Celebrating the 29th year of Promoting Excellence

North South Foundation (NSF) is run by volunteers. In order to sustain and grow, we need certain values that we all believe in and abide by. They provide the common bond connecting all of us to act together in unison with a common vision to achieve the seemingly unachievable.

Consistent with our service motive, our core values are:
• Work for a cause, not for applause.
• Live life to express, not to impress.
• Don’t strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.

Consistent with our core values, our core beliefs are:
• There is goodness in every human being.
• The true test of goodness is doing good for others.
• Be the best you can be in doing good.
• Collective goodness can redress suffering in society.
• Volunteer-run organizations without payroll can sustain, grow, and be relevant.

The table below highlights some of the NSF accomplishments, primarily in numerical terms.

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Over the last seven years, NSF online coaching has become very popular in the US. The program includes Math, Science, Geography, SAT/ACT, Computer Programming, Life Skills and Universal Values. More than 4,000 children have enrolled this year. Online workshops are also becoming popular. We have added Math and College Admissions Planning last year.

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.

Ratnam Chitturi, Founder
On behalf of the National Coordination Team, North South Foundation
John Adams said, “Practice Makes Perfect.” Thomas Edison said, “Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration.” Children who participate in NSF contests year after year demonstrate these idioms to be in fact true in practice. We have done data mining of children who have participated in NSF competitions since 2006. Learning outcomes show that the more the children participate, the more likely they end up in the top 10 ranks at the championship finals conducted annually. It doesn’t matter what the subject is. We find the same results. Here are the Learning Outcome tables.

### Learning Outcomes of NSF Children

**Hard Work and Persistence Pay**

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Notes: Percent – The percent chance that a child makes into one of top 10 ranks. When it exceeds 100 percent, it means the child makes into the top 10 in more than one subject. That is, when a child excels in one subject, he/she is likely to excel in other subjects as well. Hard work pays.

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What Is North South Foundation?

Non-profit Organization, Tax ID: 36-3659998, 501(c)(3)
2 Marissa Ct, Burr Ridge, IL 60527-6864, Ph: 630-323-1966

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 Vision: Every child should reach his or her maximum potential

Our Mission
- Provide hope to children and families who may have none, unleashing a lifetime of potential success. Maximize human potential by giving scholarships to brilliant but most needy among the poorest of poor students in India entering colleges, regardless of religion, gender, caste or creed.
- Promote excellence in human endeavor by organizing Educational Marathons for mission-driven children in the USA. Maximize human potential by giving educational tools to children in the United States, regardless of religion, gender, caste or creed.
- Promote excellence in the practice of universal human values.
- Instill “Pay it Forward” culture among the NSF Alumni.

The Foundation is all-volunteer driven with less than 5 percent overhead. It is a virtual organization with no payroll, office or physical assets.

The Scholarship program in India is designed to encourage excellence among the poor. It is targeted at qualified, most needy students entering college. More than 18,500 scholarships have been awarded to date. The Foundation plans to give 3,000 scholarships during the current academic year. Each scholarship is $300 per student per year. Awards are made following strict selection criteria based on merit and need. Students are selected from 25 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, public speaking, and brain bees are conducted annually in two steps. Children initially participate in any of 90 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. More than 175,000 contestants benefited from NSF bees. Please contact us if you would like to have a chapter in your area. NSF offers online coaching in Math, Science, Geography, SAT/ACT, Computer Programming, Life Skills and Universal Values. More than 4,000 children have enrolled this year. Online coaching is made possible through the dedication of more than 250 volunteer coaches with a passion to make a difference. NSF also conducts online workshops in spelling, math, science, geography and college admissions planning. Educational contests are also being conducted in India on a pilot basis.

Accomplishments of NSF Children: Many NSF children have scored top ranks in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, National Geographic Bee, MATHCOUNTS, Math Olympiads 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.

For further information, please contact Dr. Ratnam Chitturi at 630-323-1966 or chitturi9@gmail.com
Highlights of 2017

Notable accomplishments during the year 2017 are given below:

**NSF Kids**
True to its mission, many NSF kids won accolades with their accomplishments in several national mainstream contests, including:

Scripps National Spelling Bee – it has been 10 years of winning streak with Ananya Vinay winning the championship for 2017. National Geographic Bee – it has been 6 years of winning streak. Mathcounts is another area of major accomplishment for many NSF kids participating in the national final contest, at a record number.

**Online Coaching**
NSF online coaching program has become a breeding ground for future champions in NSF educational contests that take place at close to 90 regional chapters all across the US. The online coaching program continues to expand with progress in number of course offerings, students, volunteer coaches and funds raised for the noble cause of helping the needy children.

NSF online coaching recorded the highest ever registrations with well over 4000 students enrolled in Elementary Math, PreMathcounts, Mathcounts, SAT English, SAT Math, Geography, Science, Computer Programming, Life Skills and Universal Values programs. Computer Programming is new this year and became an instant success. With the success of the program in enrollment, the funds raised support over a thousand scholarships to help the needy kids in India. The online coaching program is only possible with a dedicated team of volunteers; it starts with the able leadership of Dr. Praveen Goli as the overall program director. There are 250+ coaches and separate program leads for each area of coaching. There have been significant improvements made in technology: including automated scheduling of Zoom sessions to assist coaches; establishing a support ticket system to help with problem resolution.

**Classroom coaching (PrepClubs)**
It is 8th successive and successful year of conducting classroom coaching by Columbus, Ohio chapter. Run by dedicated parents and youth volunteers to help local NSF community with more than 170 kids attending this year (2017-18). The classes are held every Saturday starting September until March of following year.

**2017 National Finals**
The Houston Chapter of North South Foundation (NSF) hosted the 2017 National Finals contests on August 12th and 13th at the University of Houston. This is a historic year for NSF which celebrates its 25th anniversary of highly successful academic contests. The competitions on both the days were attended by 1150 participants and supported by more than 400 volunteers that included several Houstonians, past NSF children, High School students. The event was reminiscent of a festival, where the volunteers wore bright orange T-shirts whereas all contestants wore navy blue T-shirts. The event also helped raise more than $100,000 towards scholarships for poor students in India, which is the maximum funds raised so far in any finals event. The event was highlighted by a Proclamation from Mayor Sylvester Turner declaring August 12th as NSF Day in Houston. The awards ceremony was attended by distinguished guests including Dr. Anupam Ray, Consul General of India and Ms. Paige Kimble, Executive Director of Scripps National Spelling Bee and Dr. Latha Ramchand, Dean of the Bauer College of Business at UH. The academic contests including Awards ceremony were telecast live and can be watched at http://www.yupptv.com/nsf-live.
html or on YouTube by using the link http://tiny.cc/2017nsfcontests. The event was successfully organized under the exemplary leadership of Sai Rachakonda(Convener), Ganesh Dasari(Co-Convener) and Neetha Chadda(Co-Convener).

Matching Gifts
There are many companies that encourage giving for education by matching a dollar for a dollar gift to their employee contributions. This is a nice way to double your contributions to the Foundation. Please find out if your employer does this. 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
The last several years have seen tremendous growth for the academic contests held by NSF among 90 regional centers. We are happy to report that around 16,000 contestants registered in various categories this year. It was all possible with thousands of volunteers all across the country. The Foundation is always looking for new volunteers in many areas of its endeavors. The success of any public foundation depends on its volunteers. It is the collective efforts of volunteers that made this Foundation what it is today. Volunteerism is like an elastic band. You only need to spare as little as you can afford or extend as much as you love to contribute. You will get the satisfaction of promoting excellence in education among the most impoverished in India and children in our community in the US. Some corporations also encourage their employees to become volunteers by providing financial contribution.

Educational Contests in the US
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 2017 scholarship season, we continue to actively promote scholarship program in 26 India chapters; more than 2,500 scholarships were awarded. For the 2017-18 academic year, the target is 3,000. NSF 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 India Scholarship program, please contact Vengat Sidheswaran at sidheswv@yahoo.com

APNA – Ambassador Program for NSF Alumni
Separately, NSF also offers a great leadership and volunteering opportunity for NRI high school kids to work in India during summer. It is the Ambassador Program for NSF Alumni, where the high school kids will help organize and 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: http://www.northsouth.org/public/APNA/apna.aspx
We acknowledge all the contestants who got a perfect score in any of the regional contests. This is a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to all the contestants below. If you happen to meet any of them, don’t forget to ask them for the secrets behind their success.

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Dalai Lama has some advice for anyone who is looking for happiness: Help others

Another key to happiness, His Holiness suggests, is to "try to be of some service to others." If you can help others, then "no matter what (the) surrounding situation, you can keep (up your) self-confidence and happiness."

Service can come in the form of volunteering, like at a soup kitchen, or on a candidate's campaign, but it can also be simpler, like being a good listener when people are upset. Volunteers feel more socially connected, they're less lonely, and suffer from depression less, studies show. Volunteering creates physical benefits too: Regular volunteers are less likely to develop high blood pressure and live longer, some studies show. Simple acts like being a good listener can also reduce your own feelings of stress and improve your feelings of well-being, other studies show.
ONLINE COACHING CLASSES

The NSF Online coaching program helps students discover their abilities, explore new academic concepts, prepare for competitive tests and celebrate their accomplishments. 2017 is the eighth consecutive year of NSF successfully embracing the online coaching trend. This year 250+ coaches are handling classes during the weekday evenings and whole day weekends at times that are convenient to students.

About 4000 students are getting immersed in not only preparing for Math, National Geographic GeoBee, SAT/ACT but also to learn to explore their scientific curiosity, learn to practice values and learn some confidence building Life skills. These coaching classes prepare the students with fundamental concepts and prepare them in advance for NSF regional and National contests. The NSF coaching program is possible due to dedicated and passionate volunteers who are part of this successful effort. Every year we also have several talented high schoolers who volunteer to coach. NSF certifies the volunteer hours of these high school students not only towards their high school graduation requirements but also for US Presidential volunteer awards. The popularity of the coaching program among the NSF Parents is indicated by the growth in student registration count from 634 in 2010 to over 4100 in 2017.

MATH BEE COACHING
Offered for the past seven years, Online MathBee coaching has been our NSF Parents’ first stop to build aptitude and love towards Math and problem solving. The coaching program introduces advanced Math concepts to children in elementary to middle school students ahead of their school curriculum. Students learn the concepts and practice through solving problems. Realizing how thirsty the parents were to enhance their kids learning at a young age, in 2016, we started a MB1 program for the 1st and 2nd grade students based on Singapore Math syllabus. The MB3 program provides coaching for children aspiring to appear in the National MathCounts competitions. Students in MB3 program learn advanced concepts, strategies and techniques to solve MathCounts problem. NSF children also have our own Regional and National contests.

Enrollment: MB1 (Grades 1 & 2) – 194; MB2 (Grades 3, 4 & 5) - 667; MB3 (Grades 6,7 & 8) – 502

GEOGRAPHY BEE COACHING
Started just 4 years ago, this has the densest classrooms with people eager to activate their GPS senses. Online Geography Bee provides structured learning for students curious about the world. The coaching program prepares children aspiring to appear in the National Geographic Society’s National Geographic Bee competitions. Unlike the National GeoBee contests that is limited to students in grades 4 through 8 and is offered through Children’s own school, NSF conducts its own Regional and National contests for two separate age groups: Junior group for kids in Grades 1, 2 and 3 and the Senior group is for kids in grades 4 through 8.

Enrollment: JGB –(Grades 1, 2 & 3) -162; SGB – (Grades 4 through 8) -209
SCIENCE BEE
This is a novel program where we want to celebrate and encourage the scientific minds of the NSF children. The goal of the coaching program is to imbibe and inculcate curiosity and scientific enquiry thought process in young minds. Online Science coaching is a unique NSF program that is not offered by any other entity here in the US. Students are taught to hypothesize, conduct experiments at home, observe and record the data and the develop conclusions! Science experts run these courses which outpace science of the US School curriculum. We have our own Regional and National Science Bee contests. The Science coaching program is offered for three different age groups.
Enrollment: JSC -(Grades 1, 2 & 3) -256; ISC- (Grades 4 & 5)– 287; SSC -6,7,8 (Grades 6, 7 & 8) – 274

SAT / ACT
This program offers a cost-effective way to prepare for the college admission tests such as SAT and ACT. This is offered as a package of Math and English classes. Classes are 1.5 hours for each subject (total of 3 hours) every week. This is one program where the students themselves enquire about and enroll. The program has the highest enrollment amongst all NSF online coaching programs. The Junior level program for SAT and ACT is intended for students who prepare for tests used to enroll in talented programs such as Johns Hopkins CTY program, Duke's TIP program and PSAT.
Enrollment: SAT Junior (Grades 6, 7 & 8) – 274; SAT Senior (Grades 9 thru 12) – 301

UNIVERSAL VALUES
To cater to the desire of the NSF parents who want to develop and nurture their children's character, this program has been running for the past 4 years. Online Universal Values program is one of a kind that teaches spirituality in a scientific way. It is not tied to a religion but still teaches human values. Mind's enrichment and the pursuit of happiness are tied together when the child travels through the journey of universal values Although the curriculum is the same for all 3 levels, the group dynamics and experience is different for Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
Enrollment: Junior – -(Grades 1, 2 & 3) – 56; Intermediate- (Grades 4 through 8) – 60; Senior – (Grades 9 & above) – 12

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM
With the eye being street smart, we started this new program last year. This 10-week program for our popular demographic 5th grade to 9th grade, focuses on confidence building exercises. This program, conducted by successful teens, provides opportunity for the young minds to learn from successful peers of their own age group. Many students who enrolled last year, are participating this year again as they saw their children realize the benefit and become confident in their day to day life. Unique to NSF coaching programs, we offered the Confidence Building classes twice last year (fall and spring semester). The popularity of this program is indicated by the fact that the classes become full within a few hours of opening for registration.
Enrollment: 125 students
COMPUTER CODING
Introduced as a pilot this year, the program intends to introduce the concepts of programming to young students. NSF anticipates the program to evolve based on the feedback received from participating students.
Enrollment: 150 students

ONLINE WORKSHOPS
NSF offers online workshops throughout the year on various topics to help the NSF parents and students. Offered by previous Scripps Spelling Bee winners, workshop for Spelling Bee is very popular among NSF parents. Over the last few years, NSF also conducted special workshops for NSF children who qualify for the National Scripps spelling bee. In preparation for the NSF regional and national contests, the online workshop program conducts two to three hour workshops at each level for Math, Science and Geography. In partnership with AcceptU, NSF offers workshops on College Admission Planning, Admissions to Ivy League and STEM education. These workshops are conducted by former admissions officers at some of the top colleges in the country.

Dalai Lama Golden Rules to Practice One Day at a Time

Avoid negative sources, people, places and habits
Believe in yourself
Consider things from every angle
Don't give up and don't give in
Everything you're looking for lies behind the mask you wear
Family & friends are hidden treasures, seek them and enjoy their riches
Give more than you planned to
Hang on to your dreams
If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door
Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it
Keep trying no matter how hard it seems
Love yourself
Make it happen
Never lie, steal or cheat
Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values
Practice makes perfect
Quality not quantity in anything you do
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer
Stop procrastinating
Take control of your own destiny
Understand yourself in order to better understand others
Visualize it
When you lose, don't lose the lesson
Xcellence in all your efforts
You are unique, nothing can replace you
Zero in on your target & go for it
The Scholarship Process

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) who is responsible for all activities of the chapter – from forming the selection committee, reviewing applications, interviewing applicants and giving the scholarship 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.

10 Steps to How “your $ helps EDUCATE”

1. India Chapter announces scholarships through local media and in schools (April-June)
2. Interested students file an application online (June-Oct)
3. Students print a copy of the application (June-Oct.)
4. Student mails the application along with the supporting documents (July-Oct.)
5. India Chapter Coordinator (ICC) forms a selection panel, reviews applications and shortlists candidates to interview (Sept).
6. 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).
7. ICC sends recommendations to NSF India Coordinator in Hyderabad (Oct-Nov).
8. NSF India Coordinator and US scholarships team do final review. Sometimes further clarifications are requested before approval (Oct-Nov).
9. The Chapter also processes any renewals at this time since NSF supports the student through the entire course of study (Aug-Oct).
10. India Chapter holds an award ceremony and honors NSF scholarship recipients (Dec-Jan).

NSF uses uniform eligibility criteria to identify poor but meritorious students across chapters.

Eligibility criteria for NSF college scholarships are listed below:
• Marks in the top 10 percentile of 10th or 12th or 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. 6,000 for Diploma students. 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 1,400 scholarships in 2017 ¬– and that number is still growing. Over the past twenty seven years, NSF has provided more than 17,000 scholarships and helped students receive the higher education that they deserve.
### Summary of 2016 - 17 College Scholarships

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**Designated Scholarships**

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NSF is ready to start the 2017-18 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 Scholarship - Yearwise statistics

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Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.
Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.
It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

-- One of Golden Rules of Wisdom
Successful Completion of 25th National Finals conducted by North South Foundation in Houston

The Houston Chapter of North South Foundation (NSF) hosted the 2017 National Finals contests on August 12th and 13th at the University of Houston. This is a historic year for NSF which celebrates its 25th anniversary of highly successful academic contests.

About 1150 children from grades K to 12 participated in the Finals in multiple competitions such as Spelling Bee, Vocabulary Bee, Geography Bee, Math Bee, Science Bee, Brain Bee, Essay Writing, and Public Speaking. The children were selected based on their performance from 92 centers located all over the USA where regional contests were held. Academic excellence was on full display as children competed to secure top ranks. The contests were some of the highly competitive academic contests in the US. The competitions on both the days were supported by more than 400 volunteers that included several Houstonians, past NSF children, High School students and UH Graduate students, who served on various tasks including, Registration, Hospitality, Technical, Grading, Food, Audio-Visual, Awards & Stage Management. Their willingness to donate two entire weekend days from their busy schedule was central to the success of the event. The event also helped raise more than $100,000 towards scholarships for poor students in India. The event was reminiscent of a festival, where the volunteers wore bright orange T-shirts whereas all contestents wore navy blue T-shirts. The Student Center and Bauer College of Business were abuzz with activity with children, parents, and volunteers engrossed in their activities, each working towards successfully achieving the goals they had set out to complete. The competitions on August 12th included Spelling, Science, Essay Writing, Public Speaking and Vocabulary Bees - each further categorized by grade level. The Bees were supported by pronouncers selected from a pool of national level champions from around the US, while essay writing and public speaking were judged by a panel of academicians from the Houston area. The first day's events concluded with an award ceremony at the Cullen Performance Hall, which was highlighted by a Proclamation from Mayor Sylvester Turner declaring August 12th as NSF Day in Houston. The awards ceremony was attended by distinguished guests including Dr. Anupam Ray, Consul General of India and Ms. Paige Kimble, Executive Director of Scripps National Spelling Bee. Ms. Kimble commended the children for their competitive spirit and encouraged them to dream high. Dr. Ray explained to the children how India who invested heavily in education since independence and developed a culture where education is valued. Dr. Ray suggested that these choices benefited India and allowed Indians to excel in education, and urged all to follow the beacon of hope set by NSF by volunteering in its activities. This was followed by a presentation of awards to the participants and trophies for the top winners. The day 2 of the academic fest held on August 13th featured Geography, Math and Brain Bees – each similarly categorized based by grade level and supported by past national level champions. Dr. Latha Ramchand, Dean of the Bauer College of Business at UH, addressed the children at the awards ceremony. She commented that children need both talent and perseverance to be successful in life. She also observed that NSF children have both these attributes and wished them luck.

The academic competitions on both days were interspersed by “Meet the Pro” sessions, where national champions in math, science, geography and spelling shared their study strategies and personal experiences with the younger audience and by self development seminars such as, “Confidence Building and Public Speaking”, “Universal Values” and “Unlock your Potential”. The academic contests including Awards ceremony can be watched at http://www.yupptv.com/nsf-live.html or on YouTube by using the link http://tiny.cc/2017nsfcontests.

NSF is a non-profit organization established in 1989 under the vision and leadership of Dr. Ratnam Chitturi to provide merit-cum-means scholarships for poor talented children in India. In 1992, under the co-direction of Drs. Ratnam Chitturi, Murali Gavini and Rao Chalasani the foundation expanded its mission to achieving academic excellence among Indo-American children as well. The first academic contests were held in 1993. Within a span of 25 years, NSF has become the epitome of academic excellence in two continents, providing over 17,000 scholarships in India and a platform for Indo-American children to hone their skills and achieve recognition at National Competitions including Scripps National Spelling Bee, National Geographic Bee, Math Olympiad, Science Bowl and others.

NSF is founded on the basic principle that this world can be a better place to live if the children of today are better prepared to be good citizens of tomorrow. While it is self-evident that all humans are created equal, it is education that is paramount to realizing the unalienable rights of equality alongside with rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as envisioned by the Founding Fathers of this Nation more than two hundred years ago. Towards this end, the Foundation has encouraged children to work towards becoming the best they can be by nurturing a passion to excel within a framework of friendly competitiveness. Fervent support from the Indo-American community from coast-to-coast in the form of volunteer hours and donations has been central to continued success in this direction. To learn more about NSF’s mission and its India Scholarships Program, please visit www.northsouth.org. To donate for this cause please visit http://tiny.cc/donateforkids.
McDonald’s and North South Foundation Team up for an Education Expo

Chicago, IL- The competition for admission to top universities is becoming brutally intense. The purpose of this event is to help parents of high school students plan for college, career and beyond, as changes are taking place at a faster and faster rate in all spheres of life. Many aspiring college students and their parents do not know how to navigate this complex subject, while others are overwhelmed in choosing the right path and making the right decisions. Conducted by North South Foundation (NSF), the McDonald's Education Expo was phenomenally successful. Over 500 students and parents from the Midwest attended. Throughout the day, eleven speakers came and spoke from around the country; many were representatives or alumni from elite schools such as University of Iowa, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, University of Chicago, Duke, Yale, MIT, Loyola, and Stanford.

Presentations covered a wide spectrum of subjects from how to prepare oneself to be the best college applicant to how to choose the college with the right fit to how to pursue excellence in high school, college, and after. Interspersed throughout were additional important topics such as how to deal with the psychological pressures of college applications and college life, financial issues, as well as the importance of perseverance and practice. Especially emphasized was the importance of the students, parents, teachers, and counselors working together as a team towards college admission. In his presentation, Dr. Ratnam Chitturi aptly highlighted - this is not about “Go to your room and study” but rather “Study is a family affair.”

Further, practical tips included the following: The earliest preparation starts at the middle school level, leading up to high school coursework, the college application including do's and don'ts, college selection criteria, admission interviews, ending with adjusting to the first few months in college. Panel sessions in the morning and afternoon were well managed. A lot of great questions from the audience highlighted what was topmost on their mind, while the panel of experts were equally adept in answering them. Additionally, aspiring college students and their parents had an opportunity to mingle with speakers one-on-one and ask specific questions.

There was a nice blend of presenters between young, fresh graduates and experienced veterans. This blend introduced first hand recent experience from the youngsters, tempered by the veterans who provided longer range, broader perspectives.

Based on the response from students and parents alike, this event was much needed and very informative. One attendee said, “The overall program was well designed with a large number of speakers delivering a lot of content in rapid succession. Organizers should be commended for the thought and preparation that went into the event. It showed!”

We would like to thank our sponsor McDonald’s as well as all of the volunteers from North South Foundation who helped in the planning of this event. Established 28 years ago, NSF is a volunteer driven non-profit that both holds educational contests in the US and raises funds to give college scholarships to poor children who excel academically in India. For further information, please visit our website at www.northsouth.org or contact nsfcontests@northsouth.com
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 18,000 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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From July 24 through 25, I went to a school in rural Karnataka, two hours from inner Bangalore where we were staying, to teach children from Grade 8 to Grade 10 about Genetics, a developing science that sparked my interest in seventh grade. Asking for volunteers was an interesting experience. They, understandably, were hesitant at first—after all, here was a foreign lady with a strange accent speaking about peas and the intrinsic science they carried in every leaf. I focused heavily on class participation, often choosing students I felt weren’t participating without their volunteering. I turned away from competition in the hopes that I would encourage them all to participate without fear of winning or losing ‘points’. I felt largely satisfied with my time with them as one of the students—a girl no less!—proclaimed her love for the subject as well and asked to learn more.ade. The kids were reaching their midterms, and so instead of a weeklong workshop, the administration agreed to two 180 minute long lessons— with breaks of course. This experience was truly inspiring. Children in a rural area that had not won the lottery of life were invested in their education and futures. They were attentive, responsive, and respectful in a way that no student there would have been. I know I’m privileged to live and learn in the United States, but the attitude and socialization of the children in this school was vigorous and unlike anything I’d grown up with. While our education system is by no means the best in the world or perfect in any way, it’s important that I’m grateful that it exists at all the way that it does with the resources that it has—it’s a step up from many places in the world.

I dealt with eighth graders the first day, and ninth and tenth graders the next. With the eighth graders, I focused on simple ideas—I tried many things before focusing on concepts that were fun, challenging, integral to the science, and what inspired my love for the field four years ago. This culminated in Punnett Squares and the concept of dominant versus recessive genes.
Teaching the ninth and tenth graders was a bit more difficult— they had different amounts of knowledge on the topic so it took some time to orient myself. I ended up using the tenth graders to teach the ninth graders by volunterlling them to participate in activities done on the chalkboard. Then, once I felt the ninth graders were on the same page for the inheritance part of it, which yesterday's students had enjoyed much more than chromosomal study, I introduced the idea of gender based traits such as colorblindness and used pedigrees to show them how such genes travel through families. For the rest of the class, I had students fill in various parts of the pedigree before moving on to more complex Punnett Squares and having multiple people go up to the board to write answers. I corrected answers that were wrong but I didn't want to make a big deal of it— many of them were already hesitant to participate, and it was my goal that, besides learning about the science, they felt free to take part in their education and make mistakes, even in front of the class. By the time the class ended, there was even a running joke. I have a habit of clapping when excited, and the students often followed suit, and when I explained that I clap when excited, it became a joke to clap whenever I clapped. I was very excited, so there was a lot of clapping. I felt like I had learned from them and they had learned from me, and what could be more exciting than that? I gave all of the students a pen and a notebook as a token of my gratitude for accepting me and letting me interact with them. It was an incredible experience that I'm incredibly grateful to have taken part in. I want to be involved with their education in the future as well. The environment was so welcoming, teachers and students alike.

About the school and the trust:
http://parangatrust.com/index.html

I am glad I chose PaRanga Vidya Kendra School from the three schools that we were considering. Two other schools were government run schools and were within the city and were very close to where we stayed. But PaRanga is a unique school in a rural set up and the trust's work there is highly commendable. The trust is providing quality education, meals, school uniforms, safe transportation and study materials, all free of cost, to the students. All parents have to do is make up their mind and send them to school. We were told that PaRanga High School has consistently stood first among the five Schools in Magadi Taluk and this was the only school in the Taluk with pass percentage of 100% in a major state level board exam. Transportation and meals pose a big challenge to populations in rural India. The trust has successfully addressed that and has been able to recruit as many as 800 students in their school. They teach K through X grade. All the Kindergarten students are taught in the morning and after lunch, they have nap time and after a glass of milk in the afternoon, they leave school at the same time as the older kids, most of them have older siblings studying in the same school. I thought that was a neat idea!
By Dhatri Saamak

NSF APNA Youth Ambassador 2017
Finals 2017: Top 3 Ranks

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Harini Logan
2nd Rank
Classical Singing
Piano Swimming

Akash Vukoti
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Junior Vocabulary Bee

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1st Rank
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Vedanti Patil
2nd Rank
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Aarav Prakash
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Chemistry Experiments, Tennis

Tara Singh
3rd Place
Tennis, Violin

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Reading, Music, and Dance

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Math Level 1 (MB1)

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Plays Soccer, Piano, and Chello

Parthiv Mothipati
2nd Rank
Reading books, interested in Lego blocks

Tarun Venkatesh
3rd Rank
Dancing, Chess and Swimming

Math Level 2 (MB2)

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1st Rank
Piano, swimming, Indian Classical Vocal, Soccer, Writing

Thrisha Kalpatthi
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Reading books, dancing and singing

Tanishq Pauskar
3rd Rank
Playing basketball and tennis

Math Level 3 (MB3)

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Playing tennis

Karthik Vedula
1st Rank

Aditya Akula
1st Rank

Pravalika Putalapattu
1st Rank

Chinmay Krishna
1st Rank
Chess, math, geography, scrabble, soccer

Aarush Tatuki
1st Rank
Chess, essay writing, solving math problems, Piano.
Junior Geography Bee

Aurush Tutiki
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Chess, essay writing, solving math problems, Piano.

Karthik
Panchangam
2nd Rank
Reading, music, interested in geography and spelling

Anish Raja
3rd Rank
Reading, Piano and keen interest in Geography

Senior Geography Bee

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1st Rank
Love for animals and spends time

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2nd Rank
Baseball, Golf, Football, music and reading

Shreyan Mitra
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Reading and writing

Senior Essay Writing (EW3)

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Reading and music

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Watching sports, playing basketball

Siddhant Puranik
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Reading and playing guitar

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Watching sports, playing basketball

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Avyai Surampalli
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Soccer, Lego building, collection and building airplanes, trains and cars

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3rd Rank
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Senior Brain Bee

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Flying drones and violin

Hemanth Asirvatam
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Writing, playing chess, violin and soccer

Kartik Tyagi
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Basketball, watching sports, solving math problems, playing piano and violin

Intermediate Science

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Reading and building Lego

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