

NSF Youth Ambassador Program

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A few days after the summer of 2018 began, I learned that we were going to India. I was thrilled to visit my relatives in India again. My mom then told me about the NSF APNA program before we left India, and I was excited to participate. I thought that this would be a great opportunity to visit a school and share my knowledge with all the students. And I was right because not only was I just teaching the students, but I was also inspiring them.

Once we reached India, we found a government school to teach in. We decided to host the workshop at the Sri Niketan High School in Attapur, Hyderabad. At this school, I taught a class of 6th grade students on grammar and about future careers. This class consisted of



about 40 students. At the beginning, I was scared, as I have never conducted a workshop before. But a while after I started teaching, I felt more comfortable.

As I walked into the classroom, all the students stood up and said, "Good Morning Madam." This 6th grade class was very active and attentive. Whenever I would ask them questions, they were always ready to answer back. Even though they didn't know what the answer was, they would still





try their best. I thought that the students wouldn't be able to understand my accent properly, but they did understand my accent after I started talking slower. At the beginning, I gave them an introduction of what I was going to be teaching, and about the NSA program and why it's important. As our lesson was on grammar, I taught them about what sentences consist of. These were subjects, verbs, as well as infinitives, and prepositions.

Our next lesson was on future careers. First, I asked all the students what they wanted to be in the future. Many students raised their hands and said a variety of things like doctor, engineer, IAS, and Collector.... I was so happy to hear these 6th graders know that they have a future where they can succeed. I continued teaching them on the importance of making goals for their future, and how to attack these goals.

After our lesson, all the students gave me a handshake. Leaving the classroom, truly left me with an amazing experience. It showed me how we take the littlest things for granted. We might not be used to the smaller classrooms and the chalkboards, but even without some of the things we have, they still continue on and know that there is a



bright future for them. I would love to participate in this program again the next time we come to India. I would like to thank NSF, my uncle,

principal, and staff, for giving me this wonderful opportunity.