



June 2021

## NorthSouth Online Regional Contests Conclude National Finals to be held during August 13-15

Congratulations to all the 8000 plus contestants who participated in the regional contests! Nine different contests were held by about 65 chapters across the US. About 1500 volunteers came together at the local chapter and at the National level to conduct the contests over Zoom and it was a huge success!



All scores have been posted and percentile ranking has been announced. You can find the percentiles [here](#) and the regional placements [here](#).

In the spirit of our ongoing quest for excellence, we would like you to take three minutes to fill out a participant [survey](#). If you have already filled the survey, thank you!

Through your participation, you have helped fund scholarships to deserving students in India and provide devices to the needy in the US, while experiencing the educational Bee challenge.

National Finals this year will be held on-line during August 13-15, 2021. National Finals selection cutoff scores will be announced shortly. Invitation to National Finals and registration will open during second week of June. Please stay tuned for further announcements.

At NorthSouth we believe every child is a winner. Thank you for being a part of the NorthSouth family! We appreciate your commitment to Excellence, Empathy, and Education!

Congratulations to all the contestants who took part in the contests! We look forward to seeing many of you at the National Finals this summer!

From  
The NorthSouth Contest Team

SPELLING  
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VOCAB  
ESSAY  
HISTORY  
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# PANACEA 2021 : *Community Improvement & DEI*



**PANACEA 2021**  
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT & DEI  
DIVERSITY - EQUITY - INCLUSION

**MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!**

Join the Panacea Challenge to show us your inventions & creations!!

**Levels:**

- **Elementary** (Kindergarten-5th grade)
- **Middle School** (6th-8th grade)
- **High School** (9th-12th grade)

**Categories:**

- **Essay:** Written submission in essay format.
- **Multimedia:** Video submission + poster or graphic.



**Introduction to Panacea 2021 video :**  
[https://youtu.be/4-hj\\_mmmHCU](https://youtu.be/4-hj_mmmHCU)

Join us for the Panacea 2021 Information Session  
Date: June 6, 2021  
Time: 7PM Eastern Time

Zoom Meeting :  
[northsouth.zoom.us/j/85417549919?pwd=MjdBQU01RkNkQkNwOUQ3RFdkUWk1UT09](https://northsouth.zoom.us/j/85417549919?pwd=MjdBQU01RkNkQkNwOUQ3RFdkUWk1UT09)

Meeting ID: 854 1754 9919  
Passcode: 738540



**Registration deadline: June 28th. Submissions deadline: July 5th**

[NORTHSOUTH.ORG/PUBLIC/PANACEACHALLENGE](https://NORTHSOUTH.ORG/PUBLIC/PANACEACHALLENGE)

It's time for the Panacea Challenge 2021!! This challenge stemmed from an idea Dr. Balu Natarajan had last year to engage NorthSouth students with a creative activity during quarantine, and it was a huge success, thanks to all of the students, families, and volunteers!

This year, we have a new theme for the contest - Community Improvement & DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). We have also expanded to 3 age groups: Elementary (Kindergarten-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th grade), and High School (9th-12th grade). Submissions will be accepted within the following 2 categories: Essay (written submission) and Multimedia (video submission + poster or graphic).

Elementary students will be challenged to describe a novel invention they want to see made in 2021 that would benefit society. Middle and high schoolers will be challenged to create a project or a product that would benefit the community in line with the theme of DEI. The purpose of the broad submission criteria is to encourage self-directed learning and creativity; we want students with various passions to engage with this topic via their personal strengths/areas of interest. Students are also allowed to work together in groups of up to 3, in an effort to encourage collaboration.

Good luck! We are excited to see what you all come up with this year!

**Register**  
**today!**

## Panacea Challenge Resources

- [Introduction to Panacea 2021 Video](#)
- [Information Session Video](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [General Info](#)



# Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!!

## Volunteering Is A Work Of Heart!



NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION!

thank you

**JUNE 13, 2021**  
**11:30 AM (EDT)**

An event to celebrate the time, effort and dedication of our exceptional volunteers.

THANKS A TON TO ALL OUR KIND VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BE SURE TO RSVP @ [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/GJAGQDKZSS7NCNCE7](https://forms.gle/GJAGQDKZSS7NCNCE7)

### YOU ARE INVITED!

Have you volunteered at NorthSouth? Whether you volunteered for an hour or a hundred hours, you are an integral part of the NorthSouth Volunteer family! Thank you!!

Join us on June 13th at 11:30 AM EDT for our Online Volunteer Appreciation Event. We request you to RSVP by filling out this short [google form](#):

**ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CELEBRATION!!**

**REGISTER FOR THE CELEBRATION [HERE](#).**

**[attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7201069301546032651](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7201069301546032651)**

Thank you volunteers for all that you do. You Are North South Foundation!



# Webinar: Encouraging communication between generations! Sunday, June 13, 2021 @ 12:30 PM EDT

- **Challenges and Opportunities**
- **on Bridging the Generation Gap**



## ***Topic: Communication***

Come join us for the first in the series : Communication - A panel discussion with Psychologist, Doctor, immigrant parent and first-generation Americans on challenges and opportunities in bridging the generation, moderated by a well-known journalist.



**DR. VIJI SUSARLA**  
Clinical Psychologist  
Keynote Presenter



**VANDANA KUMAR**  
Publisher, India Currents  
Moderator



**DR. BALU NATARAJAN**  
President  
Panelist



**SAVITHA NAIDU**  
Communications Director  
Panelist



**KAVYA SHIVASHANKAR**  
Board Member  
Panelist



**ADITYA KANSAL**  
High School Junior  
Panelist

**JUNE 13, 2021**

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM EDT**

Register here :

[attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7201069301546032651](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7201069301546032651)

[northsouth.org](https://northsouth.org)

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# 2021 NorthSouth National Finals

## August 13-15, 2021

NorthSouth National Finals is back!! Due to COVID-19, NorthSouth was unable to host the National Finals in 2020. This year, it will be an online event conducted over 3 days between August 13-15th.

The National Finals is by invitation only. Invitation is based on the cut off scores. Invitees will receive an email from NorthSouth by mid June with registration & other pertinent information. Below is the tentative schedule.

### 2021 North South Foundation Online National Finals Tentative High-Level Schedule

Contest	Date
Brain Bees (IBB & SBB)	Friday, August 13th
Geography Bees (JGB & SGB)	Friday, August 13th
Essay Writing (EW3)	Saturday, August 14h
Science Bees (JSC, ISC, SSC)	Saturday, August 14h
Vocabulary Bees (JSV, IVB)	Saturday, August 14h
Computer Science (PILOT)	Saturday, August 14h
Math Bees (MB1, MB2 & MB3)	Sunday, August 15th
Spelling Bees (JSB, SSB)	Sunday, August 15th
Impromptu Speaking (PS3)	Sunday, August 15th



# INDIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## *NEW TARGET: 3,500 SCHOLARSHIPS/YR*

The India Scholarship Program provides a platform for bright kids in India to pursue higher education in spite of their poor financial situations.

This program was launched with the distribution of one scholarship at the inception of North South Foundation in 1989. Today we have distributed over 20,000 scholarships.

### **HIGHER TARGET : 3,500 SCHOLARSHIPS/YEAR**

NorthSouth has set an ambitious target to increase the number of scholarships from the current range of 2,000 per year to 3,500 a year over the next 3 years.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Several highly populous states are under represented and have not been able to distribute scholarships to deserving students. These States include Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, and Jharkhand.



**Sapna Sethi**

In response to the above request sent via email, a NorthSouth mom, Perna Dua from New Orleans spoke to her mother, Sapna Sethi who was visiting her from Bhopal, MP.

Sapna, a retired teacher for more than 35 years has strong motivation for kids education. She has graciously agreed to lead the Bhopal Chapter!

We hope many others will step forward and be inspired to adopt a chapter in India and help NorthSouth achieve its target to distribute 3,500 scholarships!

### **How you can help!**

- Do you know a family member or a friend who can volunteer to represent NorthSouth in any of the states indicated above as a Chapter Coordinator?
- Do you know of a deserving student anywhere in India who may be eligible and in need of financial aid.
- Can you adopt one of the existing centers and help NorthSouth's goal to increase the number of scholarships distributed.

If you can help in any of the above ways, please contact  
[sai.rachakonda@northsouth.org](mailto:sai.rachakonda@northsouth.org)



# Pictures from the April-May contests







