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Celebrating 27 years of
Encouraging Excellence in Education

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Celebrating the 27th year of Promoting Excellence

Twenty seven years is a long time for any NGO. The journey of 27 years entail the story of thousands of people including donors, scholarship recipients in India, children, parents, volunteers and patrons both in the US and India.

It was December 1988 when North South Foundation was born in our basement. It was the brainchild of Dr. N. Bhaskara Rao of New Delhi and I following a long discussion. In 1989, North South Foundation (NSF) was established, and the first scholarship was given in the same year. While the charter of NSF was quite broad, our initial focus was to eliminate money as a barrier for advancement, especially for children with academic excellence in India.

Consistent with this vision, the Foundation began providing college scholarships in India for those who excel among the poor. Starting in 1993, under the leadership of Dr. Murali Gavini, the Foundation began in the US to encourage academic excellence among the children of Indian-American community through educational contests. Starting with spelling bee at first, contests were expanded over time to include vocabulary, math, science, geography, essay writing, public speaking and brain bee. The table below highlights some of the NSF accomplishments, primarily in numerical terms.

	1994	1999	2004	2009	2014	2015
INDIA						
Chapters	3	5	10	14	26	26
Scholarships (including renewals)	110	154	300	600	2400	2,450
Cumulative Scholarships	310	1,040	2,400	4,700	12,380	14,830
USA						
Contests	2	2	9	15	18	18
Chapters	16	18	46	70	85	85
Children Participating	800	800	3,200	8,400	17,930	16,270
Cumulative Participation	1,600	5,600	13,160	48,970	122,510	138,780
Scholarships for Champions	6	7	24	33	42	42
Cumulative Scholarships	12	43	101	266	446	488

It is gratifying to know that NSF has been able to serve thousands of talented children, both in India and US. The credit goes to the thousands of dedicated volunteers, donors, and parents. We are very grateful to all of them.

Over the last six years, NSF online coaching has become very popular in the US. The program includes pre-mathcounts, mathcounts, SAT English/Math, Science, Geography and Universal Values. More than 3,500 children have enrolled this year.

In closing we wish to thank all the stakeholders including donors, parents, volunteers, well wishers, and beneficiaries.

Ratnam Chitturi, Founder

On behalf of the National Coordination Team, North South Foundation

What Is North South Foundation

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North South Foundation is a non-profit organization established in Illinois in 1989. It received tax-exempt status under the IRS Section 501(c)(3).

Our Mission is to promote excellence in human endeavor, to develop human resources, and to help people achieve success regardless of religion, gender, caste or geographic origin by giving hope to those who may have none.

The Foundation is all-volunteer driven with less than 5 percent overhead. While organizing events, we strive to get discounts from our vendors and sponsorships for our awards. These measures keep our expenses down and channel donated funds more towards helping the needy.

The Scholarship program in India is designed to encourage excellence among the poor. It is targeted at qualified, needy students entering college. Nearly 15,000 scholarships have been awarded to date. The Foundation has given about 2,500 scholarships the past academic year. Each scholarship is \$250 per student per year for professional degree programs. Awards are made following strict selection criteria based on merit and need. Students are selected from 26 centers spread across India. These centers are run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to the noble cause of helping the poor who excel in studies attend college. There is a plan to add more chapters, especially in states where NSF does not have a presence. Please contact us if you can help us start a new chapter.

Educational contests in the US are designed to encourage academic excellence among Indian American children. The spelling, vocabulary, math, science, geography, essay writing, and public speaking bees are conducted annually in two steps. Children initially participate in any of 85 centers in the US. Winners of these contests are invited for the national finals. National top three rankers are awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$250, redeemable in the winners' freshman year of college. Brain bee is conducted only at the national level. More than 138,000 contestants benefited from NSF bees. Please contact us if you would like to have a chapter in your area. NSF offers online coaching in pre-mathcounts, mathcounts, SAT, Science, Geography and Universal Values. More than 3,500 children have enrolled this year. Online coaching is made possible through the dedication of 250 volunteer coaches with a passion to make a difference.

Accomplishments of NSF Children: Many NSF children have scored top ranks in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, National Geographic Bee, MATHCOUNTS, and Science Bowls. Top colleges in the US have accepted numerous NSF children. More importantly, these contests help children improve their communication skills, self-confidence and empower them to become better citizens for tomorrow.

Role Model Award: The Foundation has awarded its inaugural Role Model Award, 'Vishwa Jyothi' to Rajiv Vinnakota in 2003, Nipun Mehta in 2004 and Nimesh Patel in 2014. It helps to showcase human values and academic excellence to the children of Indian American community.

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Highlights of 2015

25th Anniversary Celebration

The North South Foundation's 25th Anniversary Celebration was held on October 10, 2015 in Naperville, IL. It was a grand success with 1,300 participants. The event was recorded, and videos will be posted on the NSF Website and YouTube. There is more to celebrate in the ongoing success stories of NRI children in America and their rapid progress in helping thousands of bright but needy kids pursuing college education in India. This wouldn't have been possible without the expansion of NSF activities: there are three new chapters in the country, where the new teams of volunteers joined and successfully organized regional educational contests.

NSF Kids in the Big Leagues

True to its mission, NSF has helped many students win accolades with their accomplishments in several national mainstream contests, including: Scripps National Spelling Bee: The 8-year winning streak has continued with Van-ya Shivashankar and Gokul Venkatachalam declared as co-champions this year. National Geographic Bee – The 3-year winning streak has continued with Karan Menon as the champion and Shriya Yarlagadda as the runner-up. Lastly, Sadhana Durbha was declared as the winner of the Medical spelling bee organized by HOSA, a first for an NSF kid.

Online Coaching

The NSF online coaching program has become a breeding ground for future champions in the educational contests that takes place in close to 85 regional chapters across USA. The program continues to expand in many aspects, the most notable being the introduction of an online science class. In the first year itself, science coaching reached the highest enrollment of over 800 students. The online coaching program reached its record high with over 3500 registrations in areas like Pre-Mathcounts, Mathcounts, SAT English, SAT Math, Geography, Science and Universal Values programs. These funds have also gone to support the scholarships in India. This is only possible because of the dedicated team, comprised of over 250 coaches, under the leadership of Dr. Praveen Goli.

National Finals

This year's Finals program has been one of the best organized ones, thanks to the Columbus chapter team and its coordinator, Srivital Choppara. Proper execution of scheduled contests and prompt completion allowed the event to go by smoothly, in spite of a record number of participants. The Bee book was also a highlight: it was published in India and produced with better quality and lower cost. Vendor management was a success and set the tone for a professional organization of the event. Food was distributed to 4 vendors and--because of this-- we were able to provide better quality food promptly. This efficient organization was only possible with a huge base of dedicated volunteers; this was built from the beginning and entire families were involved. This was also the first time the contests were webcast

live using Yupp TV. Because of all of this, participant and family satisfaction was at an all time high.

Matching Gifts

There are many companies that encourage giving for education by matching a dollar for a dollar to their employee contributions. The Foundation has received matching funds from several well-known companies including Abbott Lab, American Express, Bank of America, BP, Bristol Myers, Cisco, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Monsanto, Oracle, Pfizer, Tudor Investment Trust, United Technologies, and Verizon. In addition, the Foundation is grateful to all the corporate employees contributing to United Way (individual companies allow for pay-roll deductions of the employees contribution to the United Way) who have designated their contribution for North South Foundation scholarships. For further information, please call 630-323-1966.

Volunteers

There has been a tremendous growth in terms of contests conducted by NSF. We are happy to report that around 16,000 contestants registered in various categories this year. The Foundation is always looking for new volunteers in many areas of its endeavors. The success of any public foundation depends on its volunteers, and the collective efforts of volunteers is what made this foundation what it is today.

Funding for educational Contests in America

The expenses for conducting the contests are covered by registration fees and local collections. The scholarships for the National Champions are covered by contributions from individuals, non-profit organizations, and excess funds remaining from the registration fees.

India Activities

During 2015 scholarship season, we continue to actively promote scholarship programs in the 26 chapters across India. More than 2,500 scholarships were awarded over the past year. For the 2015-16 academic year, the target is 3,000. The website (www.northsouth.org) was updated to make it easy for potential applicants, volunteers and donors to access information about our India scholarship program. For more information about the India Scholarship program, please contact Madavi Oliver at madavioliver@gmail.com

APNA – Ambassador Program for NSF Alumni

NSF also offers a great leadership and volunteering opportunity for NRI high school kids to work in India during the summer. It is an ambassador program for NSF Alumni, in which students can help coach kids in India with English, math, science or geography, particularly in government schools in rural areas or urban municipal schools. For a preview, please see the website for stories of past participants. Thank you. <http://www.northsouth.org/public/APNA/apna.aspx>

Scholarships

North South Foundation (NSF) provides scholarships to undergraduate students entering into engineering, medicine or 3-year polytechnic (diploma in engineering) based on merit and financial need. The scholarship process begins at the chapter level in India with an announcement. Each India chapter has a volunteer who acts as the India Chapter Coordinator (ICC) and is responsible for all activities of the chapter – from forming the selection committee, reviewing applications, interviewing applicants and giving the scholarships checks at an awards ceremony. Volunteers who live in USA and are closely associated with a chapter in India act as liaisons. Liaisons in US interact with the ICCs and are involved with the chapter in many ways – from actually starting the chapter by identifying a volunteer in India, to figuring out ways to spread the word, to meeting candidates while visiting India and more. The liaison also facilitates meetings between a scholar and an interested donor. Please refer to the section in the review which lists contact information of Liaisons and India Chapter Coordinators.

Eligibility Criteria in India

North South Foundation (NSF) provides scholarships to undergraduate students entering into engineering, medicine, dental, B.Sc (Agri), B. Pharm, B.V.Sc or 3-year polytechnic (diploma in engineering.) in Government Colleges, based on merit and financial need. NSF uses uniform eligibility criteria to identify meritorious students across all chapters. Eligibility criteria for NSF college scholarships are listed below:

- Marks in the top 10 percentile of 10th and 12th and CET/JET in the state
- Annual family income must be less than Rs 80,000 p.a.
- Preference to students coming from government schools and colleges
- Preference to fresh students going to government colleges
- Preference to students not getting other scholarships
- NSF gives scholarships after evaluating the need
- Scholarship is limited to Rs. 18,000 for degree and Rs. 6000 for Diploma students.

The Nine Steps Behind India Scholarships

1. India Chapter announces scholarships through local media and in schools (April-June)
2. Students download application form from the NSF website or apply online.
3. Applications are completed and mailed by students. Income certificates and mark sheets are part of the application (June-Aug).
4. India Chapter Coordinator (ICC) forms a selection panel, reviews applications and shortlists candidates to interview (Sept).
5. ICC and selection panel interview candidates. One parent is expected to accompany the student. Bus or train fare is reimbursed to the student (Sept-Oct).
6. ICC sends recommendations to NSF India Coordinator in Hyderabad (Oct-Nov).
7. NSF India Coordinator and US scholarships team do final review. Sometimes further clarifications are requested before approval (Oct-Nov).
8. The Chapter also processes any renewals at this time since NSF supports the student through the entire course of study (Aug-Oct).
9. India Chapter holds an award ceremony and honors NSF scholarship recipients (Dec-Jan).

2014-2015 India Scholarships Report

Every time a child participates in a North South Foundation (NSF) educational bee, workshop, or even an online course, another child in India benefits. What started off as one scholarship in 1989 has reached 2400 scholarships in 2014 – and that number is still growing. Over the past twenty-five years, NSF has provided more than 15,000 scholarships and helped students receive the higher education that they deserve.

	2014-15 India Chapter	Fresh	Renewal	Total
1	Tanuku, Andhra Pradesh	21	18	39
2	Vizag, Andhra Pradesh	2	0	2
3	Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh	1		1
4	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh*	10		
5	Patna, Bihar	2	9	11
6	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	12	18	30
7	Bangalore, Karnataka	113	237	350
8	Mysore, Karnataka	10	11	21
9	Kochi, Kerala		14	14
10	Aurangabad, Maharashtra		4	4
11	Pune, Maharashtra	2	38	40
12	Bhubaneswar, Orissa	127	325	452
13	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	44	131	175
14	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	57	124	181
15	Madurai, Tamil Nadu	94	199	293
16	Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu	7	21	28
17	Hyderabad, Telangana	174	294	468
18	Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	13	7	20
19	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	44	44	88
20	Kolkatta, West Bengal	18	157	175
	TOTAL	749	1651	2400
	Designated Scholarships			83
	*new chapter in 2014			

NSF is ready to start the 2015-16 scholarships season with a goal of giving 1500 scholarships to first year students and renewing all current scholarships. NSF has increased the number of scholarships given by more than four fold in a span of 6 years as one can see in the table below

NSF INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS - YEARWISE GROWTH								
Year	1989	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Sch	1	580	667	922	1449	2037	2549	2400
Chapters	1	10	10	16	18	20	23	26

Scholarship Recipients

VISAKHAPATNAM, AP

KOTLA SWETHA POOJITHA
SNEHAL NADELLA

KURNOOL, AP

SREELEKHA APPAKONDAPPAGARI

TANUKU, AP

ASHOK ALAPATHI
BALAJI ATHMAKURI
BBK MAHA LAKSHMI SANGEETHA
BODANANDA SWAMI KAMIINA
CHANDU MOUNIKA
GANGADHARA PAVAN EEDPUGANTI
GEDDAM GIRIDHAR
KONDAPU MANIBABU
LAHARI KONDA
MADHUBABU KANISSETTI
MANDADAPU YUVASAIVARUN
MOUNIKA CHANDU
NAGENDRABABU ALAPATI
RAMYA PASUPOLETTI
SAINAGA VAMSIKRISHNA KARUTURI
SAIVINOD SUNKAVALLI
SAKINALA ANANTHA LAKSHMI
SUBRAMANYAM SIMHDRI
UDDAGIRI VINAY
VENKAT DEEPAK YAGANTI
VENKATA SIVA SAI YELAMARTHI
VENKATESU REDDY

VIJAYAWADA, AP

MOHANA SATYA KRISHNA BORRA
JEEVAN KUMAR THADIKONDA
NAGA POOJITHA KATRAM
OM SAI KRISHNA GONDHI
POOJA JAKKAMPUDI
RAJ THEJA BORUSU
RAJESH KOMMINENI
RENUKA KALUVAI
VENKATESH KAKKIRALA
VENKATRAO PAVULURI

PATNA, BR

ABHISHEK BIPALLIWAR
MAHESH KUMAR TADAKA

AHMEDABAD, GJ

AMIT JADAV
CHIRAG JADAV

ALPESHBHAI SENTA
MOHAMMADAADIL SHAIKH
PRAGNESH TALAVIYA
SANKETKUMAR BALAR
VAJASURBHAI SOLANKI
VIJAY PANCHAL
VIKRAMSINH GOHIL
VISHWESH PATEL

BANGALORE, KA

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ADARSH SHESHAGIRI
AFTAB MOHAMED SAYEED
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AMAR KYADAPPA
AMASIDDA YALAMELI
AMITH Y S

ANDAPPA BAGWAAD
ANIL NADUVINAMANI
ANUSHA HEBBAR
ANUSHA HEBBAR
ARUN HAVANOR
B R NAVEEN
BASAVA RAJ
BASAVARAJ BASAVARAJ
BASAVARAJA AMBIGARE
BHARATH N
BHAVYA KN
BRUNDA K
CHAITRA SHETTY
CHANDRAGOUDA ANNIGERI
CHANDRAGOUDA ANNIGERI
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CHETHAN NATARAJU
DHANANJAYA K D
DINESH HABIB
ESHWARCHANDRA B A
BHOPALAM ANANTHRAJU
GANESH BHAGWAT
GANESH RAJ G S
GAYATHRI S N
GIREESHKUMAR SHIVASIMPIGARA
GOWRAN KUMAR K

GOWRAV KUMAR R
GOWRI CP
HARSHA H R
HAZARAT KALAM
HEMANTH KUMAR HS
IRANNA KERUR
JEEVITHA DP DODMANE
KARTHIK S
KEERTHI KNS
KISHAN BYNDOOR
KISHOR KUMAR G
KUMAR HURALIKUPPI
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MANJUNATHA KOLUR
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NAVEEN KUMAR B R
NAVERA TAHREEM
NIKHIL V M
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NISHANTH KP
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PRASHANTHA YALI	UDAYAKUMAR A K	ASIT DASH
PREETHI K R	VARUN H U	ASIT KUMAR DASH
PUNEETH C P	VEERABHADRAPPA	BABULAL LOHAR
PURUSHOTHAMA S G	VEERESH S	BALARAM SAHU
RAGHAVENDRA Y H	VENKATESH K R	BANISHREE TRIPATHY
RAGHAVENDRA ACHARI	VIJAYAKUMARA P A KUMARA	BASUDEV DALAI
RANGANATH C CHANASPUR	VINAY KUMAR	BHAGABAN NAHAK
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ROHAN GADAKARI	YAMANOORAPPA KURI	BIJAY KUMAR PANDA
ROHITH KUMAR V H		BIKRAM KESHARI MISHRA
ROHITH GOWDA GOWDA	<u>MYSORE, KA</u>	BIMAL KUMAR MANDAL
ROOPA SHREE K	ADARSHA S M	BISWAJIT CHAKRA
S N GAYITHRI	AKSHATHA H R	BISWAJIT PATRA
SACHIN PALAN	HARSHITH KUMAR M GANESHA	BISWARANJAN SAMAL
SACHIN SIDDAPPA DHOTRE	KARTHIK P	BRAJAKISHORE MUDULI
SACHIN S BAKALE BAKALE	PRABHUDEV BASAGOUDAR	CHANDAN KAR
SACHIN SANJAY PUJERI PUJERI	PRAVEEN KATAGERI	CHANDAN NAYAK
SALAVOODDEEN JAGIRADAR	RAVINDRANATHA M R	DEBA PRASAD DASH
SANDYA M R	SHIVARAJ POOJARY	DEBASHISH HATI
SANGAMESH PAREET	SUNIL KUMAR	DEBASISH PANDA
SANJAY MAHENDRAKAR	VANITHA B	DEEPAK KUMAR PANDA
SANTHOSHKUMAR K	VARSHA K	DEEPTIMAYEE RATHA
SANTOSH KARA	YOGESHA P	DHIRAJ KUMAR KHADANGA
SAROJA BIRADAR	PUNE, MH	DIBYAKANTA SAMAL
SATISH SAJJANAR	ADITI LONKAR	DIPTIRANI MISHRA
SEEMA BANU A	AKSHADA TODKAR	GANESH PRASAD NAYAK
SHAHBAZ M	BHUBANESWAR, OD	GOPINATH DASH
SHANTH KUMAR T U	ABHISEK KHUNTIA	GYANARANJAN DASH
SHASHIKUMAR MAMADAPUR	ABINASH DASH	GYANARANJAN SAHOO
SHEETHAL KUMAR SHETTY	ABINASH PANDA	HARIBANDHU PATRO
SHIVA KUMAR HN	AJAY KUMAR DAS	JAGRUTI DASH
SHIVAKUMAR HN	AJAYA KUMAR MAHAPATRA	JIVAN KUMAR PANDA
SHIVAKUMAR S D	AJAYA KUMAR MAHAPATRA	JYOTI RANJAN JENA
SHOUKATH ALI	AKANKSHYA PANIGRAHI	JYOTIRANJAN SAHOO
SHRAVYA PAI M	ALOK MISHRA	JYOTSNAMAYEE PRIYADARSINI
SHRUTI PATIL	AMARJEET DHAR	KAIBALYA KUMAR DASH
SREE RAM	AMIT KUMAR MALLICK	KAPILESWAR RATH
SREERAM K	AMIT KUMAR PANDA	KISHOR PADHAN
SRIDHAR DAR	AMITA SAHU	LAXMI KANTA GHADAI
SRIDHAR KUDARI	AMRIT PADHI	LIZA PANIGRAHI
SUCHITHRA POOJARY	AMRIT PRASAD DAS	LOKANATH MISHRA
SUCHITHRA NIL	ANKIT KUMAR NAYAK	MAHENDRA KUMAR BEDANTA
SUDARSHAN G P	APARNA SAHANY	MANAS KUMAR KHANDEI
SUPRAJA K V	ARABINDA DHAR	MANOJ KUMAR BHANJA
TANUJA S	ARCHANA BARIK	MD KASIM
UDAYA KUMARA A K	ARUP SUR	MIRA PANDA

MONALISA PANDA
MUKTESWAR DAS
NEELAM KERKETTA
NIKHILESH SINGHSAMANT
NIROD SUNDAR PANDA
OM PRAKASH PANIGRAHY
P SUBHAM REDDY
PAYAL GOUDA
PITABAS MISHRA
PRABHANJAN PANDA
PRADOSH KUMAR JENA
PRAKASH KUMAR SINGH
PRAMOD GADUA
PRASANNA KUMAR PANDA
PRIYA RANJAN DASH
PRIYABRAT KANAR
PRIYABRATA SATAPATHY
PRIYADARSHINI BHOI
RABINARAYAN SENAPATI
RAHUL DEBASHIS DWIBEDI
RAM KRIPA SHA
RAMAKANTA PANDA
RANJIT RAY
RANJIT KUMAR HOTA
RASHMITA PAIKRAY
ROHAN RAJ PANDA
RONITRAJ SAHU
RUPALI PANDA
SACHITA RANI PADHY
SADANANDA PAL
SANDEEP KUMAR PANIGRAHI
SANGHAMITRA DASH
SANJAY KUMAR BARAL
SANTANU KUMAR DASH
SANTOS KUMAR RAY
SATYA PRAKASH KAR
SATYAJIT NATH
SATYANARAYAN SAHU
SATYASNIGDHA PRIYADARSINI
SHASHI BHUSAN NAYAK
SHREEKUMAR BAL
SIBA PRASAD PANY
SIDHARTHA MAHAPATRA
SIDHARTHA SANKAR ROY
SK AFTAB AHMAD
SOUMYA RANJAN ADDYA

SRIMANTA PANDA
SRINIBAS AKSHIT
SUBASH CHANDRA BASANTIA
SUBHAKANTA BAL
SUBRAT DEVTA
SUDIPTA MOHANTY
SUHANI JYOTI
SUMIT DAS
SURAJ KUMAR PATEL
SURYAKANT DASH
SWARAJ MOHAPATRA
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VISHAL ROUTRAY

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JODHPUR, RJ

AJAY SINGH
AJENDRA SINGH HADA
AKASH RAWLANI
AMIT KUMAR SHARMA
ANITA KUMARI JAT
ANSHUL MAHESHWARI
ANUJ KUMAR GOYAL
ARAVIND KUMAR
ARJUN DEV PATIDAR
ARPIT KUMAR
ARVIND SINGH CHUNDAWAT
CHIMNA RAM
GAJENDRA SINGH
HAKAM SINGH
HEERA LAL YADAV
JITENDRA SINGHAL
JITENDRA SINGH
KAMLESH KUMAR
KHUSHAL SHARMA
KRISHAN KANT
KUNAL AMETA
LALIT KUMAR
LALIT KUMAR BANSAL
LOKESH KUMAR GOYAL
MAHENDRA SINGH MAHALA

MANISH VISHNOI
MANISHA RENWAL
MOHIT CHATURVEDI
PAHAD SINGH
PANKAJ KUMAR
PRIYANKA KUMARI
RAKESH JANGIR
RAMESH KUMAR
RAMLAL DANGI
RAMNIWASH KASNIYA
RATANA RAM
SACHIN KUMAR
SANDEEP SINGH
SANDEEP SINGH
SANJAY KUMAR
SUBHASH BHADU
SUPYAR TAKHAR
SURESH GEHLOT
TARUN KUMAR
TRILOK CHAND GOYAL
URVASHI VAISHNAV
VIJENDER KUMAR
VISHNU RATHORE
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BALAJI R
BALAKRISHNAN CHELLAPANDI
BOOPATHI S
CHANDRU LR
CHIDAMBARAJOTHY S
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DEEPIKA SRI SETTY RAMESH
DHARSINI JEYAPRAKASH
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P RAM KUMAR
P S HARI RAM

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PAVITHRA RAJAGURU
PAVITHRA K
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PRAVEENA S
PREM CHANDRAN R M
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RADHA SHOCKALINGAM
RAJABOOPATHI R
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29	Math Level 3	Sivabalan Muthupalaniappan	8	Libertyville, IL
30	Math Level 3	Roshni Padhi	8	Hinsdale, IL
31	Math Level 3	Sruthi Parthasarathi	7	Louisville, KY
32	Math Level 3	Shalin Patel	8	Marlboro, NJ
33	Math Level 3	Shreyaa Raghavan	8	Cambridge, MA
34	Math Level 3	Arpit Ranasaria	7	Seattle, WA
35	Math Level 3	Shruti Ravikumar	8	San Ramon, CA
36	Math Level 3	Poonam Sahoo	6	Cambridge, MA
37	Math Level 3	Rishi Salwi	8	Marlboro, NJ
38	Math Level 3	Ritika Shrivastav	8	Ashburn, VA
39	Math Level 3	Anjali Singh	8	Detroit, MI
40	Math Level 3	Pratham Soni	7	Cleveland, OH
41	Math Level 3	Shashvat Srivastava	8	Cambridge, MA
42	Math Level 3	Rahul Thomas	6	Denver, CO
43	Math Level 3	Rishi Verma	6	Cincinnati, OH

Dollar- A- Square, Winner of a Different Kind



At finals there were many bee winners. They prepared, worked hard and they won. Here we highlight children who were winners of different kind – winners because they were kind and wanted to help raise money for NSF scholarships program. Sharayu Deo, Louisville, KY; Akshita Balaji, Herndon, VA and Nihal Kondabrolu, St. Johns, FL were 3 children who went around and collected funds for NSF India scholarships and brought their DAS sheets to Ohio. Additionally, volunteers Alka Mishra, IA; Sridevi Puramsetti, NY; Savitha Rajiv, MA and Sanjana Malla, NY of the NSF-DAS booth at the finals also motivated bee participants and collected funds during the two day event. This year at finals, \$1200 was raised towards five scholarships. Recently Ashwini Allada, Westborough, MA also raised \$1000 for scholarships through DAS.

The Dollar-A-Square (DAS) is a program that was started in 2003 through which children growing up here in the US can help another child in India by raising funds for NSF's India Scholarships program. DAS is for the children by the children. The Pledge Sheet is very simple. It has 100 squares and each square is worth a dollar. By going around the neighborhood and asking family friends and classmates parents, children can easily fill in the squares. Children can ask for as little as a dollar. Usually donors come up with at least \$5, if they explain the cause. Bee participants can gain free access to NSF's on-line games when they complete 100 squares.

Every year NSF gives the opportunity for children to “Bee the helping hand” and help raise 25 scholarships. You can help as well by encouraging your child to try a different kind of Bee – the giving Bee.

Here is what **Sanjana Malla**, one of the volunteers, has to say about her experience:

"It's really amazing how something so small can make something so big! Similar to such a concept is what NSF came up with; a program called “Dollar-a-Square” which was founded in 2003, to provide an educational opportunity to unprivileged kids in India. Through this program students in India that reside in a household where the yearly income is less than 80,000 rupees (\$1300) are helped. Many kids from such families have fewer opportunities to go to school and earn a degree in a specific field of study. With this NSF program, all children in the United States have an opportunity to take part and support needy students in India.

On the day of the finals, after I signed in and was assigned to the front desk, I was not very sure of what I needed to do in the beginning. I met Alka aunty (Sameer Mishra's [2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion] mother) who was also volunteering at the front desk. After talking to her, I understood what needed to be done and adjusted myself to the program. We sat there for almost 1-2 hours and noticed that nobody was coming to our desk as everybody was busy situating themselves. As we were filling our squares, we got motivated and started calling all the participants in order to draw their attention to our desk. At times, we felt that we were annoying them but later realized if we don't call out, nobody will pay attention to our desk. To our surprise, nobody was annoyed. Each and every participant was so generous - some even thanked us for volunteering to such a great cause. When participants were at our desk, we engaged them by explaining about program, taking pictures, giving certificates to those who finished their pledge sheet and so on. For some time we used to get tired and used to sit out, but during that time we noticed nobody was turning to us, so we alternated ourselves and kept going. At the end of first day we collected close to \$800, so we decided we will come back next day again and try to complete a goal of \$1000. To our surprise, we surpassed our target within a couple of hours and left the desk happily!

Thank you, Dr.Chitturi uncle for creating such a wonderful program, and to all the NSF volunteers for helping me stay engaged with NSF in various roles since I was 7.”



Bee the helping hand

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Name Parent Name

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Address Email

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The North South Foundation (NSF) was established in 1989 as a non-profit and tax-exempt entity to award scholarships to exceptionally qualified needy students in India entering colleges regardless of religion, gender, caste or geographic origin. Over the years, NSF has given more than 12,000 scholarships. In addition, NSF organizes activities for children of Indian origin living in the USA and Canada such as spelling, vocabulary, math, geography, science, essay writing and public speaking contests. Checks should be made to North South Foundation and mailed to North South Foundation, 2 Marissa Ct, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

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Ambassador Program for NSF Alumni Venkat Gade

We can count many accomplishments while celebrating the 25th anniversary of North South Foundation. The readers of this Annual Review publication may be aware of most of them. But, no time can be more challenging for NRI parents as when their children get ready to graduate from high school and move on to college. A loving, nurturing, and care-free home will be a distant past for their children, who will now have to face the challenges of the “real world”. While the educational competitions and workshops prepare NRI children to excel in academics, necessary life skills and leadership qualities can only be attained with experience.

While my family and I were active participants in NSF, we were also looking for volunteer opportunities. It was the summer of 2005, when my daughter was entering her freshman year in high school. She was already helping our US chapter, teaching in the spelling workshop. It then dawned on me that maybe she could help organize a similar workshop in India during our short trip. In the spirit of volunteering, we wanted to help the most deserving kids, so we went to a local municipal school in Vijayawada, India. We had to convince them that our workshop will not be disruptive to the class schedule and that the kids will actually benefit from a workshop on English vocabulary and spelling. But, it did not take much to impress them, as the kids devoured every bit of the coaching. After the workshop, my daughter recalls being called out in a crowded local market by one of the students and she can never forget it. For me, it was not just another workshop, but the whole experience gave my daughter perspective on how eager economically disadvantaged children were to learn.

That was the beginning of an idea that helped many more NSF alumni to organize similar workshops in India. Soon after, APNA – Ambassador Program for NSF Alumni- was born. With so much expertise in educational contests, tools to excel in academics, and a large volunteer base, the organization found that there is a huge scope for making a real impact in the lives of thousands of deserving children in India.

If you are a high school student who is interested, you can help too! Sign up in the upcoming year for a life-changing experience of your own with the NSF APNA leadership program. The NSF website has more details on the program. <http://www.northsouth.org/public/APNA/apna.aspx>

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”

– Mother Theresa

Words from India

A Junior Liaison in US

Helping out as a Jr. Liaison for the Vijayawada chapter was an extremely gratifying experience. I was able to give back to my roots in the form of an invaluable gift, education. I perused through more than a hundred applications to pick 29 finalists. It presented a unique opportunity for me as I will be applying to colleges soon and my application will be scrutinized by admission officers just as I scrutinized these applications. Ultimately 10 intelligent and deserving students received scholarships to further their education. -Akhil Meka, Junior Liaison for Vijayawada chapter, USA

From a scholarship recipient

I'm from a family of six and my father passed away couple of months back due to illness. I have joined my first year B.E course in University College of Engineering- Nagercoil with the help of NSF scholarship. I will take care of my two younger sister's education and help students like me in future. Thanks to NSF for the scholarship. -Selvalakshmi, Nagercoil Chapter Scholarship recipient

From an India Chapter Coordinator

I am from middle class agriculture family from Kummamuru, Krishna District. During my high school days, I used to walk about 4 Kms every day from home to school. I know and understand the difficulties of children of poor families. Because of this reason I always wanted to help the underprivileged meritorious students in our society. -Venkata Ratnam Surapaneni, Vijawada Chapter Coordinator



The Universal Values Program

There have been several inquiries from parents about the Universal Values program. Some parents also wanted to know what competition this program prepares one for contests like spelling bee or Mathcounts. Therefore it would be best to answer the question; what is the universal values program all about?

Just like roots are important for a tree to flourish and bear nourishing fruits so are values to a society. A society without values will degenerate. The mission of the Universal Values program has been to provide a platform for children to come together to discuss universal values and practice them so that they become an integral part of their daily lives. It also endeavors to help children excel in values in addition to excelling in academic subjects. In doing so, engage volunteers and parents to practice Universal Values. Universal Values online workshop commenced for the first time in fall of 2013. NSF Universal Values online workshop classes are conducted by trained coaches once a week for an hour for 30 weeks. For the first year we selected 15 values to cover. One new value was introduced every two weeks. Children are introduced to the value in class; the coach explains the value, talks about the benefits of following the value, consequence of not following the value and opens the discussion on how to practice the value and what challenges one might face when following the value. Children are fully engaged in discussions, they are encouraged to openly share their thoughts and experiences in practicing these values. Outside the workshop, children are encouraged to apply the values in their daily life until the values become part of them.

The classes are conducted online, through the Wiziq tool. The students are required to download the study material and come prepared for the classes. The material is then uploaded on the screen for the students to discuss and share their experiences and viewpoints. They are also required to practice the values as homework and share their experiences in the following class. They could share their experiences in the form of poems, art works, write-ups and stories. Three levels are offered, Junior: 1 to 3 grades, Intermediate: 4 to 8 grades, Senior: 9 to 12 grades. We had an overwhelming response with more than 360 children participating in the program. There were 35 coaches conducting 18 classes each week. The coaches are offered weekly training, and the children's participation during the weekly sessions is fantastic and encouraging. They began to apply the value in their daily life and share their personal experiences. Coaches and parents also practice the values in their personal life. Practicing the values in order to imbibe them is a lifelong process, keeping that in mind this year NSF offers Universal Values -101 for new students and Universal Values for returning students. Based on the parents' feedback we have made some changes to the program, it now offers 10 values covered in 20 weeks and also uses WebEx for better online service.

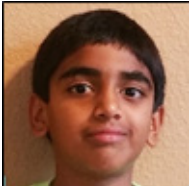
It is Dr. Ratnam Chitturi's firm belief that one needs to have strong values over and above academic excellence to be truly successful in life. We at NSF share this belief and are committed to inspiring our students to practice the values until it becomes their very nature.

Finals 2015: Top 3 Ranks

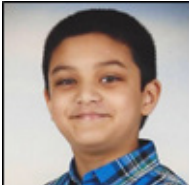
Junior Spelling Bee



First Place
Prajwal Vandana
Columbus, IN



Second Place
Abhijay Sai Kodali
Highland Village, TX



Third Place
Varun V Kudva
Newport News, VA

Senior Spelling Bee



First Place
Shourav Dasari
Spring, TX



Second Place
Nihar Saireddy Janga
Austin, TX

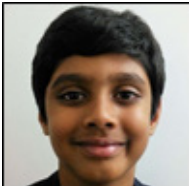


Third Place
Arushi Kalpande
Nashua, NH

Junior Vocabulary Bee



First Place
Akhilsai Damera
Marlborough, MA



Second Place
Pranav Kallavi
Presto, PA

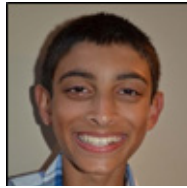


Third Place
Garima Rastogi
Concord, NH

Intermediate Vocabulary Bee



First Place
Nikitha Jayaprakash
San Jose, CA



Second Place
Rohan Sachdev
Cary, NC



Third Place
Smrithi Upadhyayula
Coppell, TX

Finals 2015: Top 3 Ranks

Math Level 1



First Place
Vedanti Shailesh Joshi
Downers Grove, IL

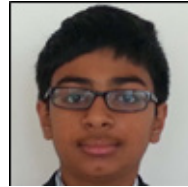


Second Place
Rohith Raghavan
Sharon, MA

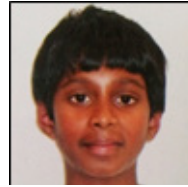


Third Place
Saharsh Bejugam
Keller, TX

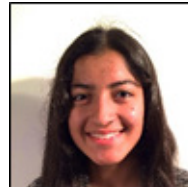
Math Level 3



First Place
Saketh Vedantam
Pembroke Pines, FL



Second Place
Sivabalan
Muthupalaniappan
Northbrook, IL

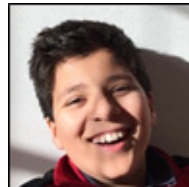


Third Place
Roshni Padhi
Burr Ridge, IL

Math Level 2



First Place
Chirag Verma
Redmond, WA



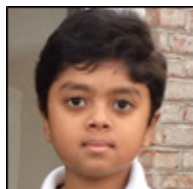
Second Place
Anuj Sakkarda
Acton, MA



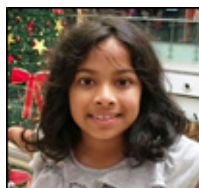
Third Place
Ram Krishna Goel
Portland, OR

Finals 2015: Top 3 Ranks

Junior Science Bee



First Place
Sathvik Redrouthu
Ashburn, VA



Second Place
Diya Naik
New Albany, OH



Third Place
Siddarth Senniappan
Kasi
Windermere, FL

Senior Science Bee



First Place
Praneet Mekala
Shrewsbury, MA



Second Place
Tom Matthew George
Tucson, AZ



Third Place
Vaibhav Sharma
Oak Hill, VA

Intermediate Science Bee



First Place
Om Duggineni
Herndon, VA

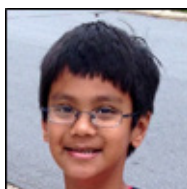


Second Place
Saipranav Kosuri
Cary, NC



Third Place
Pujita Tangirala
Los Gatos, CA

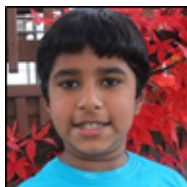
Junior Geography Bee



First Place
Abhiram Kapaganty
Suwanee, GA



Second Place
Vaibhav Aadithya
Hariram
Morrisville, NC



Third Place
Ashmith Kumbala
Irving, TX

Finals 2015: Top 3 Ranks

Senior Geography Bee



First Place
Saket Mohan Pochiraju
Lewis Center, OH



Second Place
Ashwin Ganesh
Tampa, FL

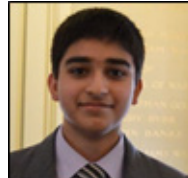


Third Place
Sravya Sri Kuchibotla
Morrisville, NC

Senior Public Speaking



First Place
Abhilash Samantapudi
Novi, MI



Second Place
Keyur K Shah
Shelton, CT



Third Place
Sravya Tadepalli
Corvallis, OR

Senior Brain Bee



First Place
Abhishek Iyer
Boca Raton, FL



Second Place
Yash P Gupta
West Windsor, NJ



Third Place
Adhitya Sanjay

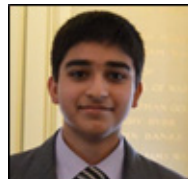
Senior Essay Writing



First Place
Esha Thakkar
Cary, NC



Second Place
Priyanka Melkote
Subrahmanyan



Third Place
Keyur K Shah
Shelton, CT

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Finals 2015: Top 10

Junior Spelling

- 1 Prajwal Vandana
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Why Compete?

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Contests are interesting to partake in, no matter what level. But, why compete? Why NSF competitions? And, why is there always one student in your chapter who wins everything?

Studying for NSF competitions gives kids an upper-hand in the “real” competitions, such as the Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Mathcounts, and Science Olympiad, but that’s not all. Such competitions not only help students gain knowledge, but also teach them how to study.

But, when the competition is approaching, you still have to keep up with school work, activities, and volunteering, and squeeze in enough time to prepare for the competition. Competitions teach you time-management skills. While preparing for the National Geographic Bee, I learned to finish my homework faster in order to gain a good 3+ hours on weekday evenings and 10+ hours over the weekends. Now that the Geographic Bee is done, I still finish my homework faster and make a good use of the time for things that are interesting as well as rewarding

A wise man once said, “Knowledge is only 90% of the competition- the rest comes from the state of mind on the day of the contest”. Taking part in competitions teaches you how to stay calm even during the intense moments of competition when hundreds of people are watching you on stage.

What if you face a big loss despite your best possible preparation? Competitions teach you to accept a defeat gracefully. Even though it was heartbreaking, I learned to not cry when I lost a chess game, starting from the young age of 4. I would still stay bold and calm and congratulate the winner. That is an important life skill that one only learns when a loss comes his/her way

Competitions help you make new friends. I have made several great friends while attending multiple competitions. We stay in touch online, and help each other prepare for the next adventure!!!

Your hard work always pays off. Preparing for one thing will help you in others. For the past 2 years, I was seriously preparing only for the Geography Bee. Just 1 month ago, I learned about the ‘Geography Olympiad,’ and placed 8th in the National Level of the 2015 Geography Olympiad in the Junior Varsity division. I was super-thrilled considering I didn’t even know about this competition until 3 weeks prior. The competition pattern was so different between the Bee and the Olympiad, but the knowledge you gain from studying for one competition definitely helps with other similar competitions and takes you heights.

Moral of the story, don’t throw tantrums when your parents sign you up for any competitions. Whether you get a trophy or not, you are still a winner.

Thank you NSF for all that you have taught me in life!!!

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