strong!
- Over the years 230,000 students have engaged in Contests, Coaching, Learning Journey, Young Changemakers and more!!
- Many of our youth volunteers are past NorthSouth contestants and champions who have come back to volunteer.
- It takes just \$300 for one scholarship recipient to attend one year of college in India.
- We have awarded over 30,000 scholarships in India since 1989.



2022 National Finals Virtual, USA



2023 National Finals Ohlone College, CA



NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION – PAVING A SUCCESSFUL PATH FOR CHILDREN THROUGH EXCELLENCE, EDUCATION, AND EMPATHY



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North South Foundation (www.northsouth.org), in short, NorthSouth, is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization that is involved in educating financially challenged children in India by giving them merit scholarships so they will be able to attend college with less worry about the finances. Through a unique formula, NorthSouth raises funds for these scholarships by conducting educational contests and by offering coaching classes in various subjects for children in the USA.

North South Foundation provides scholarships to undergraduate students entering into Engineering (both fresh and lateral entry), 3-year polytechnic (diploma in engineering), Medicine including Ayurvedic, Homeopathic, Dental and Veterinary Science, Nursing, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Architecture, based on merit and financial need. NorthSouth Foundation uses uniform eligibility criteria to identify meritorious students across more than 30 chapters set up all over India. North South Foundation has distributed close to 30,000 scholarships to students who need financial support to pursue their quest for knowledge in their chosen fields. Started off with a humble beginning, yearly scholarships have reached a peak of 2,452 in 2019-20. Pandemic slowed the process due to our inability to reach new students entering colleges. Our aim is to reach the number of yearly scholarships to 3,500 in the next two years.

The scholarship is an annual award and not a one-time payment. The student is eligible for the scholarship until graduation as long as he/she maintains high academic standards. North South Foundation funds these scholarships by also raising donations in the US. The local chapters located in various states in India do the commendable job of advertising to invite applications from students, screening these applications and selecting the needlest group of students who eventually become North South Foundation scholarship recipients.

Currently, there are several active chapters in Andhra Pradesh, Chennai, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar and Assam. The North South Foundation India team (NorthSouth India) runs the execution of the scholarship implementation process. Each chapter in India is led by a volunteer Chapter Coordinator (ICC) who spreads the word about North South Foundation scholarships, processes the applications through interviews and recommends to the National Coordinator for approval.

Few chapters in India have corresponding Liaison team members in the US who monitor and ensure smooth running of the process by coordinating with their respective ICCs.

The graph on the next page offers a glimpse into the number of scholarships distributed in the past few years. 2023-24 numbers will continue to be updated as the applications are processed, and scholarships are approved.

Anyone can volunteer to help start a new chapter anywhere in India. We identify the need in the northern states of India and are looking for volunteers there.

Starting from 2024-25, NorthSouth India is planning to introduce Skill Enhancement Programs, both soft skills and job skills. The initial pilot program focuses on soft skills with a limited number of scholarship recipients who are in 3rd and 4th year of Engineering. The objective is to expand to other courses after observing the response from the students and the feedback on the work process.



NorthSouth Scholarship Trends

Another major initiative is to establish a productive alumni group. So far about 650 ex-scholarship recipients who are well established in their respective professions responded. These individuals are eager to contribute to the efforts of NorthSouth. Some of them are living in the US whereas many others are living in India. We have a program to implement with the help of Alumni for mentorships, creating employment opportunities to the new graduates and development of soft and job skills. With the enthusiasm to contribute and by utilizing their technological skills, the alumni can bring in huge advantages for the students in need.

North South Foundation set its goal high to bring children from both the countries, USA and India to reach their full potential in leadership and Educational Excellence while following the core value of Empathy, the three tenets NorthSouth stands for. After 34 years and 30,000 scholarships, the North South Foundation is still going strong!

Here are some opportunities for you to be able to participate in the cause:

Help open new chapters in North India in states like UP, Bihar, MP, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Northeastern states, etc. where NorthSouth likes to expand the footprint.

Become a US liaison with an India chapter, either existing or new.

Become a member of the US Scholarship Execution Team to manage the India Scholarship program. You can directly donate for the scholarships

We would like you to be part of the NorthSouth family in helping the cause in any whichever way you can.





Distribution of checks to engineering college students by NorthSouth India team at a college near Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India

Hobby Stickers shown on contestants



Our participants possess a variety of talents, and the hobbies listed below are just a few examples of how they express themselves. It is remarkable to see how well-rounded they are!





















































































































































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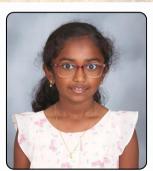
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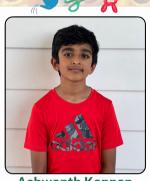
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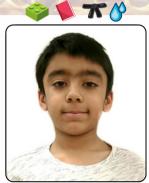
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What NorthSouth Gave to Me

By Himanshu Punjabi

Over the years, the North South Foundation has taught me values such as friendship and diligence and also taught me that having a good work ethic is very important to any person who strives for excellence.

The North South Foundation has "ignited minds for life," by providing scholarships to underprivileged children in India. They have helped many kids, so they can pursue their passions and interests. This has shown how their work has made a positive impact on the world. Similarly, NorthSouth also teaches kids how to ignite change in their community. Currently, I am in NorthSouth's Young Changemaker program, where I have started an initiative called Little Steps Forward. This initiative helps small kids in India, who sell small knick-knacks on the roads. This program has shown me how it is important to take charge of something I am truly passionate about and make a positive impact on people's lives.

Moving on, my journey through NorthSouth has also propelled me forward in my educational journey. Starting in 1st grade, I have competed in NorthSouth's contests for over 8 years! Of all my 8 years in NorthSouth, I have competed in the Spelling Bee every time. In the spelling bee, I was given a list of 1000 words to be studied. Every bee, I tried my best, and ended up ranking 1st twice, 2nd once, and 3rd once! When I was memorizing the words, I did not think about winning, but learning. Even though 16/1000 words are on the list in the whole bee, learning something new was important to me.

Furthermore, the North South Foundation has also given me a wide array of coaching classes. Some classes that I have completed are Science, MB3, and PSAT English. I have had phenomenal coaches who have guided me along the journey. One example of this was demonstrated in my MB3 class, where my coach, Ms. Shampa Kondoi, helped me improve my math skills. The skills I learned from this class aided me in winning 1st at my regional MathCounts competition and moving on to the New Jersey State Competition. I thank my coaches for all their dedication and support.

Overall, North South Foundation has given a lot to me - whether it be helping me make a change in my society, learning something new, or making new friends, this organization has given me invaluable opportunities. I will hope to utilize these opportunities in the future, as I move into high school and the real world.



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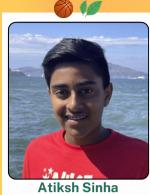




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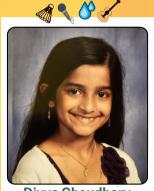
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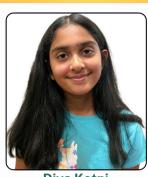
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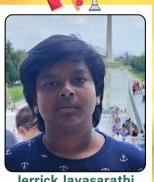
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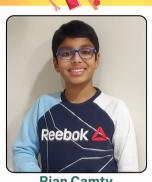
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Art by Akshara Thummala, 4th grader from San Ramon, CA



My Spelling Journey

Bruhat Soma, 2024 Scripps National Spelling Bee Winner

My first spelling bee was a NorthSouth regional bee at my local Tampa chapter. And I did really bad (8th place). However, this was just the start. That same year, I discovered a website called SpellPundit, and it has been very helpful for me to prepare for Scripps.

My first spelling breakthrough came when I participated in the Wishwin Junior National Online Spelling Bee, and surprised myself by achieving 5th place without even much preparation. This was what motivated me to keep going.

The next year, in 5th grade, I made the national spelling bee. I was so excited, but my excitement soon turned into dismay when I tested positive for COVID. So, while everyone else was enjoying Bee Week, I had to stay in the hotel room knowing that I could have done well in the competition. We were actually supposed to go to India for the summer right after Bee Week, but those plans were canceled too. Disappointed, we came back to Tampa, and I decided to continue studying for next year.

I wasn't really any extra motivated after that, as occurrences in your control tend to motivate you more than occurrences not in your control (in this case: getting COVID during Bee Week). However, I still studied very consistently up until the last month before the bee, when I went to India and was too distracted to focus on studying. When I made nationals that year, I was excited that nothing was going to stop me from participating. However, my excitement soon turned into dismay again when I lost in the first round of quarterfinals. I realized that this was because of the last month, when I went to India and ruined all of my study just to enjoy the time right before the bee.

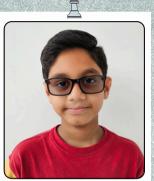
So, after Bee Week, my dad and I made a plan for 2024. I decided to work as hard as I could this year, and even though I still had another year of eligibility left after, I decided that this was going to be my last year because of how hard I was working. And I did that for the entire year. I even practiced the spell-off (which was a good thing) because of my high chances for winning. Soon, in December of 2023, I won the Words of Wisdom Bee, my first national bee that I won. This was really exciting and gave me renewed determination to continue. Eventually, a month later, I won the Psammofiles Bee, which gave me a streak of 2. This was amazing too, but then I started realizing that I had to work harder, as that meant that more people would be trying to study even harder because they lost. Believe it or not, I even won the SpellPundit bee a month before Scripps, my 3rd national bee won in a row. This showed my comprehensive word knowledge, but again, I knew it had to keep going, especially because it was now the month before Scripps. So I decided to be focused on the end goal and not get distracted by these victories. And I am glad I did, because in the end, I won the national spelling bee. My story really shows that hard work and determination is key to success, and setbacks are a normal part of success. So, as you can see, I started as an 8th-place finisher in my local NorthSouth chapter to become the national spelling bee champion. This shows that you can achieve anything.

Just dream big, work hard, and you will achieve your goals.





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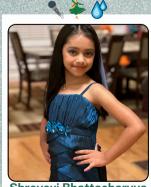
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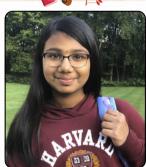
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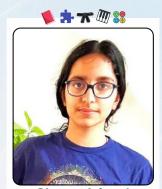
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Unlikely Friendships

Written by Sankarshan Ramanan

I would like to share my experiences from this school year. I had a tough time making friends in school. I love reading and talking about animals and fun facts, but I realized that some of the other kids liked talking about Pokémon and video games. I did not know much about these topics and couldn't have fun with them. I came home crying almost every day. One evening, I got into a big argument with my mom about getting a video game and throwing away my books.

At that point, my mom and I had a long and important discussion. She showed me pieces of a jigsaw puzzle and asked me if they looked the same. They did not! Then she asked me if I could fit them together. Lo and behold! They were a perfect fit!

Then we started talking about unlikely friendships, like that of a tapir and a capybara at the San Diego zoo. I also read a story about the friendship between a pencil and an eraser. It was hilarious and proved the same point. You don't need to look the same or like the same things to be friends. I learned that if I am patient and kind and just myself, I will have every chance of forming everlasting friendships.

We are pieces of various sizes and shapes, all parts of the same puzzle

Looking and being different is no reason for us to wrestle

We may not get along with someone right off the bat, for one may have as a pet, a dog, another a cat

We don't need to change ourselves to fit; Each of us is a candle that is differently lit

Look at the pencil and the eraser!

The eraser erases what the pencil mistakenly spills

The space created by the eraser, the pencil then correctly fills

Like bees, even in different roles, we can learn to work together

Our friendships should not be just for fair-weather

Even on the coldest day, they should comfort us like a warm sweater,

It's true! Good friends make us happy and our lives better

Friendships are formed in the most unlikely ways!

Let's welcome new friends and fresh ideas with a warm embrace

With kindness and patience, I will find a dear friend

And with my books and friends, joy and love will have no end...

Here are some jokes I like to tell my friends:

Which animal does not like to go to the salon and why?

The hare because he fears a 'HARE-cut'

Why did the boy go to sleep in the barn?

Because his dad asked him to 'hit the hay'

What did the stag say when he made a mistake?

'Oh, DEER!'

Why did the diamond wear a jacket?

Because he was 'COAL-ed'









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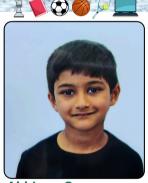
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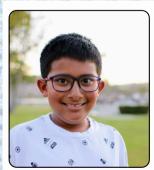
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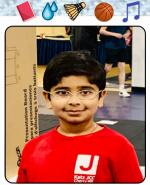
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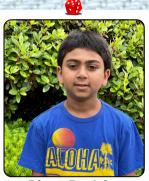
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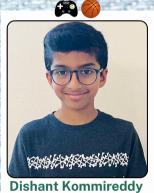
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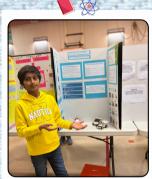
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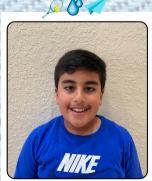
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A Story Yet to be Written

Written by Idhant Gupta the 3rd place winner in the 2023 Intermediate Science Bee

"Life is a journey, not a destination." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Do you think a thirteen-year-old newsboy could become a famous inventor? The obvious first answer that occurred to me was, No, of course not, silly. How could someone who simply sells newspapers aid in something so big? Well, today I am ecstatic to say with complete assurance that I... was very wrong. A young newsboy certainly can make a change in the world, even a big one. The thirteen-year-old newsboy I am referring to is none other than Thomas Edison himself. So, anyone can make a change in the world, even a big one. Not buying it? Well, here's another example.

One-year-old Christian Heinrich Heineken read and comprehended the first five books in the Bible. You're much older than that! So then, what's your excuse? I understand if you're nervous— I was nervous when I was in your shoes. But really, look at how far you've come. Look at where your hard work has taken you – to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the nationals. Take a moment to acknowledge that you made it here, all the way. Through the impediments, roadblocks, landslides, and barriers, you pushed your way through. You may have gotten scars along the path. But remember, scars heal. But they do much more than fix up. They make you stronger.

I've taken the same exam you are about to take in 2023. And I prepared hard, just like you. And I was pretty frantic during the test, just like you. And I got third place. North South Foundation does more than hold competitions and teach you things - it shows you how to demonstrate resilience and perseverance through tough times. Just like a protein is comprised of amino acids, you're made up of the experiences, successes, failures, and memories that lifted you onto this platform. A challenging platform indeed, but nothing you can't face. You have tons of preparation and knowledge with you, and nothing can take that away from you.

Up until today, every time you've fallen down, you've got right back up. You don't need to jump right back up to your feet, of course. In the doctor's manual, that is known as a bad idea. But you will slowly recover, slowly heal, and rise back up to the challenge. You've done it once. Let's do it once more. Now, you're up against the best in the country, armed not with weapons, but with grit, perseverance, and immaculate preparation. You're here, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, meaning you have all those qualities. And even if you don't have guns or swords, isn't that all that really matters? A trophy won't define you— your hard work will. Whether or not you get a trophy today depends on the wits of those around you. But the determination, sweat, blood, and tears, what it took to get here— that's your character, and nobody can take that away from you. Your story is one that is far from completion. The climax is yet to come. So be proud, my friend, for you've earned your place here. You've made it so far. There's so much more to explore.

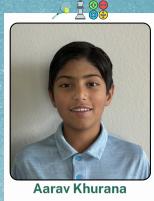
You have grit. You have passion. You have wit. Let's make this happen. My words I shan't mince; You put so much hard work in. So no matter what place you get, Have some satisfaction. Good luck!



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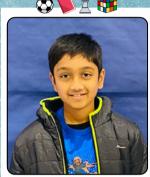
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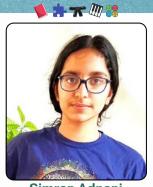




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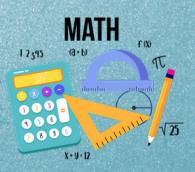
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The Power of Perseverance and Creativity

BY PRANSHI MEHTA

As I prepare to participate in the North South Foundation's Math and Science National Bee competitions, I can't help but reflect on the incredible journey that has brought me to this point. My background in math and science has been a source of pride and accomplishment, having represented my middle school at the regional level. At the same time, my experiences with music and writing have taught me valuable lessons about perseverance, creativity, and the power of imagination.

Since the age of five, playing the piano has been my passion. The countless hours I spent practicing, honing my skills, and pushing myself to improve were fueled by a deep love for music and a determination to excel. That perseverance paid off when I won piano competitions.

I see that same spirit of creativity and dedication in my fellow NorthSouth competitors, and in participants of other academic competitions like the Science Bowl and Math Counts. Regardless of the subject matter, the journey to the national stage is one that demands not only grit and sacrifice, but also the ability to think creatively, to approach problems from new angles, and to push the boundaries of what's possible.

When I participate in the NorthSouth Math and Science National Bee competitions, I know I will be surrounded by kindred spirits - young people who have poured their hearts into preparing, who have faced obstacles head-on, and who have refused to let setbacks dim their passion. We may come from different backgrounds and have different areas of expertise, but we are united by our love of learning, our respect for the power of knowledge, and our desire to make a positive impact on the world.

But beyond the competitions themselves, I believe the true value of participating in the NorthSouth National Bee lies in the habits, mindsets, and friendships we develop along the way. The perseverance we learn in studying for the bee will serve us in tackling future challenges. The poise we gain from performing under pressure will help us navigate high-stakes moments throughout our lives. And the innovative thinking we cultivate will enable us to solve problems, create new opportunities, and shape the future in ways we can't yet imagine.

So to my fellow NorthSouth participants, I say this: embrace your creativity, your curiosity, and your unique perspective. Celebrate your hard work, your courage, and your unwavering commitment to excellence. And know that, whatever the outcome of the competitions, you have already won in the most important ways. You have developed resilience, character, and a love of learning that will serve you for a lifetime. I can't wait to meet you all and be inspired by your brilliance, your creativity, and your passion for making a difference. Let's show the world what we're made of!

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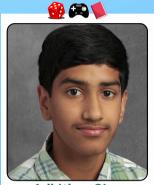
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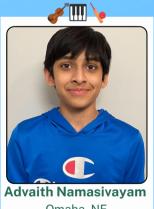
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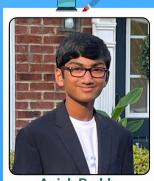
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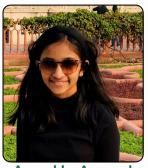


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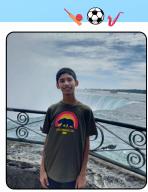
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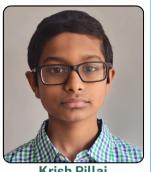
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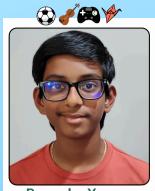




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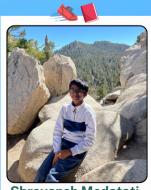
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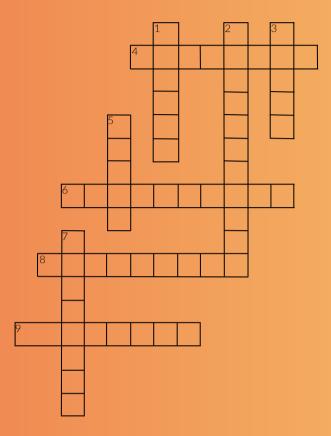
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Fun Stuff

Human Body

By Ira Kumar



Across

- 4. A condition where blood sugar levels are abnormally high
- 6. The type of cells that fight infections
- 8. The process of breaking down food into smaller molecules
- 9. The system that protects the body from foreign substances

Down

- 1. The organ responsible for filtering blood
- 2. The process of inhaling and exhaling
- 3. The organ responsible for pumping blood
- 5. The longest bone in the human body
- 7. The tissue that connects bones

Look for the answers to this on the national finals volunteer page

Peace for Everyone

By Mahati Saishree Guru, 1st Grader from xxx

Peace is like a symphony of good musicians. Peace is a definition of people's feelings. It also means you are kind and caring to yourself and others. When you have peace, it is very nice and joyful.



As problems come, people's feelings get very hurt, and they feel discluded.

Some places in the world like Syria,
Israel and Russia are having wars. We should have peace, so people don't feel hurt. We should talk out things or debate to solve problems and not be mean. It leads to fighting, violence and wars.

Here are eight ways to say peace in different languages - Amaithi (Tamil) , He Ping (Chinese), Kurtuku (Australian), Mir (Russian), Paz (Spanish), Shalom (Hebrew), Salam (Arab), Shanti (Hindi).

We stand as one family with love and respect. Shanti, Shanti and Shanti-hee means one peace for you, one peace for others and one peace for the whole universe.



Art by Prisha Sharda, 5th Grader from ...,



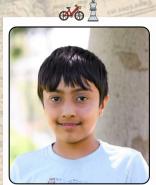
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Letter From You

Written by Kushad Padmaraju a high schooler at Robbinsville High School

I raced home as quickly as I could, hoping that I was not too late. As I drew closer to my house, I kept repeating in my head what I was going to say. My brain keeps telling me "Remember, your 2020 self might be confused about what you are saying, but it should still make sense to him". At last, I arrived at my house. Wow. I am invariably amazed at the complexity and beauty of my house. My mind clicked back to reality. I slammed the door open and hurried upstairs into my room and sat down at my desk. Once more, in my mind, I ran through what I was going to write. Eventually, I began writing my letter to my 2020 self... Three hours later, with no breaks in between, I had finished my letter. I read through it one more time. This is what it says...

"Hello there! If you're reading this letter, you must be me from 2020! I'm you from the year 2030! You definitely must be confused as to how and why you got this letter. Well, the reason I gave you this letter is because I just wanted to give you a heads up on what's going to happen and what you are going to experience in the future! You must be excited and all, but this letter might take some time to read, so please find the appropriate time to read this.

Okay, so the first thing I am going to address is Covid-19. To be truthful, it was one of the toughest times for humanity between 2020 and 2030. Not only were there over 750,000 deaths worldwide, but the economy was also at the brink of collapsing. More than 30% of people were unemployed and every single country in the world obtained the coronavirus.

Now, it may seem like humanity has no hope, but the world eventually recovered. However, people were initially still afraid to come in close contact with other people even when it was officially declared that Covid-19 had been eradicated. But in two years, everything was back to normal.

Alright, on to the next topic. You know how Elon Musk said that he is going to send people to the Moon again by 2024? Well, it happened! Amazing, right? We are constantly advancing in all sorts of technology. For instance, we were able to invent cars that sputtered less carbon dioxide! Along with that, we were able to increase the number of alternative power sources like wind power, solar power, and hydroelectricity! We have all sorts of things that some investors and scientists were thinking of building in your time, including a bullet train that can go from Los Angeles to New York City in 4 hours!

Finally, the part you have been waiting for. You must be thinking, "What's going to happen to me?". Well, you are very lucky. You are still going to have a nice house, a nice car, and you are going to achieve a lot of your dreams. You must be in the stage of your life where you have no idea who or what you want to be when you grow up. I understand that and the result might not be what you expect. I can't tell you what you are going to be in the future because it could put you in a tight spot, but I know that you are going to be pretty satisfied with the result.

Now, here is some advice I am going to give you for the future. If you just keep working hard, creating and achieving new goals, and keep trying your hardest, you will become an influential and powerful person in the future. Remember, the future is never set in stone. Keep living your life. Well, that's all I have to say to you! You are going to do great and awesome things in the future. Bye for now!"

- From, You.



A Journey through the Win-Win-Win Paradigm of the North South Foundation

(Kartik Ramachandrula is a Rising Senior at Brookfield Central High School. He is an alumnus of NorthSouth, hailing from Milwaukee, WI, and is an avid problem-solver and a catalyst for social change. In middle school, he qualified for the National MathCounts thrice, winning state twice and placing in the top quartile nationally. He also represented Wisconsin at the National Science Bowl all three years, placing 2nd in 2021. In robotics, he has qualified for the FIRST Worlds Championship twice, in both FTC and FLL. In high school, he was a U.S. Physics Team member in 2023, a winner of the USA Junior Math Olympiad in 2023, qualifying for the USA Junior Math Olympiad thrice, and attained a Bronze Medal at the USA Math Olympiad this year. He is currently conducting research at the PRIMES-USA and the Research Science Institute program.)

I have participated in North South Foundation contests since kindergarten (2013); encouraged by my local community, my parents enrolled me in the spelling bee contest the first year. I recall studying incredibly hard for the competition and practicing the entire 5000-word list. I also recall the heart-wrenching feeling of not qualifying for the national competition that year. Before leaving, my mother picked up the first-grade Singapore math book, and my mom reminisced about my immediate absorption with the workbook and my completion of it over the weekend. That is the moment my journey as a problem-solver began and is a quintessential example of how NorthSouth shaped me.

The subsequent years only heightened my passion for academics and my involvement in NorthSouth. I tried out every competition, year after year, and gained invaluable experiences preparing for, competing in, and attending the National finals. The resources, the community, and the zeal for competition instilled a hunger for knowledge. This hunger persists till today, as I devour quantum physics textbooks and dive into a prose analysis of Kalidasa's Abhijñānaśākuntalam. To this end, I attribute my passion for learning and my drive to persevere to the foundations NorthSouth has provided me. I have recently heard NorthSouth has been called an "incubator for competitions" on CNN, but perhaps we term it better as the incubator of the skills required for success. So to the students of the next generation, explore, utilize, and be inspired by NorthSouth and its venture: this is your win!

We have all heard of Srinivas Ramanujan, the ingenious mathematician from humble origins. When I see him, I am inspired by his brilliance and unhindered passion for math, despite his financial struggle. Then I think: imagine the number of

"Ramanujan"s, missing a chance to succeed and better society, without a Hardy to recognize the talent and fund their journeys.

This is where NorthSouth comes in, supporting the underprivileged students in India, and this is the inspiration for my continued involvement in NorthSouth beyond the competitions. As a volunteer, teacher, proctor, ambassador, and leader in the Milwaukee chapter and at the national level, I have a chance to impact those in India who need us. It is our responsibility to support these students, and make them win as well!

A win-win is where both parties of a deal benefit. Why does the title say win-win? Well, this is not a bipartite-rather a tripartite initiative between the students, the underprivileged scholars, and the communities we are part of. To exemplify, I recall practicing for the MathCounts competition series in the summer of fifth grade. I had recently heard of the contests and wished to succeed in them; however, I had no idea how to prepare. But thanks to the generous guidance of my mentor Harsha, a seasoned NorthSouth alumnus and volunteer and math competitor, I went on to qualify for the National MathCounts that year, winning state twice subsequently. Yes, I have mentioned how NorthSouth helped me succeed, but this story is about how I gave back...or rather, forward? Unfortunately for me, I do not know advanced data science so I cannot help Harsha with his college coursework, but what I can do is replicate his altruism to the next generation. By coaching students and holding large workshops and events locally, I directly impact my community, whether it be NorthSouth students or otherwise. I helped organize a college preparation event last fall where we invited the entire greater Milwaukee community to learn about the unnecessarily obscure and foreboding post-secondary life. So through NorthSouth, we make our community win!

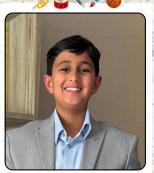
I hope my journey through NorthSouth sheds some light on the various facets of this wonderful organization.

Thank you!



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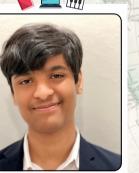
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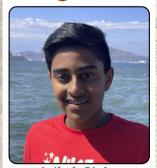


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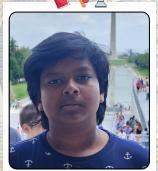
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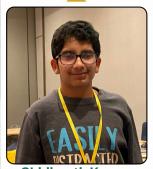
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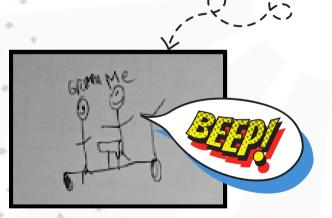
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Hello, I wrote this story all about my trip to India. I live in the USA with my dad and mom. One day we planned to go to India to meet my family members, grandpa, grandma, my two sisters, uncle, aunty, mama and mami.



One day we packed our luggage and flew to India from the Chicago airport. After 17 hours of flying, we landed in our hometown, Ahmedabad, India. I ran to hug my family members. I greeted each one by saying "Jay Shree Krishna". I was really happy to meet everyone.



On the second day my grandpa took me to the nearest temple on a scooter. It was an amazing experience for me as I did a lot of "beep beep beep". There I saw a few stray cows and dogs roaming on the road. I fed some hay to cows & biscuits to dog.



I stayed at my grandpa's house for almost a month. In that time, I played with my sisters everyday. We visited many different places on a rickshaw. I was very excited to ride on the rickshaw. I also bought many different toys from India, which I never had seen in the US.

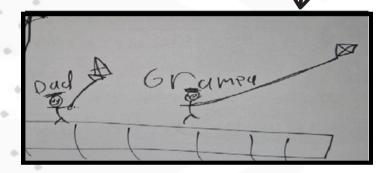




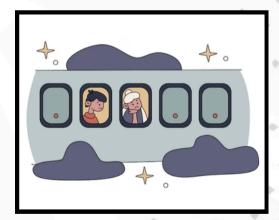
I also celebrated my birthday in India with my whole family. I blew 7 candles and smashed the cake with a mallet. I wore my spiderman costume and had lots of fun!



I went on three days' vacation with my whole family to visit a famous and worlds' tallest statue named "Statue of Unity" built on October 2018. We went inside the statue and took an elevator to the head of the statue to see the museum.



On 14th January, there is a festival called "Uttrayan" where everyone fly kites from their roof, cut each other's kites and scream loudly and say "Kai po Che". I flew some kites with my dad and blew a whistle when we cut someone's kite. We also lit fireworks, played loud music, and danced on the roof



Finally, a day came when I had to say goodbye. I hugged everybody and say goodbye and flew back to the USA. I was missing them a lot, so my dad told me that we will go back soon to India. "Jay Shree Krishna".



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The Enchanting Ocean

By Yuvan Rajpurkar

Beneath the vast celestial sphere,
The ocean's heart beats strong and clear.
Its surface glimmers with the sun's embrace,
A dance of light in endless space.



Waves whisper tales of distant shores, Of sailors' dreams and ancient lores. The briny deep, where secrets sleep, In silent canyons, dark and steep.

A world of wonder, wild and free, With creatures roaming endlessly. From tiny shells to whales that sing, The ocean's bounty is a wondrous thing.







It cradles life, both large and small,
A liquid realm that holds us all.
Its tides are pulled by lunar sway,
A rhythm felt both night and day.

In its depths, the world refrains,
From hurried life and human gains.
The ocean's call, both old and new,
A timeless bond, forever true.



I'm Happy to Be Me

By Snigdha Pati



I am me.

The person I like to be.

Nobody can take my place.

Easily not my face.

I'm proud to be me!

This is plain to see.

When I am not myself,

My heart gives a yelp.

You see,

My heart trusts me,
Not some other person's figurine!
Yes, indeed,

I'm happy to be me!



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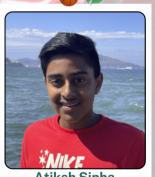
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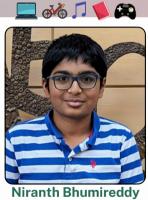
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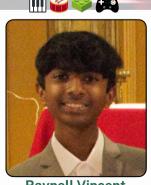
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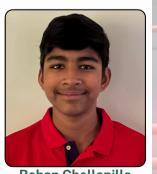
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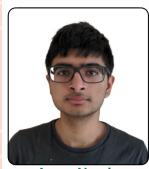




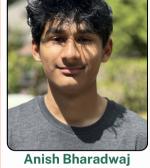
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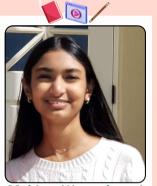
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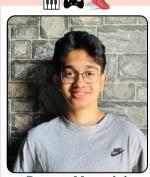
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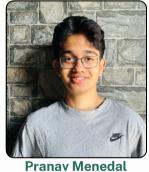
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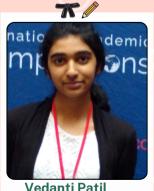
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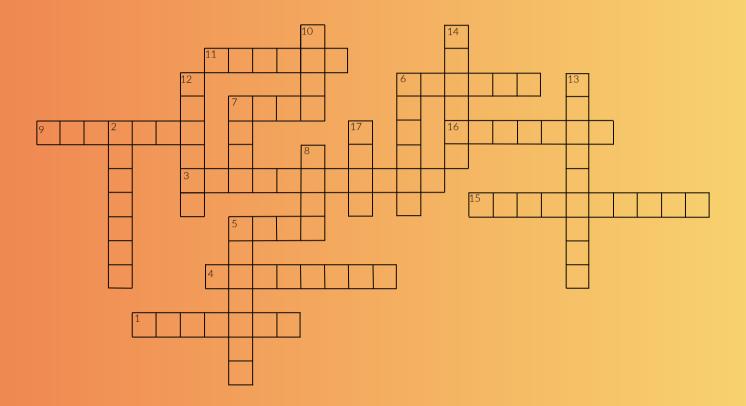
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Fun Stuff

Elemental Quiz

Viyat Madhyastha



Across

- 3. Used in eyeliners in Egypt long ago
- 4. Named after one of the most famous scientists
- 9. Rusts very easily
- 11. Commonly used in batteries
- 14. Used in the "Fat Man" nuclear bomb this is considered the deadliest among elements
- 16. Solid at room temperature, but it melts in your hand
- 17. Same name as a type of coin
- 18. Used in making pennies
- 19. Used to help watches glow in the dark

Down

- 1. Most reactive element
- 2. One of the few elements that can sublimate
- 5. One of the least reactive elements
- 6. Used in the "Little Boy" nuclear bomb
- 7. Named after the Greek word for stench
- 8. First radioactive element on the periodic table
- 9. Named indirectly after India
- 10. Most abundant element on Earth
- 12. Often confused with aluminum
- 13. Same name as a planet
- 15. World's most desired element

Look for the answers to this on the national finals volunteer page



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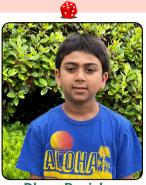
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Nature at Night

By Avira Karthik, 5th Grader from Avondale, MI

The grass rustles against my ankles,
the dewdrops moistening my feet.

I carefully listen to the chirping of the crickets,
and the bird's tweet.

The stars shine like a million glimmering candles
, and the moon glows as it illuminates the sky.

I look up as many glowing lights bob by, they are fireflies.
The air hits my tongue and bursts a fresh minty flavor.
And this crisp night's aroma is just something to savor.
Somehow, nature seems even better at night,
when the owls come to flight.

And this night shines a just perfect light.





Kiara's Spelling Tips



Hi everyone! My name is Kiara Rastogi and I'm in Kindergarten. This year, I had my first ever spelling bee competition – the NorthSouth Junior Spelling Bee (JSB)! It all started because I love reading about animals and nature. My dream is to be a scientist when I grow up! My mom noticed how well I could read and even pronounce some big words from my encyclopedia and atlas. So, she decided to sign me up for the JSB.

At first, it was a bit overwhelming. We got a HUGE list of 1,000 words to learn! Some days, we breezed through 20-40 words, but others, even 10 were tough. Some words looked like scrambled letters!

To tackle this challenge, we got creative:

- **Pronunciation Power:** We used Google to find the correct pronunciations, which helped a lot.
- **Syllable Sleuths:** For tricky words, we'd break them down into smaller parts (syllables) to remember them better.
- **Picture Perfect:** Since I love pictures, we searched online for images of the unfamiliar words. It made them stick in my brain way easier!

As the regional competition neared, the studying got intense! Revising the whole list was scary at first, but Mom came up with a plan. We did lots of short practice sessions throughout the day, focusing on 10-20 words at a time. We also made a list of the words I kept getting wrong, so Mom could quiz me extra on those.

Guess what? Being the youngest speller, I came in second place at the regional competition! I was so proud! Now, I'm even going to Nationals! I can't wait to meet other amazing spellers and learn even more words.

A huge thank you to the North South Foundation for giving me this amazing opportunity. This is just the beginning of my spelling bee journey! I can't wait to keep learning and maybe, someday, even make it to the Scripps Spelling Bee stage!

Kiara Rastogi is a Kindergarten Student from Morris Plains, NJ

Space Zoom



By Mahati Saishree Guru

I zoom into space
I see constellations and more
The stars are bright
And the galaxies are a delight!

I zoom into space
I see constellations and more
The stars are bright
And the galaxies are a delight!

Today, I am on planet earth
Driving cars
Tomorrow, I am on mars
Gliding to see the northern star

I zoom into space
I see constellations and more
The stars are bright
And the galaxies are a delight!



There are more discoveries to be chased So, pick up a book and learn about space!



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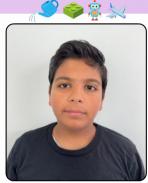
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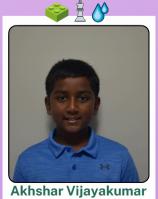
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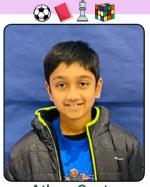
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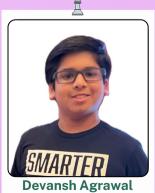
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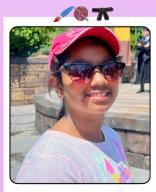
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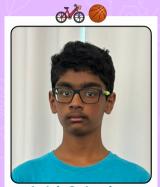
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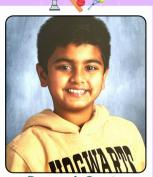
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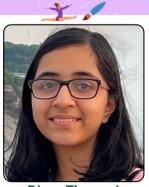
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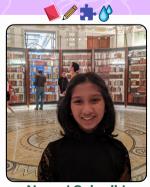
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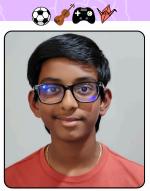


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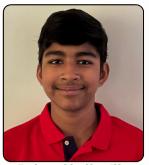
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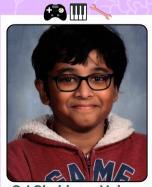
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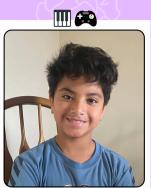
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Calm: The Ten-Syllable Mantra for Peace

By Sanjana Srinivasan

My body seems to float into the air
My mind is as calm as standing water
I feel my worries drift away slowly
I begin to softly glide to the ground
I am calm and restful in my slumber
I am one with the world and with the land
When I wake up, I will spread peace and joy
I am kind, I am joyful, I am calm!

I believe we can spread joy and kindness
I believe we can change the world with peace
Together, we can live in harmony
We can inspire the world to end all wars
We can make a difference in our lives
We can make the planet sustainable
We can usher in a new way of life
We are the center and the soul of peace.



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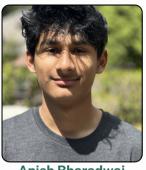
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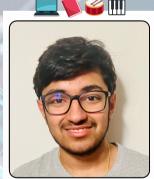
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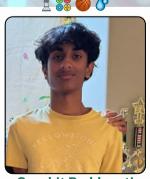
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NorthSouth: From the Minor League to the Major League



VAIDEHI RAMACHANDRULA

MILWAUKEE CHAPTER / FINALS YOUTH LEADER

Woodrow Wilson once stated, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." This is one of the many lessons I learned from NorthSouth and has guided me throughout my STEM journey.

My journey into the world of STEM competitions began in 1st grade with the NorthSouth Science Bee competition. At that young age, I did not fully grasp the significance of terms like "first place" and "second place," but I sensed the expectations surrounding me urging me to excel in this competition. I understood that achieving a high score would not only secure me a spot in the national competition but also contribute to the educational endeavors for children in India through the donations from the competition.

Throughout my elementary school years, I continued to participate in NorthSouth competitions, and it gradually became a part of my life. I enrolled in yearly classes, sat for exams, and enjoyed the competitive spirit of the nationals each year. It became a routine I didn't question much, failing to realize its profound impact on my life until I stepped into middle school.



In middle school, I took my first accredited competition, the AMC 10A (American Mathematical Association). While I hadn't encountered competitions of this format before, I soon received news that I had won the inaugural Maryam Mirzakhani Award. It was then that I realized that my previous experiences in NorthSouth Math Bee competitions had prepared me for this moment. As I competed in the state science bowl and qualified for nationals in 6th grade, I once again witnessed the correlation—my prior experiences in the NorthSouth National Science Bee had equipped me with the necessary tools to excel. Whether it was the timed atmosphere, the ambiance, or the subject difficulty, I had all the necessary skills. But most importantly, NorthSouth taught me to stay driven and enjoy whatever I do.

One instance where I was able to apply this lesson was during the State Mathcounts competition in 8th grade. I came into the competition extremely confident; however, after the Sprint round, I was extremely disheartened even though it was only the first part of the competition. During the test, my mind went blank, and made a ton of silly mistakes. Normally, this would affect someone's performance on the upcoming rounds or offset their mood. However, due to my past experience in NorthSouth, I had built the mindset of never giving up and having the courage to continue. It didn't matter whether I won or lost; I always had to put my best effort in. So using this mindset, I focused on the next round, the Target round and performed very well on it. I ended up qualifying for the National Mathcounts competition and realized that thanks to NorthSouth I learned to overcome adversity with ease, and that was the biggest achievement of them all.

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With each subsequent competition, my skills sharpened, but NorthSouth remained the foundational pillar. In 8th grade, I found myself teaching local Science Bee competitions, realizing that NorthSouth had equipped me with the fundamentals necessary. The yearly National and Regional contests provided me with a fundamental background that gave me an edge over others. So for three years, I passionately taught students, recognizing the invaluable role NorthSouth had played in my own development and hope to play a similar role in their lives.

Being a teacher for so long and seeing the impact I was able to make on the academic performance of my students, I decided to help with our local Milwaukee College Prep event. At first, this felt like another one of the outreaches our organization had been doing all this time, such as our yearly classes. However, as I began to take questions from participants in the audience about different topics, whether it was scholarships and programs, I realized the need for guidance in such topics. Similar to how I needed guidance in different science and math topics through NorthSouth, both parents and students needed this guidance, and our organization was able to give them it. Afterwards, many parents and students came up to thank us for the awareness we were bringing to the community. This was when I truly realized the scale of NorthSouth's impact, not only did it deliver academic knowledge but also educated students and families about opportunities available to them and helped with long term success.

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This year, I expanded my horizons by assuming a leadership role. Currently serving as the youth fundraiser leader for this year's National Competition, I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to my community in this capacity. NorthSouth has been integral throughout my academic journey and soft skills development. Knowing that this personal growth has also contributed to supporting children in India is truly remarkable, and I hope to take greater strides and continue to have a great impact in the future. But I will always keep in mind the principles which NorthSouth instilled in me as I continue my journey in life.



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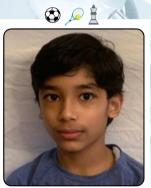
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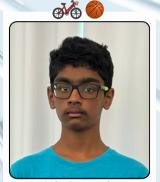
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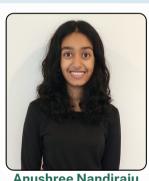
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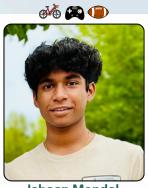
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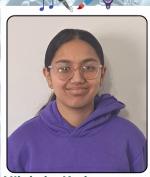
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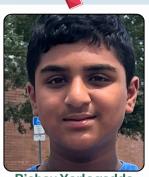
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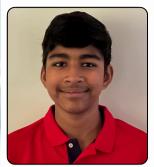
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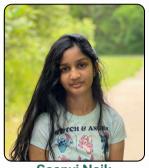
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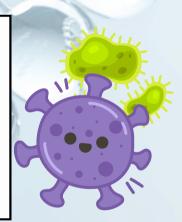
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How the Younger and Older Generations Provide Unique Traits for Helping Students

HARSHIL GARG & RABINDER SIKRI

As a longtime volunteer, I had the pleasure of working with my uncle, Rabinder Sikri, last August 2023 at the National Finals in Fremont, CA. Even though I was one of the youngest volunteers at 19 and my uncle was one of the oldest, being in his 70s, we both realized that our ages give us a unique viewpoint when volunteering for younger students.

Story of youth leadership: Harshil Garg

As a 2nd-year college student at Brown University, I have been part of NorthSouth for almost 12 years. Starting in 3rd grade, I participated in the Math Bee in San Jose, CA, qualifying to nationals 4 times. Yet in high school, my interests changed as I quickly learned about my true passion for history and created a website (nalandaguides.com)



and an Instagram page (@harshil.the.historian) through which I regularly held live review sessions to help my peers with their AP history courses. I was regularly getting 50 students in my own school in these sessions, and this success inspired me to start NorthSouth's history coaching program in 2022. Yet I also got the opportunity to become the Director of my local chapter in San Jose.

Being among the youngest people in these positions, I realized that as a student myself, I have gone through many of the same experiences as the kids whom I interact with, allowing me to inspire them with my own educational journey. In fact, I did not start young and win a bunch of competitions: I actually came home disappointed in 3rd grade after placing almost last in Math and Spelling, yet this only pushed me to work harder, and I only developed my passion for history in 10th grade! With this, I hope to inspire younger kids with two lessons: (1) Learning from failure can lead to multiple success, and (2) It is never too late to follow your true passion.

I hope other high school and college students take initiative to lead their local chapters and find other unique ways to inspire other students, whether through NorthSouth or on your own. If you have a passion for learning and teaching, there will always be people willing to learn from you.

Story of elderly leadership: Rabinder Sikri

As a Baby Boomer (born 1946-1964) and a grandparent, I would like to express my gratitude to North South Foundation for all their efforts in helping younger students. Grandparents consistently bring compassion, wisdom, and support, and these traits are particularly important to inspire kids during the pivotal and stressful moments of the National Finals.

While serving at the registration desk and even in the contest rooms, I noticed that many kids were highly motivated and smart but still were too overcome with the competitive atmosphere. I realized that grandparents like us can help bless and calm these kids down to ease their nerves before the contest. Perhaps sharing some words of wisdom before the contests could help them focus. I hope other grandparents step forward and volunteer their time to help younger students. Kids these days are growing up in a much more difficult world than we had, and it is important to understand that and wish our own grandchildren as well as their peers the best for the future.

Black Holes

Ira Kumar

You might have heard of black holes from friends, TV, parents, or teachers. But do you know the secrets behind them? How are they made? Why can't we see them through telescopes? And why are they called black holes? Let's start with why we can't see them via telescopes. Black holes don't emit or reflect light, making them invisible to telescopes. So, how do scientists discover them if they can't be seen? Scientists detect and study black holes based on their effects on the surroundings. Black holes are surrounded by rings of gas and dust called accretion disks, which emit light across many wavelengths, including X-rays.

There are four types of black holes: stellar, supermassive, intermediate, and primordial. The first black hole, Cygnus X-1, was discovered in 1964 and wasn't identified as a black hole until 1971 by Louise Webster, Paul Murdin, and Thomas Bolton, British astronomers.

All black holes form when the center of a very big, dead star collapses on itself, sometimes causing a supernova —a massive explosion that blasts part of the star into space. If light enters a black hole, it cannot escape. The strong gravitational force prevents even light from escaping, hence the name "black hole."

Fun Fact: There are likely millions of undiscovered black holes in our galaxy. While a black hole's outer layer is very cold, the inside is extremely hot. People say that if you fall into a stellar-sized black hole, you will turn into human spaghetti. Cool and funny, right? How can we learn about black holes if they trap light and can't actually be seen? The answer is in the paragraph above!

Joke Time: What did one black hole say to the other? "You're so massive, even light can't escape your charm!"

Get it? Because light can't escape a black hole.

Why do people study black holes? They help us test Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity, which describes how space, mass, and time are related. Black holes are also laboratories for quantum gravity, which describes gravity where quantum effects can't be ignored. Laboratory for quantum gravity means "levitating a particle of silica via laser beam."

Most people think black holes are bad, but that's not entirely true. The main disadvantage is that the surroundings of a black hole can be very bright and hot, not the inside, which is only hot and dark. Black holes have benefits, too, like recycling cosmological debris, stabilizing galaxy formation, defining galaxy shapes, and stratifying space around them.

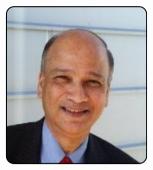
Fact: If a black hole touched Earth, Earth would be ripped apart and destroyed. The types of black holes are divided by their mass, and the mass ranges that define these groups are approximate and subject to change as scientists refine the boundaries.

Did you know that black holes or black spots in movies often depict time travel? This is because time near a black hole slows down, and if a spaceship is fast enough to withstand the forces, it might be able to time travel.

In conclusion, black holes have both advantages and disadvantages. I hope you enjoyed learning about them. Thank you!



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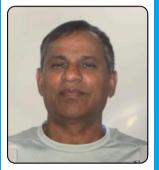
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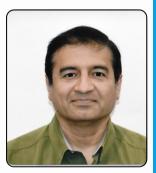
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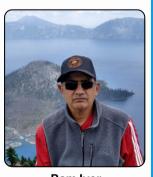
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17. Nickel

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Human Body Answers

Across

- 4. Diabetes
- 6. Leukocytes
- 8. Digestion
- 9. Immunity

Down

- 1. Kidney
- 2. Respiration
- 3. Heart
- 5. Femur
- 7. Ligament

Elemental Quiz Answers

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- 3. Lead
- 4. Einsteinium
- 9. Iron
- 11. Cadmium
- 14. Plutonium
- 16. Gallium

Down

- 1. Flourine
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- 6. Uranium
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9. Indium

10. Oxygen

- 7. Bromine
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Let Me Spell Out What Competing in the National Bee is Like

Dev Shah, 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee Winner



I have participated in countless spelling bees since the second grade. For the Scripps National Spelling Bee, coming up later this month, eligibility lasts only until the eighth grade, but that felt like miles away when I was a mere fourth grader who placed 51st at the 2019 national bee. That was my true starting point. That's when I knew I wanted to win — just seeing those champions being crowned beneath the dazzling confetti.

Fifth grade came by, but COVID swept away that opportunity. Distraught, my parents and I found a coach. That's when I found out that the spelling bee isn't just rote memorization, but an understanding of the mechanics of words. So, in sixth grade, I expected to do significantly better than 51st. In fact, I was already planning for the latter rounds of the competition, canceling plans for those days. But that wasn't my fate. I got out in the third round — I missed "Gondwana" (an ancient supercontinent) — when there were 20 rounds. I told my dad as I climbed the staircase, "I'm gonna win next year."

I had placed so badly in the sixth grade that I didn't even want to know what rank it was. After fourth and fifth grade, I could just say, "There's still time left. I can just do it next year." But now, there were only two years left. Two shots. So, I worked harder, and I changed my regimen. I focused more on quizzing language patterns and fundamentals. I envisioned my winning moment. I practiced outside in the sunshine while my classmates played. Even in the car, I'd regurgitate the words I practiced in the morning.

The regional bee came by — and I was so confident. I thought I'd win. On that chilly drizzling February morning, I marched into the Orlando Soccer Stadium already envisioning the national stage. When it was a snack break, I'd nibble on a banana, for focus and energy, and I'd chant a Hindu mantra — 11 times — in between rounds.

Unexpectedly, I got out on the word "fontanel," an anatomical feature of the skull. I placed fourth. The judge's grim words still echo in my mind: "Go hug your pops." My head, always inundated with words, suddenly felt empty. I trudged to the seats and did as the judge said, and I waited hopelessly. I listened to the other kids spelling — but they all got their words right. I mumbled "I'm so scared," because now, I had only one shot left.

The spelling bee stung me that day, as it had done dozens of times before. In my journal, I wrote, "I worked harder than I ever did, and I still lost." I realized that I could work as hard as possible, and still, I might not win.

After my defeat, it took me some time to get back on track — and I have my parents to thank for that. That summer, my family and I flocked to Colorado; I needed a break from spelling, and when I got back home, my mind settled on one thing: "I know that this is my last year. I have one last shot. But I'll be proud of myself for whatever happens. I am going to try because if I don't, I'll regret it."

Already weary from my dozens and dozens of failures, I had it in me to do it once more. During the homestretch, I measured time in "days until the national spelling bee." January became four months until the national spelling bee, and April 22 became 33 days. I focused more on strengthening my intuition and guessing a word correctly. Inevitably, every speller will receive a word that they don't know. I knew that I might not win — and I told myself that that was OK.



I at least made the cut for the national stage, so I knew I was doing better than seventh grade. I was up against some 200 other qualified spellers, all vying for the ceramic-glazed trophy. Some of these spellers had multiple coaches and had been practicing even longer than me. I was scared when I studied. I wondered as I cataloged my missed words into my Excel spreadsheet, "What's the point in doing all this if I lose?"

But that wasn't why I truly did the spelling bee. I did it because I loved words. Every study session, I discovered words from all sorts of languages and categories — spinal defects, primate species, palm oils, medieval fabrics and poetry techniques. With the dictionary, I had the whole world at my fingertips.

I had all my failures behind me like a battalion, and I had my fear in front of me like a thunderstorm. All I had to do was cross the line.

Then suddenly, at least that's how it felt, I was at the national spelling bee. The podium. Lights, cameras and thousands of audience members and millions of viewers. I was asked to spell a word I didn't know — "rommack" (which means to romp or play boisterously). I had no clue, and my heart raced as I filed through other similar-sounding words. Everyone saw my nerves cracking. To make matters worse, "rommack" has no language of origin, which is crucial to spellers.

Still, I had to speak up. I rattled off my best guess, and I melted when the judge's hand didn't ring the elimination bell. A couple of rounds later, I won! Rainbow confetti showered on me, and the honeycombed stage shone just like my smile — just like what I imagined when I was a fourth grader, watching other champions spell away. It took me six years to learn what the spelling bee was trying to teach. I didn't have to get rid of my fear to be the best. I just had to be brave. And how do I spell bravery? F-E-A-R.

Learning Journey

Narayana Janga

The long-awaited new program is finally here! Led by Narayana Janga and his dedicated team, NorthSouth staff have turned the exciting dream of the Learning Journey into a reality.

The Learning Journey is designed to ignite a true passion for learning in its students. Beyond the intellectual growth that NorthSouth programs are known for, this initiative also focuses on fostering personal and emotional development. These elements are crucial for shaping students into future leaders who can create a better world.

The program offers diverse opportunities for exploration and promotes continuous learning. Examples include teaching third graders the fundamentals of AI with Scratch programming, providing yoga lessons to enhance mental and spiritual well-being, and offering early practice in public speaking to develop essential soft skills. The result is a student with an insatiable curiosity, the ability to drive change in their communities, and the mindset of a socially responsible citizen.



For more information, visit the NorthSouth website!



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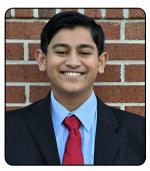
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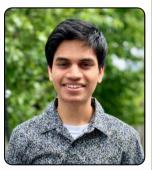
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NorthSouth Junior Board

The Junior Board is an opportunity for many talented high schoolers to give back to to their community while learning valuable lessons in leadership and community service. Here we have some members of the board talk about themselves and their experience with the Junior Board.

My name is Haasini Yelugoti and I am the President of the North South Foundation Junior Board. I am a rising senior at James S. Rickards High School in Florida. I have been involved with NorthSouth for over 8 years and have gone from competing in competitions to coaching and founding the Junior Board. I've coached for various subjects such as Essay Writing, Universal Values, Science Bee, and Brain Bee. My favorite things about the Junior Board are getting to meet amazing, passionate teenagers and playing a role in the organization's mission of promoting education. In the future, I plan to pursue neuroscience and philosophy.

My name is Himani Musku and I am currently a rising senior at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. I am the manager for the NorthSouth Junior Board. My favorite part about the Junior Board is getting to know and work with a variety of youth volunteers across the country, united to provide new ideas for NorthSouth. Outside of NorthSouth, I plan to pursue science and enjoy running and watching new movies in my free time.

My name is Ishaan Sid, I'm currently an incoming senior at Novi High School. I'm from the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan in a town called Novi. I have been with NorthSouth for 11 years now, I started as a math and science competitor and now I'm a math coach and the co-chair of the education committee on the NorthSouth Junior Board. My favorite thing about working with the junior board is getting to meet volunteers across state lines all with a unifying goal of educating kids. I always loved helping others, so the junior board is a great way for me to make a significant impact beyond just coaching. One example of things we do in the education committee is to create things like Blookets to give to coaches and make sessions more engaging. My future plans are to continue with NorthSouth until I graduate, and I hope to get a degree in college with a dual major in Business and Science.

Hello! My name is Advaith Balakrishnan, and I am one of the co-chairs of the Education committee for the North South Foundation Junior Board. I am an incoming sophomore at Hinsdale Central High School in Illinois. My participation with NorthSouth propelled me to reach the Scripps National Spelling Bee in 2022. My favorite thing about the junior board is being able to plan events where I am able to meet other volunteers in the NorthSouth community. It is really cool that we are all able to unite and support the organization and promote generosity together. My future plans with NorthSouth involve helping the Junior Board and the Education Committee in making practice tests for our website and helping coaches for all subjects along with being a coach for spelling and vocabulary in all seasons.

Hello! I'm Nivriti, a rising senior in high school from Bentonville, Arkansas. I am one of the cochairs of the Marketing and Branding Committee on the Junior Board. Our team is working on implementing successful strategies for our social media content and creating a newsletter. My favorite part of being on the Junior Board is making memories while organizing events for the volunteers, building connections, and making the best of friends. I'm incredibly passionate about educational equity and hope to pursue a career as a lawyer.

Hi! My name is Siddharth Potta. I've recently graduated from Bridgeland High School and plan to major in Science at the University of Texas at Austin. In the Junior Board, I serve as one of the two co-chairs of the Marketing and Branding committee where I work closely with my fellow committee members to create content and analyze data to help expand NorthSouth's social presence.



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Advaith Balakrishnan



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Siddharth Potta



NutriAccess (Young Changemaker's Journey)

Written by Yalini S.

What is the YCJ Program?

NorthSouth's Young Changemaker Journey (YCJ) Program is a remarkable experience for children to achieve never-before-imagined heights. This program guides the changemakers down the path of empathy and helps them create a positive impact on the world. For the past two years, I have been a youth mentor for the YCJ program in both the online and in-person cohorts, but my journey started during my first year, as a student.









Nutri Access

Through this program, I developed a social startup called NutriAccess. This idea initially stemmed from an article from Unicef, stating that a large portion of the children in the world suffered from malnutrition. There were kids out there, suffering to eat, and I acknowledged that people were not doing enough about it. NutriAccess was a way to make foods more nutritious to share with kids who might have been struggling with malnutrition.

As the first year of the program progressed, I started experimenting with various recipes, trying to find ways to make them healthier and as nutrient-rich as possible. Eventually, I participated in an Acton Business Fair, in which I got the award for the most original business. I was thrilled that I could spread awareness about this issue to other people and then start to take the next step of distributing them to kids in need. Additionally, that year I got the wonderful chance to present at the NorthSouth national finals in California and I was even able to give the audience some samples for feedback.



NutriAccess (Young Changemaker's Journey)





NutriAccess (continued)

This year, I gave a TedTalk about NutriAccess but with a newer mission statement. I realized that cancer was a large issue that was exponentially increasing each day and that 75% of cancer deaths can be prevented with a healthy lifestyle, according to Harvard. Dr. Mark Hyman, the director of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Functional Medicine mentioned, "Cancer cells can only run on sugar. You cut off their food source, they die. That's the theory, and it's been shown to be, often, very effective in many difficult to treat cancers, which is now undergoing a lot of research." Many people were inspired by my TedTalk and I had received many comments about how people were trying to go on a sugarfree diet themselves. I even gained recognition from one of the board members of our city when I was giving an overview of the TedTalk showcase a week later.



YCJ Impact

I would would like to attribute these achievements to the support and guidance I received from the YCJ program. I highly recommend this program to other students to try this program to let them see the world through a new lens as it helps us uncover the hidden meaning of empathy, find a spark that resonates within us, look at unique social startups to gain motivation, and so much more! Our ideas for this year's in-person cohort were out of the box, ranging from empowering women to making medical care accessible to reducing the carbon emissions that are affecting the earth.

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Junior Spelling Bee

Senior Spelling Bee Senior Public Speaking

'ear	Place	Name	Chapter
023	1	Akshara Thummala	San Jose, CA
023	2	Amrith Jathin	Orange County, CA
023	3	Aakash Mishra	Seattle, WA
022	1	Shourya Sodhani	Palo Alto, CA
022	2	Jiya Bhavsar	Kansas City, KS
022	3	Neil Kashyap	San Ramon, CA
021	1	Siyonamithra Kandala	Houston, TX
021	1	Visharad Sathish	Virtual Chapter II, US
021	3	Meghna Atla	Dallas, TX
019	1	Dhruv Subramanian	San Ramon, CA
019	2	Srinidhi Rao	Naperville, IL
019	3	Shradha Rachamreddy	Palo Alto, CA
018	1	Achuth Vinay	Fresno, CA
018	2	Grisham Paimagam	Charlotte, NC
018	3	Akash Vukoti	San Antonio, TX
017	1	Nitya Katiravan	Princeton, NJ
017	2	Harini Logan	San Antonio, TX
017	3	Akash Vukoti	San Antonio, TX
016	1	Vayun Krishna	Palo Alto, CA
016	2	Sujata Choudhury	Cherry Hill, NJ
016	3	Srikar Chittemsetty	Tulsa, OK
015	1	Prajwal Vandana	Indianapolis, IN
015	2	Abhijay Kodali	Dallas, TX
015	3	Varun Kudva	Ashburn, VA
014	1	Nihar Janga	Austin, TX
014	2	Shruthika Padhy	Phoenix, AZ
014	3	Harshitha Sunchu	Cambridge, MA
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Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Shradha Rachamreddy	Fremont, CA
2023	2	Tarini Nandakumar	Austin, TX
2023	3	Aryan Khedkar	Detroit, MI
2022	1	Yash Shelar	St. Louis, MO
2022	2	Shradha Rachamreddy	Palo Alto, CA
2022	3	Aryan Khedkar	Detroit, MI
2021	1	Sahasrad Sathish	Virtual Chapter II, US
2021	2	Akshita Balaji	Raleigh, NC
2021	3	Maya Jadhav	Madison, WI
2019	1	Navneeth Murali	Edison, NJ
2019	2	Saharsh Vuppala	Seattle, WA
2018	1	Abhijay Kodali	Dallas, TX
2018	2	Navneeth Murali	Edison, NJ
2018	3	Dhyana Mishra	Orlando, FL
2017	1	Sohum Sukhatankar	Dallas, TX
2017	2	Sreeniketh Vogoti	Jacksonville, FL
2017	3	Tara Singh	Louisville, KY
2016	1	Ananya Kodali	Dallas, TX
2016	2	Smrithi Upadhyayula	Dallas, TX
2016	3	Rohan Sachdev	Raleigh, NC
2015	1	Shourav Dasari	Houston, TX
2015	2	Nihar Janga	Austin, TX
2015	3	Arushi Kalpande	Cambridge, MA
2014	1	Siddharth Krishnakumar	San Antonio, TX
2014	2	Vaishnavi Suren	Jacksonville, FL
2014	3	Lipika Narisetti	Columbus, OH

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Srihan Poludasu	Dallas, TX
2023	2	Maya Sriram	Palo Alto, CA
2023	3	Harshaa Rajarajan	Atlanta, GA
2022	1	Madhalasa Iyer	Dallas, TX
2022	2	Tanvi Rakesh	Cincinnati, OH
2022	3	Riya Shenvi	Edison, NJ
2021	1	Shalini Biju	Worcester, MA
2021	2	Madhalasa Iyer	Dallas, TX
2021	3	Ronith Gouni	St. Louis, MO
2019	1	Rajveer Kindra	Houston, TX
2019	2	Avyay Surampalli	Naperville, IL
2019	3	Suhani Balachandran	Marlboro, NJ
2018	1	Izam Karukappadath	Worcester, MA
2018	2	Shaurya Mehta	Los Angeles, CA
2018	3	Mahathi Mangipudi	Seattle, WA
2017	1	Anirudh Iyer	Worcester, MA
2017	2	Kartik Tyagi	Raleigh, NC
2017	3	Avyay Surampalli	Naperville, IL
2016	1	Sudhan Chitgopkar	Atlanta, GA
2016	2	Nihal Charmani	Dallas, TX
2016	3	Anirudh lyer	Worcester, MA
2015	1	Abhilash Samantapudi	Detroit, MI
2015	2	Keyur Shah	Hartford, CT
2015	3	Sravya Tadepalli	Portland, OR
2014	1	Kodanda Sairam Vinjamuri	Princeton, NJ
2014	2	Renuka Chepuru	Dallas, TX
2014	3	Rohith Krishna	San Jose, CA

Intermediate Brain Bee

	Year	Place	Name	Chapter
	2023	1	Mahima Wuppalapati	Orange County, CA
	2023	2	Rananjay Parmar	Jacksonville, FL
	2023	3	Meghana Wuppalapati	Orange County, CA
	2022	1	Aadhya Shenoy	Orange County, CA
	2022	2	Nakshatra Mohan	Cleveland, OH
	2022	3	Mahima Wuppalapati	Orange County, CA
	2021	1	Riyaa Sri Ramanathan	Manchester, NH
	2021	2	Neelesh Pandey	Ft Lauderdale, FL
	2021	3	Surya Reddy	Houston, TX
	2019	1	Madhalasa Iyer	Dallas, TX
1	2019	2	Aum Jhaveri	Dallas, TX
	2019	3	Sriram Kutty	Seattle, WA
	2018	1	Sharvani Vadlamani	Cherry Hill, NJ
ı	2018	2	Anmol Bhatia	Edison, NJ
	2018	3	Deboshri Kanjilal	St. Louis, MO
	2017	1	Aravind Krishnan	Princeton, NJ
	2017	2	Vignesh Anand	Houston, TX
	2017	3	Udbhav Bodapati	Cherry Hill, NJ

Senior Brain Bee

Yea	r Place	Name	Chapter
2023	3 1	Thrisha Kalpatthi	Pittsburgh, PA
2023	3 2	Aadhya Shenoy	Orange County, CA
2023	3 3	Adhya Duggal	Cincinnati, OH
2022	2 1	Sanjana Pulaparthi	Worcester, MA
2022	2 2	Mahathi Harith	Austin, TX
2022	2 3	Shishir Vargheese	Kansas City, KS
2021	1 1	Veda Dayananda	Charlotte, NC
2021	1 2	Ruhi Chand	Kansas City, KS
2021	1 3	Navneeth Murali	Edison, NJ
2019	9 1	Aryan Verma	Omaha, NE
2019	9 2	Gowri Kamma	Austin, TX
2019	3	Priyanka Senthil	Sacramento, CA
2018	3 1	Shouri Bochetty	Peoria, IL
2018	3 2	Lipika Narisetti	Columbus, OH
2018	3 3	Sraavya Anne	Cleveland, OH
2017	7 1	Veenadhari Kollipara	Seattle, WA
2017	7 2	Hemanth Asirvatham	Rochester, MN
2017	7 3	Kartik Tyagi	Raleigh, NC
2016	5 1	Navya Janga	Austin, TX
2016	5 2	Ashwin Veeramani	Cleveland, OH
2016	5 3	Akhil Kondepudi	St. Louis, MO
2015	5 1	Abhishek Iyer	Ft Lauderdale, FL
2015	5 2	Yash Gupta	Princeton, NJ

Adithya Sanjay

Detroit, MI

Math Bee Level 1

Year Place Name Chapter 2023 Shrevin Mirpuri Seattle, WA Vivaan Mallick San Jose, CA 2023 2 Srivibhav Mandapaka Los Angeles, CA 2023 3 Charlotte, NC 2022 1 Arin Samanta 2022 2 Rishi Kumar Tampa, FL Advik Kumar 2022 San Jose, CA Aqeedah Khan Worcester, MA 2021 2 Davin Patel Dallas, TX Aahana Kundu /irtual Chapter II, US Alden Raymond 2019 Sacramento, CA 1 2019 2 Aryan Shome Edison, NJ 2019 3 Aveek Sarkar Naperville, IL 2018 Rajarshi Mandal Manchester, NH 1 Portland, OR 2018 2 Anika Malyavanatham Surya Raghavan 2018 Parsippany, NJ 2017 Vikram Goudar Virginia Beach, VA Seattle, WA 2017 2 Parthiv Mothipati 2017 3 Tarun Venkatesh Manchester, NH 2016 1 Sohil Rathi Palo Alto, CA 2016 Havisha Kalpatthi Kansas City, KS Krivi Partani Cambridge, MA 2016 2015 Vedanti Joshi Naperville, IL 2015 Rohith Raghavan Cambridge, MA Saharsh Bejugam 2015 Dallas, TX 2014 1 Shreev Goyal Austin, TX 2 2014 Satvik Kabbur Seattle, WA 2014 Vikas Sarvasya Triad, NC

Math Bee Level 2

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Ashwath Arunachalam	Seattle, WA
2023	2	Ritwin Sathish	Seattle, WA
2023	3	Kavin Kumarappan	Marlboro, NJ
2022	1	Advait Joshi	Parsippany, NJ
2022	2	Anish Agrawal	Seattle, WA
2022	3	Meera lyer	Manchester, NH
2021	1	Rajarshi Mandal	Worcester, MA
2021	2	Surya Raghavan	Edison, NJ
2021	3	Advait Badrish	Seattle, WA
2019	1	Zubin Talwar	Seattle, WA
2019	2	Suvam Konar	Columbus, OH
2019	3	Vishnu Mangipudi	Seattle, WA
2018	1	Om Patel	Indianapolis, IN
2018	2	Rohith Raghavan	Cambridge, MA
2018	3	Shreyan Paliwal	Portland, OR
2017	1	Bhushan Mohanraj	Charlotte, NC
2017	2	Thrisha Kalpatthi	Des Moines, IA
2017	3	Tanishq Pauskar	Cleveland, OH
2016	1	Siddharth Doppalapudi	Auburn, AL
2016	2	Apoorva Panidapu	San Jose, CA
2016	3	Raghav Arun	Raleigh, NC
2015	1	Chirag Verma	Seattle, WA
2015	2	Anuj Sakarda	Worcester, MA
2015	3	Ram Goel	Portland, OR
2014	1	Vivek Chalasani	Phoenix, AZ
2014	2	Alor Sahoo	Bakersfield, CA
2014	3	Chinmay Krishna	Kansas City, KS

Math Bee Level 3

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Rajarshi Mandal	Manchester, NH
2023	2	Anirudh Thodupunuri	Portland, OR
2023	3	Anshul Mantri	Portland, OR
2022	1	Arush Kristipati	Columbus, OH
2022	2	Anshul Mantri	Portland, OR
2022	3	Tanish Shetty	Salt Lake City, UT
2021	1	Pratham Mukewar	Manchester, NH
2021	2	Kesav Kalanidhi	Raleigh, NC
2021	3	Harini Venkatesh	Dallas, TX
2019	1	Bhushan Mohanraj	Charlotte, NC
2019	2	Nilay Mishra	San Jose, CA
2019	3	Ritwin Narra	San Jose, CA
2018	1	Pavan Jayaraman	Princeton, NJ
2018	2	Divyesh Murugan	Parsippany, NJ
2018	3	Rohit Dasanoor	Cleveland, OH
2017	1	Aditya Akula	Columbus, OH
2017	1	Chinmay Krishna	Kansas City, KS
2017	1	Karthik Vedula	Jacksonville, FL
2017	1	Prathinav Merneedi	Libertyville, IL
2017	1	Pravalika Putalapattu	Fairfax, VA
2017	1	Tarun Kumar Martheswaran	Salt Lake City, UT
2016	1	Aditya Sundaram	Raleigh, NC
2016	1	Aditya Vargheese	Kansas City, KS
2016	1	Arpit Ranasaria	Seattle, WA
2016	1	Bharat Narayanasamy	San Mateo, CA
2016	1	Ishan Goel	Detroit, MI
2016	1	Rahul Thomas	Denver, CO
2016	1	Ram Potham	Libertyville, IL
2016	1	Srihari Ganesh	Detroit, MI
2016	1	Srinivasan Sathiamurthy	Cambridge, MA
2015	1	Roshni Padhi	Barrington, IL
2015	1	Saaketh Vedantam	Ft Lauderdale, FL
2015	1	Sivabalan Muthupalaniappan	Libertyville, IL
2014	1	Anusha Sahai	Madison, WI
2014	2	Akshaj Kadaveru	Rockville, MD
2014	3	Shreyaa Raghavan	Cambridge, MA



Junior Science

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Srivibhav Mandapaka	Los Angeles, CA
2023	2	Kabir Bhargava	Atlanta, GA
2023	3	Vidyuth Vighnesh	Ft Lauderdale, FL
2022	1	Neil Kashyap	San Ramon, CA
2022	2	Vasudev Nambulli	Pittsburgh, PA
2022	3	Jiya Bhavsar	Kansas City, KS
2021	1	Aahana Kundu	Virtual Chapter II, US
2021	2	Nakshatra Gupta	Austin, TX
2021	3	Shreekar Saravanan	Manchester, NH
2019	1	Rajarshi Mandal	Manchester, NH
2019	2	Maya Hulyalkar	Barrington, IL
2019	3	Alden Raymond	Sacramento, CA
2018	1	Bhavya Dash	San Jose, CA
2018	2	Ishidevesh Behera	Edison, NJ
2018	3	Tarun Venkatesh	Manchester, NH
2017	1	Vishnu Mangipudi	Olympia, WA
2017	2	Harini Venkatesh	San Antonio, TX
2017	3	Saathvik Kamma	Houston, TX
2016	1	Balaadithya Muralitharan	Omaha, NE
2016	2	Anik Bora	Ft Lauderdale, FL
2016	3	Akshansh Chauhan	Libertyville, IL
2015	1	Sathvik Redrouthu	Ashburn, VA
2015	2	Diya Naik	Columbus, OH
2015	3	Siddarth Kasi	Orlando, FL
2014	1	Om Duggineni	Fairfax, VA
2014	2	Suraj Parikh	Sacramento, CA
2014	3	Raghav Arun	Raleigh, NC

Intermediate Science

1	⁄ear	Place	Name	Chapter
	2023	1	Rishabh Rajesh	Barrington, IL
[2	2023	2	Nidhish Kumar Thalapaneni	Ann Arbor, MI
2	2023	3	Idhant Gupta	Parsippany, NJ
	2022	1	Eesha Rachakonda	Omaha, NE
2	2022	2	Aahil Bhagyaraj	Omaha, NE
2	2022	3	Alden Raymond	Sacramento, CA
	2021	1	Sujit Sathyamurthi	Manchester, NH
2	2021	2	Kavin Elangovan	Houston, TX
2	2021	3	Matthew Flowerhill	Los Angeles, CA
	2019	1	Anand Swaroop	Cambridge, MA
2	2019	2	Harini Venkatesh	Dallas, TX
2	2019	3	Arush Goswami	Portland, OR
[2	2018	1	Vishnu Mangipudi	Seattle, WA
[2	2018	2	Sohil Rathi	San Mateo, CA
2	2018	3	Rohith Raghavan	Manchester, NH
	2017	1	Chegu Vijay Aashray	Seattle, WA
2	2017	2	Balaadithya Muralitharan	Omaha, NE
2	2017	3	Tanishq Pauskar	Cleveland, OH
	2016	1	Raghav Arun	Raleigh, NC
[2	2016	2	Adhiraiyan Kartheesan	Minneapolis, MN
2	2016	3	Yuvan Chali	St. Louis, MO
	2015	1	Om Duggineni	Fairfax, VA
2	2015	2	Saipranav Kosuri	Raleigh, NC
2	2015	3	Pujita Tangirala	San Jose, CA
[2	2014	1	Shirlin Kingston	Des Moines, IA
2	2014	2	Soham Konar	Columbus, OH
2	2014	3	Akshay Shyam	Dallas, TX

Senior Science

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Rananjay Parmar	Jacksonville, FL
2023	2	Anagha Ramprasad	Seattle, WA
2023	3	Varyan Jain	Phoenix, AZ
2022	1	Vishnu Mangipudi	Seattle, WA
2022	2	Harini Venkatesh	Houston, TX
2022	3	Sujit Sathyamurthi	Manchester, NH
2021	1	Anik Bora	Ft Lauderdale, FL
2021	2	Vishnu Mangipudi	Seattle, WA
2021	3	Harini Venkatesh	Houston, TX
2019	1	Roshni Parulekar- Martins	Fremont, CA
2019	2	Vishnu Mangipudi	Seattle, WA
2019	3	Sukrith Velmineti	Raleigh, NC
2018	1	Om Duggineni	Fairfax, VA
2018	2	Saipranav Kosuri	Charlotte, NC
2018	3	Shreya Mogulothu	Princeton, NJ
2017	1	Tom George	Tucson, AZ
2017	2	Omkar Arasaiah	Tucson, AZ
2017	3	Risha Chakraborty	San Jose, CA
2016	1	Kanav Mittal	Palo Alto, CA
2016	2	Sidharth Addepalli	Libertyville, IL
2016	3	Risha Chakraborty	Fremont, CA
2015	1	Praneet Mekala	Cambridge, MA
2015	2	Tom George	Tucson, AZ
2015	3	Vaibhav Sharma	Ashburn, VA
2014	1	Pratham Soni	Ann Arbor, MI
2014	2	Kavya Kopparapu	Rockville, MD
2014	3	Abhishek Iyer	Ft Lauderdale, FL

Junior Geography Bee

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Aadyant Duvvuru	San Jose, CA
2023	2	Arjun Banda	Austin, TX
2023	3	Anvee Das	Cherry Hill, NJ
2022	1	Aditya Kovvuri	Milwaukee, WI
2022	2	Akshay Vemuri	San Jose, CA
2022	3	Madhava Kurella	Portland, OR
2021	1	Meghna Atla	Dallas, TX
2021	2	Hithav Annamreddy	Ashburn, VA
2021	3	Rohit Aute	Seattle, WA

2019	1	Lakshya Pradhyay Veguru	Seattle, WA
2019	2	Siddhu Nagarajan	Edison, NJ
2019	3	Rishik Kundu	Worcester, MA
2018	1	Anish Raja	Atlanta, GA
2018	2	Yash Jaju	Orange County, CA
2018	3	Nirmal Melam	Des Moines, IA
2017	1	Aarush Tutiki	Tucson, AZ
2017	2	Karthik Panchangam	Edison, NJ
2017	3	Anish Raja	Atlanta, GA

2016	1	Atreya Mallanna	Worcester, MA
2016	2	Pranavkrishna Bharanidharan	Sacramento, CA
2016	3	Samvrit Rao	Rockville, MD
2015	1	Abhiram Kapaganty	Atlanta, GA
2015	2	Vaibhav Hariram	Raleigh, NC
2015	3	Ashmith Kumbala	Long Island, NY
2014	1	Pavan Venkatakrishnan	Louisville, KY
2014	2	Bharath Ram	Ft Lauderdale, FL
2014	3	Ashmith Kumbala	Long Island, NY



Junior Vocabulary

Intermediate Vocabulary

Senior Essay Writing

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Vikyath Tanamala	Ashburn, VA
2023	2	Neil Kashyap	San Jose, CA
2023	3	Sumedh Kulkarni	Ashburn, VA
2022	1	Aparna Sarkar	Naperville, IL
2022	2	Dhruv Menon	Ashburn, VA
2022	3	Kyra Khullar	Ashburn, VA
2021	1	Vihaan Kulkarni	San Diego, CA
2021	2	Visharad Sathish	Virtual Chapter II, US
2021	3	Ahana Kashyap	Philadelphia, PA
2019	1	Vivinsha Veduru	Dallas, TX
2019	2	Aveek Sarkar	Naperville, IL
2019	3	Tahan Choudhury	Raleigh, NC
2018	1	Ishaana Vishwanath	Barrington, IL
2018	2	Nishka Reddy	San Diego, CA
2018	3	Diya Somnali	Orlando, FL
2017	1	Siri Mutalik Desai	Naperville, IL
2017	2	Vedanti Patil	Portland, OR
2017	3	Aarav Prakash	Seattle, WA
2016	1	Abhishek Vijay	Manchester, NH
2016	2	Adrija Rukmini	Charlotte, NC
2016	3	Emily Nethala	Triad, NC
2015	1	Akhilsai Damera	Worcester, MA
2015	2	Pranav Kallavi	Indianapolis, IN
2015	3	Garima Rastogi	Manchester, NH
2014	1	Nihar Janga	Austin, TX
2014	2	Shruthika Padhy	Phoenix, AZ
2014	3	Rishik Gandhasri	Palo Alto, CA

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Sree Vidya Siliveri	Jacksonville, FL
2023	2	Navika Joseph	San Jose, CA
2023	3	Aadhav Sriram	Barrington, IL
2022	1	Dev Shah	Jacksonville, FL
2022	2	Shreekar Saravanan	Manchester, NH
2022	3	Sree Vidya Siliveri	Jacksonville, FL
2021	1	Shradha Rachamreddy	Palo Alto, CA
2021	2	Sahasrad Sathish	Virtual Chapter II, US
2021	3	Akshaj Kalepalli	Edison, NJ
2019	1	Akhilsai Damera	Worcester, MA
2019	2	Ishya Bhavsar	Kansas City, KS
2019	3	Not Used Not Used	Edison, NJ
2018	1	Navneeth Murali	Edison, NJ
2018	2	Neha Chelamkuri	Dallas, TX
2018	3	Vayun Krishna	Palo Alto, CA
2017	1	Shruthika Padhy	Cherry Hill, NJ
2017	2	Shreeya Kar	Palo Alto, CA
2017	3	Jashun Paluru	Indianapolis, IN
2016	1	Smrithi Upadhyayula	Dallas, TX
2016	2	Sreeniketh Vogoti	Jacksonville, FL
2016	3	Ronak Saluja	Worcester, MA
2015	1	Nikhita Jayaprakash	San Jose, CA
2015	2	Rohan Sachdev	Raleigh, NC
2015	3	Smrithi Upadhyayula	Dallas, TX
2014	1	Rishabh Gaur	Kansas City, KS
2014	2	Nikhita Jayaprakash	San Jose, CA
2014	3	Shiva Balasubramanian	MahwahRockland, NJ

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Maya Sriram	Palo Alto, CA
2023	2	Atman Balakrishnan	Barrington, IL
2023	3	Rihalya Sivakumar	Rockville, MD
2022	1	Sanjana Bandi	Princeton, NJ
2022	2	Vinay Kalva	Phoenix, AZ
2022	3	Sharabh Ojha	Marlboro, NJ
2021	1	Suhani Balachandran	Marlboro, NJ
2021	2	Sanjay Bharadwaj	San Diego, CA
2021	3	Arnav Busani	St. Louis, MO
2019	1	Rishi Nair	Tampa, FL
2019	2	Avyay Surampalli	Naperville, IL
2019	3	Suhani Balachandran	Marlboro, NJ
2018	1	Anirudh lyer	Worcester, MA
2018	2	Palak Mehta	Princeton, NJ
2018	3	Aditi Sridhar	Wilmington, DE
2017	1	Meghana Annambhotla	Hartford, CT
2017	2	Anirudh lyer	Worcester, MA
2017	3	Siddhant Puranik	Houston, TX
2016	1	Kevin Chacko	Tampa, FL
2016	2	Alekya Vejendla	Houston, TX
2016	3	Sameer Jain	Austin, TX
2015	1	Esha Thakkar	Raleigh, NC
2015	2	Prianka Subrahmanyam	Detroit, MI
2015	3	Keyur Shah	Hartford, CT
2014	1	Nehali Vishwanath	Houston, TX
2014	2	Mahati Vavilala	Detroit, MI
2014	3	Gunjan Gaur	Omaha, NE

Senior Geography Bee

Year	Place	Name	Chapter
2023	1	Siddhu Nagarajan	Edison, NJ
2023	2	Sudhanva Belur	Palo Alto, CA
2023	3	Kedar Athreya	Houston, TX
2022	1	Arush Duggal	Naperville, IL
2022	2	Naman Mishra	Seattle, WA
2022	3	Sudhanva Belur	San Jose, CA
2021	1	Abhiraam Girish	Palo Alto, CA
2021	2	Nirmal Melam	Virtual Chapter II, US
2021	3	Bhargav Raghavan	Ashburn, VA

2019	1	Kaylan Patel	Orlando, FL
2019	2	Satvik Pochiraju	Columbus, OH
2019	3	Jishnu Nayak	San Ramon, CA
2018	1	Shreyan Mitra	San Jose, CA
2018	2	Kaylan Patel	Orlando, FL
2018	3	Adrija Kundu	Edison, NJ
2018	3	Satvik Pochiraju	Columbus, OH
2017	1	Atreya Mallanna	Worcester, MA
2017	2	Kaylan Patel	Orlando, FL
2017	3	Shreyan Mitra	Palo Alto, CA
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2017	3	Shreyan Mitra	Palo Alto, CA
2016	1	Nabhoneel Sil Upadhyay	Rockville, MD
2016	2	Arjun Nathan	Palo Alto, CA
2016	3	Smaran Pasupulati	Ashburn, VA
2015	1	Saket Pochiraju	Columbus, OH
2015	2	Ashwin Ganesh	Tampa, FL
2015	3	Sravya Kuchibhotla	Raleigh, NC
2014	1	Abhinav Karthikeyan	Rockville, MD
2014	2	Sohan Gade	Dallas, TX
2014	3	Govind Prabhakar	Libertyville, IL

NorthSouth Rank Scholarships

Junior Spellin	ng Bee
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Senior Spellin	ng Bee
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Senior Essay	Writing
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Junior Vocabu	lary Bee
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Intermediate Voca	bulary Bee
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Senior Public S	peaking
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Math Bee Le	evel 1
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Math Bee Le	evel 2
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Math Bee Le	evel 3
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250

Junior Science	Competition
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Intermediate Scien	ce Competition
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Senior Science	Competition
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Junior Geogr	aphy Bee
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Senior Geogr	aphy Bee
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Computer Scien	nce Level 3
1st Rank	\$1,000
2nd Rank	\$500
3rd Rank	\$250
Intermediate I	Brain Bee
1st Rank	\$1,000
1st Rank 2nd Rank	\$1,000 \$500
2nd Rank	\$500 \$250
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NorthSouth Lifetime Achievement Award

We are honored to posthumously bestow the Lifetime Achievement Award upon Dr. Madhavi Sekharam in recognition of her unwavering dedication and exceptional contributions to the North South Foundation from 2008 until her untimely passing. Dr. Sekharam's tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on NorthSouth.

Securing Educational Institutions

Dr. Sekharam's commitment to academic excellence was demonstrated by her successful efforts in securing an educational institution to host the Tampa's chapter regional contests, entirely free of cost. This significant contribution not only provided a conducive environment for contestants but also ensured the sustainability of the Tampa chapter.

Sponsorship and Support

Understanding the importance of nourishment during demanding contest days, Dr. Sekharam generously sponsored lunches for all contestants and volunteers. Her thoughtful provision ensured that everyone could perform at their best without any concern for basic needs.



Dr. Madhavi Sekharam

National Finals Initiative

In 2015, Dr. Sekharam's dedication led her to Columbus, OH, where she meticulously observed the National Finals. Her insights and experiences from this visit were instrumental in our successful organization of the 2016 National Finals in Tampa. Through her relentless efforts, she secured numerous halls and classrooms, once again without incurring any costs to our organization.

Promotion and Volunteer Mobilization

Dr. Sekharam actively promoted the North South Foundation's activities at various events, including the Federation of Indian Associations of Tampa Bay and Gurukulam of Tampa Bay, where she played a pivotal role. Her advocacy brought heightened visibility to our mission and garnered significant community support. Additionally, her ability to mobilize hundreds of volunteers for the 2016 National Finals was a testament to her leadership and influence.

Leadership in Grading and Sponsorship

Taking up the critical role of grading lead, Dr. Sekharam ensured that all timelines were met, allowing us to proceed smoothly to Phase 3 and the Awards ceremony. Her meticulousness and dedication were pivotal in maintaining the integrity and efficiency of our contests. Furthermore, she identified numerous rank sponsors, enhancing the prestige and financial stability of our events.

Inspiration and Motivation

Above all, Dr. Sekharam was a source of motivation and encouragement for many. Her positive spirit, unwavering dedication, and relentless pursuit of excellence inspired us all to strive for greater heights. She played a crucial role in fostering a supportive and motivated community within the North South Foundation.

Dr. Madhavi Sekharam's legacy is one of profound impact and heartfelt dedication. Her contributions have significantly advanced the mission of the North South Foundation and have touched the lives of countless individuals. We are deeply grateful for her invaluable service and are honored to present this Lifetime Achievement Award in her memory. Her spirit will continue to inspire and guide us in all our future endeavors.

With deepest gratitude, North South Foundation



Champions nominated by NorthSouth Chapters

These individuals were chosen by their chapter directors for being inspirations to the whole NorthSouth Community

- Naveen Hanumansetty, Ashburn VA
- Raja Selvakumar, Atlanta GA
- Arpita Gandhi, Augusta GA
- Hemanth Bhagawatula, Austin TX
- Surendra Dara, Bakersfield CA
- Shruthika Padhy, Cherry Hill NJ
- Sujata Choudhury, Cherry Hill NJ
- Nikita Shukla, Cherry Hill NK
- Sanjana Ganga, Cincinnati OH
- Prashanth Jovi, Cleveland OH
- Vedantanshu Kar, Columbus IN
- Naysa Modi, Dallas TX
- Aadithya Senthilkumar, Denver CO
- Navneeth Murali, Edison NJ
- Vaibhav Menedal, Harrisburg PA
- Chinmay Govinf, Harrisburg PA
- Arathi Ihaveri, Houston TX
- Raj Sangam, Jacksonville FL
- Ram Iyer, Kansas City KS
- Aswath Karai, Lansing MI
- Dr. Priya Krishnan, Louisville KY
- Tejaswani Sridhar, MahwahRockland NJ
- Yasaswani Sridhar, MahwahRockland NJ
- Karuna Seyyadri, Manchester NH
- Saanvi Jaswal, Marlboro NJ
 - * This page is dedicated to recognizing "champions" from each chapter who truly embody NorthSouth's ideals and can serve to inspire the next generation of leaders. The "champion" can be a volunteer, a competitor, an alum, or a former volunteer. Since it is a new addition, we anticipate more chapters embracing their "champions" in the future.

- Kartik Ramachandrula, Milwaukee WI
- Mikhail Dean, Minneapolis MN
- Sreekar Vajjha, Oklahoma City OK
- Charan Pratapeneni, Oklahoma City OK
- Renuka Vallarapu, Olympia WA
- S. Chandana Veluri, Orlando FL
- Suresh Kadiyala, Palo Alto CA
- · Mrs. Barti Perini, Peoria IL
- Abhinav Medi, Philadelphia PA
- Jishnu Nayak, Phoenix AZ
- Thiyagarajan Ramakrishnan, Pittsburgh PA
- Siddharth Maruvada, Raleigh NC
- Harini Logan, San Antonio TX
- Mylavarapu Family (Padmini & Narayana),
 San Diego CA
- Rutvik M Gandhasri, San Jose CA
- Rishik M Gandhasri, San Jose CA
- Harshil Garq, San Jose CA
- Tagore Vattipalli , Tulsa OK







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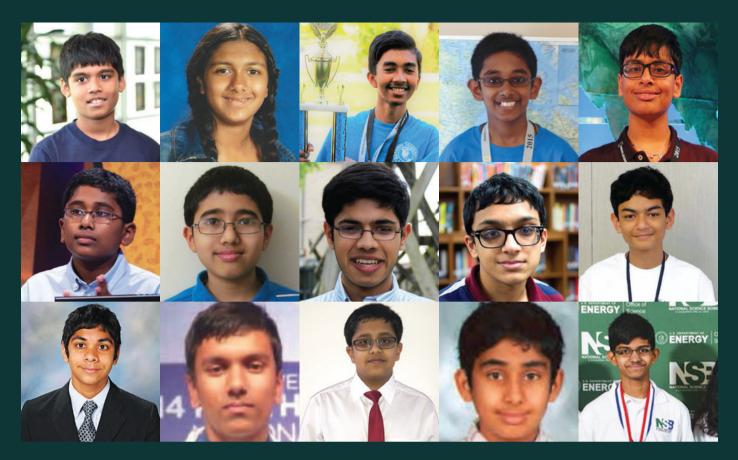
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Scripps National Spelling Bee Champions





2023



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Rishik Gandhasri 2019



Shruthika Padhay 2019



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Abhijay Kodali 2019



Rohan Raja 2019



Karthik Nemmani



Annanya Vinay 2017



Nihar Janga 2016



Jairam Hathwar 2016



Vanya Shivashankar 2015



Gokul Venkatachalam



Sriram Hathwar 2014



2013



Snighdha Nandipati 2012



Sukanya Roy 2011



Anamika Veeramani 2010



Kavya Shivashankar 2009



Sammer Mishra 2008

North South Foundation Offerings

Learning Journey

Our Learning Journey Program is designed to support K-12 students in achieving their career goals, enhancing their social skills, and fostering a sense of community.

Workshops

We organize online and onsite workshops for our students to help them prepare for a stronger future and participate in top-notch competitions worldwide. Our Workshops: Online Workshops, On-Site Workshops, Information Sessions, College Admission Planning, Prep Clubs.

Coaching

North South Foundation provides coaching in various subjects and fields to enrich student learning beyond regular school.

Contests

North South Foundation has more than 90 chapters in the US organizing the regional contests every year. The top ranks nationwide are invited to compete at the National Finals where top rankers are awarded scholarships...

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Changemakers

The Young Changemakers of NorthSouth(YCNS) are passionate young minds from elementary to high school who want to make a difference in the world.

India Scholarships

North South Foundation aims to provide scholarships to economically disadvantaged children to attend college in India. Our goal is to reach 3,500 annual scholarships by 2026 and 5,000 per year by 2028.



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5,000+ Dedicated Volunteers

500+ Successful Events

90+ Extensive Chapters



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