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2019 NATIONAL FINALS
AUGUST 9-11, MIT CAMBRIDGE
North South Foundation Leadership Conference
October 2018, Chicago, IL
Dear Finalists and Families,

It is with great pleasure I would like to welcome you to the 2019 National Finals! We are excited to host the finals at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)! Thank you kids for sharing your Fun Facts about MIT and Boston. It was a lot of fun reading them. Did you know that I’ve lived in the Boston area for 26 years and I still learnt something new from your Fun Facts!

Congratulations to all the National Finalists! You should know that you were selected from a pool of over 15,000 kids who participated in the regional contests this year? That is impressive and you should be very proud of yourself! You have worked hard and sacrificed part of your summer to prepare for the National Finals. Hope you have a great experience and have fun while in Boston. The city is rich in history and culture. Take some time to explore the Beantown!

2019 marks the 30th anniversary of North South Foundation (NorthSouth) since its inception in 1989! What a great milestone to celebrate here at MIT!! The organization has given out over 20,000 scholarships to smart kids like you in India, so they could get a college education, thanks to you! You might not even have realized that every time you registered for a contest, part of the money goes to India to educate a kid there. How cool is that!

The Massachusetts & New Hampshire chapter volunteers are proud to co-host the National Finals. NorthSouth is an organization that is driven by 100% volunteers. It takes more than 400 volunteers to put together an event of this magnitude, feeding over 2000 people each day! I am very proud of my team! If you see a volunteer in a red t-shirt that says “Volunteer” on the back, stop by and thank them!

Did you know that over 200,000 kids in grades K-12 have participated in contests during the last 30 years?

If you have been reading the news, you should know that several NorthSouth kids have won major national competitions like the Scripps Spelling Bee, National Geographic Bee, Science Bowl etc. See their pictures at the back of this book! If you work hard and set your goals, you might be one of them!

Parents, thank you for helping your child(ren) prepare for the finals. A lot of time, effort and sacrifices have surely gone into getting the kids ready for the contests. Kids, we wish you the very best as you participate in the contests. No matter what the results, you are a winner! We hope our NorthSouth families have a great experience at the finals and enjoy the food, activities, MTPs and other fun events we have planned for you!

Special thanks to Dr. Anu Amaswamy, Professor at MIT for helping us secure MIT as the venue to host the finals and Vandana Sharma for designing the special NorthSouth logo to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the foundation. We are thankful to all our sponsors who contributed generously to support the event and to all the volunteers for their invaluable time and effort to make this event a success.

On behalf of my co-conveners, Anitha Rajagopalan, Prasad Dabbi and the entire 2019 National Finals Team, Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

My favorite Fun Fact: The Boston University Bridge is the only place in the world where a boat can sail under a train, while the train is moving under passing vehicles with overhead flying airplanes!

Sincerely,

Savitha Rajiv
Convener, 2019 National Finals
North South Foundation
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and I would like to welcome you to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the 2019 NorthSouth National Finals.

Lieutenant Governor Polito and I would like to congratulate all of the contestants who have achieved the incredible feat of advancing to this year's finals. By competing in the NorthSouth competitions, you will continue to develop your knowledge of various subjects and expand upon the leadership qualities that will guide you through your adult lives. Through the funds raised from these contests, you will also contribute to the betterment of lives of smart, economically-challenged children all throughout India and beyond.

The Commonwealth thrives off of driven, hard-working, and intellectual youth and you should all be proud of the great achievements you have accomplished so far.

Lieutenant Governor Polito and I would also like to congratulate NorthSouth on their 30th anniversary as an organization. We are grateful for their commitment to improving the lives of underprivileged children in India and in our Commonwealth.

We hope the competitions are a great success and wish the very best of luck to all of the participants in the Finals!

Sincerely,

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR

KARYN E. POLITO
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
August, 2019

Dear Students,

Congratulations on your upcoming celebration of NorthSouth’s 30th anniversary and 2019 National Finals! The hard work, dedication, and breadth of knowledge that you continue to demonstrate throughout this competition are commendable.

Education is close to my heart. I was fortunate enough to build my career as a teacher for many years before I was elected to the U.S. Senate. Universal access to quality, affordable education has the power to change people’s lives. Your commitment to learning has made this possible for students across the world.

I hope the event is a success and am confident you will all continue to make a difference in our communities through your accomplishments. Persist!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Warren
August 9, 2019

Dear Competitors and Supporters:

I am pleased to welcome you to the City of Cambridge for the 2019 National Finals. Congratulations to the North South Foundation, the 1500 students, and the teachers, organizers, coaches, and family who have contributed to making this weekend a success.

As North South Foundation encourages excellence in education, it is fitting that the event is being hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the best universities in the country. William Barton Rogers, the Institute’s founding President, believed that education should be both broad and useful. The knowledge, preparation, and training that you have gained from learning to spell complex words is sure to benefit you for the rest of your lives.

I wish you the best of luck in your competition over the next three days and hope that you will take the time to enjoy some of the museums, local dining, shops, parks, and entertainment that Cambridge has to offer.

Sincerely,

Marc C. McGovern
Mayor
MEET THE TEAM
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There are close to 100,000 public schools and 35,000 private schools in the US. About 50 million children go to public schools and 6 million to private schools. Using sports analogy, Scripps National spelling bee has become the most popular academic sport with 11 million children participating at the school level. They have been conducting the bee for 92 years. With championship rounds televised live during prime time for nearly 15 years, the interest level as well as the intensity in the competition have grown exponentially in recent years.

The following chart shows how the children benefited in spelling bee by staying the course with NorthSouth. A child will achieve one of the top ten ranks at the National Finals within 9 years.

NorthSouth children had a 12-year winning streak at Scripps National Spelling Bee. Not just Spelling Bee – NorthSouth Children also had a 8-year winning streak at National Geographic Bee, and succeeded in becoming Champions in MATHCOUNTS, Science Bowl, International Math Olympiad, International Brain Bee, You Bee the Chemist, History Bee and Jeopardy. NorthSouth children have been able to realize extraordinary outcomes through passion, hard work and perseverance.
Who gets the credit? In addition to children who worked really hard to achieve their goals, the credit goes to the parents who motivated and inspired their children to participate, volunteers for their selfless service, and donors for supporting NorthSouth year in and year out.

What is it that we have learned collectively, time and time again, in the last 30-year journey? The keys to repeated success are: access, affordability, opportunity and support. NorthSouth has learnt that if a child has passion and works hard over the long haul, just like in sports, he/she can reach the pinnacles of excellence. Thomas Edison said more than a century ago that genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration. NorthSouth children proved his assertion to be 100 percent true at large.

As we celebrate 30th anniversary, NorthSouth is embarking on a new and exciting initiative to reach out to US public schools. The goal is to provide a platform for every child in school the access and opportunity for improving his or her learning skills year in and year out by providing access to the same resources at an affordable cost so that children with passion can reach extraordinary heights as our children have done for more than two decades.

NorthSouth is launching its new initiative on a new platform on September 1, 2019. The goal is to make the best tools available in spelling bee to all children in public schools. Now using the tools provided by NorthSouth, children in public schools can move up the ladder of excellence through passion, dedication, perseverance and hard work.

The education resources are available on the NorthSouth website under the Preparation sections.

Some key links are listed below:

**Spelling:**
www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Spelling

**Vocabulary:**
www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Vocabulary

**Math:**
www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Math

**Science:**
www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Science

**Geography:**
www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Geography

**Brain Bee:**
www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/BrainBee

**History:**
www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/HistoryBee
The continued winning streak of North South Foundation (NorthSouth) children in Scripps Spelling Bee is taken for granted - even though it should not be - but 2019 championship is a history maker for both Scripps and NorthSouth. Five out of eight co-champions coming from NorthSouth ranks is astonishing. Geography Bee is right behind in successive championships for NorthSouth. The excellence in other areas is just as gratifying. The winners, parents, coaches, and volunteers are the pride of the organization. Likewise, the management team and volunteers making 2019 finals at MIT are to be commended and thanked for their tireless work and meticulous execution.

NorthSouth is at the thirty-year mark looking forward to the next thirty with a strategic plan. The first thirty-year journey started with a humble beginning to award scholarships for the bright students in India that are financially disadvantaged. The twenty thousand scholarships meant a lot for the recipients in shaping their lives with hope and fulfillment. NorthSouth journey widened during the period to bring the best out of the children of Indian origin in the US. The spectacular success in Spelling Bee that has a very low probability of any other group achieving speaks volumes of NorthSouth “Encouraging Excellence in Education” and living up to its motto “Bee the best you can Bee.” The scholarships and educational contests combine empathy with excellence.

The inspiration for the next thirty years comes from the experiences and accomplishments of the first thirty, but the guiding light continues to be empathy and excellence in action. NorthSouth at the thirty-year mark has gathered the means and bandwidth to light up the path where it has a presence and move to the frontiers with the same spirit where the need is felt.

NorthSouth is now actively preparing to fill the spirit of empathy in the US alongside the educational excellence it has already garnered. The “outreach” program in active development will take NorthSouth signature initiatives into many communities in the US, both public and private institutions in rural, urban, suburban, and inner-city locales. Initiatives come from the heart to share with fellow citizens and communities that could benefit, but they need to be augmented with sustainable strategies and technology platform that have been developed over the past two years. In the process, all precautions will be taken to preserve what we have and scale higher highs.

The story in India is just as exciting. Besides scholarships, empathy has been extended to educational excellence walking in lockstep. NorthSouth contests and India specific HUM-study for measuring learning outcomes are made available to over 1.2 million students and growing. Getting this far has taken a lot of learning with an open mind and experimentation in cooperation with the school management, subject matter experts, and volunteer consultants. NorthSouth value proposition in India is to make children creative learners away from rote learning, which has been acclaimed and accepted by the recipients. What was imagined as a wild dream has come true. Good intentions and hard work have been amply rewarded.

Let the MIT finals be the fulcrum point to merge educational excellence with empathy completely.

I wish the finals at MIT to be a memorable event, passing the torch from the first thirty-years to the next thirty years, as we sing a song of gratitude for those who mightily contributed to the success and those lined up to carry the torch.

Rao Chalasani
Chairman
Two major activities of North South Foundation (North-South) are:

1. To promote excellence in human endeavor by organizing impeccable academic contests in US and India

2. To help poorest of the poor kids in India by providing scholarships to pursue higher studies

NorthSouth has been conducting academic contests for over 30 years and helped several thousands of young students in US improving their academic skills. At the same time, about 20,000 students in India pursued higher education with the help of NorthSouth India scholarships.

The identification of the most deserving candidates, with top-notch academic record and true financial need, is not an easy task. The eligibility criteria for NSF India scholarships are:

- Student must be in top 10% in 10th, 12th class and in a competitive entrance test (e.g. NEET)
- Secured admission to pursue a professional degree (Engineering, Medicine, Diploma, Nursing, etc.)
- Family income should be less than Rs 100,000 per year

There are a large number of chapters distributed all over India, with headquarters in Hyderabad. The Chapter Coordinators (CCs) and corresponding Liaison officers in US do an excellent job of identifying students who are academically brilliant but in the need of financial support.

Each year, the announcement for the scholarships goes out in the month of July and applications are accepted till end of October. The scholarships are announced in major newspapers, online, personal references, as well as by word of mouth. The CCs collect information, review the application and make a recommendation to the NorthSouth main office in Hyderabad. The NSF Hyderabad office sends the final list to the US for approval. A schematic diagram of the process is shown below.
The academic year 2018-19 has been a fantastic year for India Scholarships. About 2130 deserving students for the year 2018-19 were awarded scholarships. This is about 400 more students than last year. These students received a total of about 4 core Indian Rupees (570k USD). This would not have been possible without dedication and hard work from the entire scholarship team. This is a collective effort from team in Hyderabad, India Chapter Coordinators, IT team in Nagercoil, and USA Liaison officers. Kudos to Vijayawada, Tanuku, Bengaluru and Hyderabad chapter coordinators, each of these coordinators awarded more than 215 scholarships this year. The work by team Vijayawada chapter is exceptional and they were able to identify 546 students this year alone. This is record for a NorthSouth chapter.

The NorthSouth board members have put forward a major challenge in front of the scholarship team - to target 3000 India scholarships for the academic year 2019-20. We have not awarded 3000 scholarships per year before, however, with team effort it is possible to reach the goal.

How NorthSouth parents in US can help?

First of all, you are already helping. Thank you. Every time your child participates in any NorthSouth competition, workshop or an online coaching, you are helping a poor child in India. NorthSouth is seeking applications for scholarships in India for the academic year 2019-20. If you know someone in India, who can benefit from NorthSouth scholarships, please request them to apply online at: https://www.northsouth.org/app6/Maintest.aspx

The announcement for scholarships is available at: www.northsouth.org/public/docs/indiascholarships/docs/2018scholarshipflier.pdf
Please spread the word by forwarding the PDF document to students, college principals, college faculty, high school teachers, and non-profit organizations. Encourage them to spread the word by sharing this announcement with prospective students. With your help we can reach the goal set by the NorthSouth board.

Dr. Ganesh Dasari
Scholarships Coordinator in US

Mr. Nageshwar Rao Kondapalli
Scholarships Coordinator in India

Bee Art

Suvani Sinha
Age 11
6/11/19
Compassionate Leadership in India Scholarships Process:
Ahmedabad Chapter Experiences

I have been Chapter Coordinator for Ahmedabad chapter since 2013. Since then, I was able to help a large number of students by awarding scholarships for higher education. NorthSouth has always been very supportive of Ahmedabad chapter efforts.

NorthSouth supports only the most-needy students whose family income is not enough to support higher education expenses. Most of the students that we support do not study in expensive English medium schools but study in Gujarati medium schools. They don’t have exposure to English so need help at almost each and every step of NorthSouth scholarship application process. I prepare NorthSouth scholarship flyer in Gujarati with simple steps for online application. I send the flyer to all the Engineering, Medical colleges of Gujarat. I also ask senior students to spread the word of NorthSouth scholarships in their colleges.

I check online applications regularly and help students to correct any wrong / missing information. From October to December, I interact with the students for final scrutiny. During this interaction I come to know about the real situation of students’ struggles. These interactions helps me to identify the most-needy students. This is a lot of work, but results are very satisfying.

I have experienced that most of these 17 years old students are very innocent and honest. They give correct information (they could have hidden some facts to show they are needy but they don’t lie). So I can say India has honest children!

I have come across many students who can’t afford mess / canteen bills, they skip several meals in a month. I also come across widow mothers, who are working very hard at the cost of their health to help their children succeed in education. There are children of farmers who have very small farms and face frequent crop failures. I always make sure such students get an opportunity to apply for NorthSouth scholarship. NorthSouth leadership team supported such disadvantaged students, making exceptions to the criteria.

In the year 2018-19, I have identified about 25 students who were very poor. They have satisfied all but one of the NorthSouth scholarship criteria (low family income, high marks in 10th and 12th grade, low rank in common entrance test). These students are from rural background studying in rural government Gujarati schools, and they have done exceptionally well locally. I have investigated personal circumstances for each of the students, wrote a detailed memo, and shared with NorthSouth leaders in Hyderabad and USA. I am very happy to share that majority of these students were approved and got scholarships.

I am very happy that NorthSouth is always taking decisions in favor of poor and brilliant students. No doubt NorthSouth is bringing hopes in many families by supporting higher education. I am sure this will continue forever.

Tushar J. Anjaria
Chapter Coordinator, Ahmedabad Chapter
This might be a question on the mind of many parents with children going into high school. Nothing can be more challenging for these parents, whose children have grown up in a loving, nurturing and care-free environment of their home. But, these young adults will be soon facing the competitive academics of high school and getting to prepare for college. That is where NorthSouth can again help with life skills and build leadership qualities needed to face the challenges of the real-world.

I had my first experience in seeing leadership skill development, when my daughter volunteered to organize a spelling workshop in India through NorthSouth. It was in the summer of 2005 and the program turned out to be a life changing experience for her! It was also memorable as kids in the local government school in India eagerly devoured the subject material and it didn’t take much to impress them. At the same time, my daughter experienced the realities of life where children in such schools were happily sitting on the ground with poor lighting in the class rooms. They were just blissfully unaware of the wonderful facilities available to their counterparts in the US Schools. This stark difference didn’t go unnoticed for my daughter. Thus, the idea was formed for a formal program towards youth leadership – Ambassador Program for NorthSouth Alumni (APNA). The APNA program was formally launched in 2012 and there have been dozens of NorthSouth Foundation Alumni participating in this wonderful program annually. The application process starts in each spring and the Youth Ambassadors have the choice to go to any state in India. This makes it convenient for them to organize the leadership program at a local school in their home town, where they also get a chance to visit their family. There is a lot of flexibility in the format of the program to accommodate the needs of the school. The experiences of the past Youth Ambassadors are saved in the APNA Hall of Fame page of North South website (https://www.northsouth.org/public/APNA/Index). These are amazing stories of our heroes, who as our role models chose to spend their summer break to help the needy kids in India. It’s also heart-warming to read them and they can inspire any one to take part in the APNA Youth Ambassador program. Are you ready to take the step forward?

Contact: apna@northsouth.org.

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From North South Foundation
to Harvard University

What a year it has been for college admissions. From groups, such as the Students for Fair Admissions, claiming that elite universities have been discriminating against those of specific backgrounds, to the discovery that many of these universities were, in fact, involved in illegally favoring certain applicants through Operation Varsity Blues, this whole year has been a whirlwind for students, parents, and teachers, alike. Unsurprisingly, these news stories have had an even more pronounced effect on the students actually applying to these schools this year, as every single day, the plot seemed to thicken and we became even more painfully aware of the convoluted nature of admissions. It seemed that a perfect SAT/ACT score, a 4.0 GPA, a slew of AP/IB classes, a breadth and depth of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, and every other factor that is written and re-written about in college blogs, would no longer suffice.

I, along with hundreds of thousands of my peers, applied to universities across the country this fall, and I was fortunate enough to be accepted into my dream school, Harvard, in the Early Action cycle. In these ensuing months, I have spent quite some time in reflection and introspection, attempting to both discern why my application was able to make it through these odds and why this acceptance has become so difficult to achieve. I have come upon a few points, which I will delineate below.

The first course of business is understanding the why. Why are the acceptance rates for top schools so low? Why do so many students apply to them? And, why do many students spend years upon years hoping for the coveted acceptance?

I think the answer comes down to the opportunities and connections that we believe are associated with these top schools. Let’s do a case study on Harvard, my future alma mater, as an example. When one searches up “famous Harvard students,” images of former President Barack Obama, top astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, famous actress Natalie Portman, and tech entrepreneur Mark Zuckerberg appear, all of whom are incredible trailblazers in their respective fields. And, as someone who has been fortunate enough to be accepted to this school, the idea that I will be spending my next four years with such individuals is both extremely humbling and incredibly inspiring. It is also all too easy to start wondering how I made it to Harvard, as I compare my mediocre acting skills to that of Natalie Portman’s or my lack of political aspirations to that of former president Barack Obama. I am certainly good at something, but it’s not acting or politics.

It is with this thought process that I discovered the key for a coveted college acceptance. If Natalie Portman had spent her high school years forcing herself to solve Physics problems, instead of acting, because that was what got Neil deGrasse Tyson into Harvard, she probably would not have gotten in. If Mark Zuckerberg forced himself to write poetry like T.S. Elliot, even though his hands itched to write code instead, he would not have made it either. Even more importantly, consider this: imagine Zuckerberg’s disappointment after all those years of doing something that he did not want to do, only to be rejected from the school that he did those things for.

Consequently, if there is one bit of college advice that I would give younger students, it would be this — do what makes you happy and do it the greatest extent. Let college be a mere reward of all of your hard work that you have put in, rather than the sole reason that you are working at all. Remember that high school is four years of your life, years that you will never get back. Do not waste even a moment of it trying to follow someone else’s footsteps - be a trailblazer, a pathfinder of your own niche. In other words, be the best you can be.

Sravya Kuchibhotla
NorthSouth Contestant
Dear North South Foundation Family:
What an exciting time to be a part of this Foundation! Our time at MIT marks 3 decades since the North South Foundation’s inception, and represents over a quarter century of educational contests. After 30 years, the North South Foundation is clearly recognized as being associated with educational excellence.

And yet, that’s not even the most remarkable feat of the North South Foundation.

Since 1989, the North South Foundation has awarded over 20,000 scholarships to children in India. These are children who otherwise would not have had access to higher education at all. Your participation in the regional and national contests continue to make this possible.

The North South Foundation, then, stands for Educational Excellence and Empathy.

So what will the next 30 years bring?

In order for the North South Foundation to thrive for another 3 decades and beyond, we need to continue to be excellent in education, and excellent in empathy in India, and yet – we need to do more.

We also need to be excellent when it comes to empathy in the United States. In short, we need to give back to this home of ours, not just our home halfway around the world.

What will this take? This will take some effort – not something our contestants, parents and volunteers ever run away from – in many ways. Our efforts will need to be devoted to local community outreach, so we can start to connect with economically or educationally disadvantaged children in the United States. Our efforts will also need to spent on defining our brand a little bit better, so we become known not just for being smart, but for giving back.

Education. Excellence. Empathy.

At these Finals and in the coming months, the North South Foundation will be hosting focus groups across the country, so that our logo and tagline best reflect what we do, who we are, and most importantly, WHY we exist.

How can you help?
You can participate in any or all of our efforts. You can help coach and teach our offerings. You can assist in local and national contests, committed to excellence. You can assist in outreach efforts or in finding contest sponsors, helping make our empathy tangible. And you can participate in our focus groups, so that the North South Foundation maintains viability and relevance for years to come.

I had the privilege of being present for the very first regional and national spelling bees in 1993, and could never have imagined how the North South Foundation would transform the lives of so many in multiple continents. That’s what happened in less than 30 years.

What will happen in the next 30?
The answer is, in many ways, up to you. Education. Excellence. Empathy. How will you help?

Focus Group Teaser
The North South Foundation has been helping to change the world – one educational moment at a time – for over 30 years. 20,000 scholarships and dozens of champions later, it is time for us as a community to define the next 30 years.

Would you like to shape the future of the Foundation?

Sign up for our Focus Group session at the Finals!

Balu Natarajan, M.D.
Board Member
North South Foundation
What if we lived in a world where everybody looked the same and they shared the same thoughts & beliefs? How interesting would it be to travel the world, but every place you visited looked the same? Boring!

Diversity is what makes our world beautiful, unique and interesting! On a blustery autumn day, during my evening walk, I found these two leaves blown by the wind resting next to each other. The beauty of their contrasting colors and physical features immediately caught my eye! As I bent down to pick them up, all I could think of is how beautiful they both were! Different in color, shape and size, yet each holding its own, still leaves – just different!

Each year, millions of people travel across the globe just to see the beautiful fall colors, be it in the White mountains of New Hampshire or in Japan all the way across the world! We admire them for the different shades of yellows, oranges and reds, for their sizes from a tiny little leaf to some that are much bigger than our hands! Why then do we exhibit intolerance towards diversity in our own species? Every person in the world is different and beautiful in their own way. At the very core, we are all still human beings irrespective of where we come from, the color of our skin, our religious & political beliefs or sexual orientation. Diversity is a value that is shown in mutual respect and appreciation of these differences and similarities among us. If we build an environment where diversity is respected, embraced and accepted, we are building a bond of humanity where every individual can thrive on their strengths and become productive members of our society.

Mahatma Gandhi said: “Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization”.

Now more than ever is the time for us to integrate our differences and find unity in diversity. Now is the time to lead by example and teach our children, the leaders of tomorrow how we can work together in a spirit of wholeness. Let us do our part to make this world a better, more united place for us to live in, for our future generations to grow up in!
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Monroe Township, NJ

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Srijay Jagarlamudi
Austin, TX

Srikar Bandreddy
Austin, TX

Srinidhi Rao
Pensacola, FL
“Gesellschaft,” Dr. Bailey uttered in the moment that would determine whether or not I won the National Spelling Bee.

Three years later, I was in a similar position, this time on the stage of the National Geography Bee. Mo Rocca questioned us: “More than one-third of Norway’s northernmost county is located on what plateau?”

My journey with bees started with childish curiosity. I remember when my sister would prepare for her school spelling bees -- while she studied, I tried to spell with her. At that time, my only goal was to annoy her, but it began to turn into something more as time went on. I wanted to spell too! When my sister asked me to spell “because,” and I quickly spelled it, my mom noticed that I had a talent for spelling.

Since I couldn’t start spelling at school yet, my mom tried to find another way to explore my passion for words. That’s when my family discovered the North South Foundation. Even as a kindergartener, I could practice as if it was the real competition. At my very first NorthSouth Spelling Bee, I didn’t even know the difference between “umpire” and “empire.” I didn’t place that year, but I worked hard to prepare so I could get a trophy (and do better than my sister). That next year, much to my surprise, I placed first in the Junior Spelling Bee.

Looking back, I realize that NorthSouth Foundation is what pushed me to constantly improve and learn more. Every loss and word spelled wrong pushed me to work harder the next year. It gave me a stage to not only practice on, but also to gain confidence and knowledge. Most importantly, NorthSouth gave me a support system of friends with similar passions as me. These people were the same ones who would stay up late to do mock bees together and who I’d share new words with as I found them. Having a group of people that motivate you to do your best in an aura of friendly competition meant the world to me. We all learn together and as Dr. Chitturi firmly utters every time, “We are all winners!”

So after I won the Scripps National Spelling Bee, I didn’t want to stop competing. I turned my eye on the National Geographic Geography Bee. The skillset I gained and relationships I formed with other champions and mentors aided greatly in my preparations.

“G-e-s-e-l-l-s-a-f-t.”

“The Finmark Plateau.”

These are two moments I’ll never forget in my life -- just like I’ll never forget all that NorthSouth did for me. Going forward, I know that what NorthSouth Foundation has taught me will continue to help me for the rest of my future, whether that’s academics or

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Nihar Janga
2019 National Geographic Bee Champion
2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion
North South Foundation (NorthSouth) was established in United States of America (USA). The main objective of NorthSouth is to award scholarships to the needy Indian students for their studies and to see that they reach higher heights in the endeavor. They formed the corpus funds by way of conducting various contests in USA. The corpus fund was allocated to the Indian students throughout India in the form of NorthSouth scholarships in various disciplines i.e. Engineering, Medical (M.B.B.S. Nursing, Unani, Veterinary, Dental), Agriculture Sciences, Diploma, and Pharmacy. The selection of the candidates is based on the merit cum poverty, irrespective of caste and creed. The main goal of the NorthSouth is to raise the level of Indian students to the level of students of USA and other European countries.

The formation of NorthSouth Karnataka Chapter is due to Prof. G.K. Narayana Reddy, Ex Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka University and presently the president of S.R.N.G. Sampannappa Charities. During his stay in USA Prof G.K. Narayana Reddy met professor Kesavulu, native of Bangalore and with him he met Dr. Ratnam Chitturi and had discussion with them to form NorthSouth Bangalore Chapter and later it has been named as NorthSouth Karnataka Chapter, which caters for all students in the state of Karnataka.

Initially Prof. G.K. Narayana Reddy was the coordinator of North South Foundation, Karnataka Chapter and served for many years. Later, Dr. D Ashwath Narayana, Chief Engineer and Secretary PWD was the coordinator for the NorthSouth Karnataka Chapter for nearly many years. After then it was transferred to Prof. N Munirudrappa Ex-Chairman and Prof. of Civil Engineering (U.V.C.E) and presently working at Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering as Prof. of Civil Engineering, Bangalore. Prof Munirudrappa is the current coordinator. For a period of nearly 20 years, the Karnataka Chapter is operating. More than 600 students have been benefitted from NorthSouth scholarship in different fields of their education.

In the year 2018-19, the Karnataka Chapter was in the receipt of 450 applications. Nearly 84 fresh applicants have been given NorthSouth scholarships and about 140 applicants have been renewed. Specially, because of NorthSouth Karnataka Chapter, students of North Karnataka, poor part of the state, have benefitted. At the same time the students of rural areas belonging to South Karnataka also have been blessed with NorthSouth scholarships. We are happy to say that in near future we are hoping a large number of students of Karnataka Chapter will be benefitted by NorthSouth scholarships. In totality, we are very much grateful to NorthSouth USA (Dr. Ratnam Chitturi and the dedicated team) of their service to all the students. We whole heartedly wish the NorthSouth USA to grow in heaps and bounds and pray the god almighty to bless you all with good health, happiness and prosperity.
Thank you!
Scholarship Recipients from Bangalore

I am Sanjay R, am studying EEE in BMS College of Engineering, Basavanagudi, Bangalore. I have received NorthSouth scholarship amount twice in 2017 and 2018. With the former one I paid my second year fees and with the latter one I bought text books and Gate exam study materials. Since laptop is very important for a student to develop soft skills, I thought of buying laptop with the next one. I have utilized the scholarship amount very carefully and it helped me to progress in my studies. Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely,
Sanjay R
Ayyappanagar, K R Puram
Bangalore - 560036

I am KARTHIK H studying in UVCE college. I have completed my first year with CGPA 9.3. Firstly, I would like to thank North South for providing me a scholarship. It was very helpful to me. I have paid 75% of NorthSouth scholarship amount to college fees & the remaining 25% of scholarship amount for semester exam fees & also to purchase books. So, I kindly request you to please provide me scholarship for next year, because as my father is a farmer. This year, income from agriculture does not look promising, and I will be looking forward to the NorthSouth scholarship. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Karthik H
2nd year B.E
UVCE
Bangalore 560001

I am Anasuya Shivashankar, studying MBBS 2nd year in Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute. I would like to thank NorthSouth organization for providing me the scholarship of Rs 25,000 for the academic year 2018-19. I have used the scholarship amount to pay my 4th and 5th term college fee, I also pay my mess bill with the scholarship. I bought some booking including Robbins Basic Pathology text book. The scholarship has been really helpful to me as my family would not have been able to afford my educational expenses. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Anasuya Shivashankar
II Year MBBS
Bangalore 56002
Jun 19 2019

The Scholarship provided by NorthSouth was very helpful in paying my College Fees, Hostel Fees and purchasing of Medicine Related Books which are bit costly to afford without any financial help. Because of these books, I was able to score well in my exams. NorthSouth also helped me to become independent student in terms of financial assistance and hopefully my scholar will be continued in future.

Sangeeta Manavacharya
3rd Year MBBS Student
Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute
I am Sanjay PJ studying BE in UVCE Bangalore. I am one of the beneficiary of NorthSouth scholarship program. I have utilized the scholarship amount for paying my examination fees, college fees and also spent money on buying the books for academics. As part of the NorthSouth community service program, I participated in world environmental day and planted 200 plants associated. I am thankful to organization for financially supporting me as well as for involving me in community service programs.

Thanking you,
Sanjay PJ
UVCE Bangalore

As a recipient of NorthSouth scholarship, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all your support. I’m pursuing my 2nd year Civil Engineering at University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore. NorthSouth has helped me in lot of ways. Using the scholarship, I have paid my college fees, bought books for my current academics as well as for general knowledge. Through your generous support it has been possible for me to continue my academics and progress towards my career goals.

Thanking You,
Ravikumara G
Bangalore-02

First I would like to thank you for helping many students like me by providing scholarships based on their academic performance. As for your question scholarship amount helped me for many things, with first year scholarship amount I bought a laptop for academic purpose and both 2nd and 3rd year amount used for an academic college fees. I assure you that I will help the needy people in the same way you are doing for me.

Thanking You,
Mahesh R
PES University

NorthSouth provided a boost to my academic career as it not only provided financial assistance, it has also given me self confidence which helped me to purse advanced degree. I have utilized the scholarship amount to pay my college exam fee and I have completed an online course from NPTEL-IIT Kharagpur with NorthSouth scholarship.

Thanking you,
Harshith .C. M
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Mason, OH

Sriniket Nuthalapati
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Newmilford, NJ
Our Family’s Journey

As first-generation immigrants, we all face a lot of challenges like visa issues, job search, career, finances, supporting family both back home and here, raising family in a new environment while adjusting to it ourselves. Without proper support system and guidance, navigation become nearly impossible. We all go through this incredibly difficult balancing act juggling through numerous activities in a single day. Sometimes you keep wondering how you can do all this in 24 hours, and, if weekdays are better or weekends are better.

Over a period, I realized that we need to work on our priorities. For me and my husband, it was an easy decision. Kids and their education have been our top priority. We started very early-on, engaging our kids in various activities. Neither career ladder nor money minting businesses seemed more important than our kids’ education. As they started preschool, we identified that our kids are gifted. This reinforced our priority and to keep them engaged, intellectually challenged and encourage them to be scholars. In 2009, one of our friends introduced us to North South Foundation (NorthSouth) Organization. We were very excited to learn that an organization like NorthSouth exists which is dedicated to help support education to both kids abroad and India.

Our Children have been participating in NorthSouth activities since 2009 and we encouraged them to try as many NorthSouth topics as they could. Every year NorthSouth National Finals gives families an opportunity to visit some great universities around United States. During parent sessions organized by NorthSouth in Nationals, we learnt about various national level tournaments like Science Bowl and You-Be-The-Chemist. My husband worked with school and administration officials to introduce these competitions in Missouri as well as at schools. We started reaching out to other parents that are interested in these similar activities and formed groups. Trained kids so they compete state level and national level kids. I feel fortunate that our kids were able participate in these activities that helped them grow as constant learners and challenge themselves. Competitions taught them how to be focused and how important it is to be disciplined and dedicated to win anything. Participating in various tournaments boosted their confidence tremendously.

Our kids learned that teamwork and knowledge sharing are equally important as they progressed in their journey. Last year in 2018, our family visited an orphanage in India, Sri Sarada Niketan, via APNA NorthSouth program and spent summer teaching Math and Chemistry for high school students. This helped them immensely to get good grades and learn some key concepts.

We started our kids journey towards this lifelong learning, and with blessings of their grandparents, I pray to God that their journey continues.
Junior Vocabulary Bee

Akshaj Peguda
Cumming, GA

Ananya Gupta
Kirkland, WA

Anay Ganesh
Gurnee, IL

Anay Shedge
Cupertino, CA

Anika Bhat
Congers, NY

Anish Thota
Ashburn, VA

Anjali Chauhan
Edison, NJ

Anjali Janardhanan
Hilliard, OH

Anvith Marri
Bridgewater, NJ

Aparna Sarkar
Naperville, IL

Arjun Hulikal
Avon, CT

Arjun Raj
Novi, MI
Arnav Dasyam
Pittsburgh, PA

Arnav Jakkamsetti
Guilderland, NY

Arushi Mallick
Fremont, CA

Aveek Sarkar
Naperville, IL

Chandhana Lingam Muhilan
Parsippany, NJ

Darsh Goel
Portland, OR

Dhanvantar Saravanan
New Providence, NJ

Dhanya Bharadwaj
Redmond, WA

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Fremont, CA

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Sammamish, WA

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Sugarland, TX

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Franklin, WI

Jay Jadhav
Fitchburg, WI

Jiya Bhavsar
Pv, KS

Joshua Joseph
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Boca Raton, FL

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Pearland, TX

Neha Bhat
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Neil Shaw
Pearland, TX

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Naperville, IL
How to Identify Large Number of Poor and Brilliant Students?

Vijayawada Chapter Experiences

In academic year 2018-19, Vijayawada chapter identified 546 deserving students. This is record for a NorthSouth chapter. I would like to share some thoughts, which may be useful for other chapter coordinators as wells for others to understand the amount of effort that is required to identify poor and brilliant students.

1. First & foremost, I and my wife answer students’ queries throughout the day with no time restrictions enforced. We not only help students from our chapter, but also students from other NorthSouth chapters. I and my wife patiently respond to their questions. This will ensure that students complete their applications and submit all the required information.

2. I invite the rural students (mostly Telugu medium students) to my house and show them how to log in, fill up on-line application. In short, explain the whole process. This is necessary as many of them do not have smart phones nor internet connections at home.

3. While scrutinizing the on-line applications, I identify students, who may qualify for scholarships, based on the marks secured in 10th, inter and their rank in EMCET/JEE. I identify students who have not filled the applications properly and who have not attached the required certified true copies. I keep constant watch on all such students and remind them for correcting the deficiencies. We even invite the poor students to our residence with signed certificates, get them copied on my photocopier and do whatever help they require including mini-lunch.

4. We remind all scholarship recipients to renew. I ask them to spread the word about NorthSouth scholarships among the first-year students. We even tell all the scholarship recipients to share their story of how they got the scholarship from their first year. This mouth to mouth campaign by the students who received NorthSouth scholarships also optimized in identifying the right students.

5. Because of my association with students who are recipients of scholarship, I have an easy access to HR heads and Principals of almost all colleges around Vijayawada and this has helped in my search of the deserving students.

6. Further, every year I conduct the scholarship distribution event inviting heads from renowned colleges, the Lions Club’s District Governor and members along with NorthSouth founder members. Inviting local press reporters & media coverage, also has lent a helping hand in reaching the right audience.

7. I am very closely associated with Lion Club from 2007. I am the President of Lions Club of Vijayawada Diamonds for the past two years. I and my associates happen to visit rural camps often. In each camp we explain about NorthSouth scholarship and request all those eligible to apply in the year 2018-19. We conducted 15 rural camps. Lions District Governors used to refer me for financial help from NorthSouth wherever they happen to address the gatherings. This also has brought our NorthSouth into lime light.

8. I work nearly 10 to 12 hrs per day from the day the online applications open until forwarding recommended applications to the National office in Hyderabad.

9. This year we are thinking to conduct on-site workshops in auditoriums of Engineering and Medical and Dental colleges around Vijayawada and Guntur (near new Andhra Capital city).

10. I have amazing cooperation from my better half, which also contributes to our efficiency. Not only her, my daughter Srilata & grandson Akhil are always available for any feedback, review, technical help. To add to this, my wonderful network of Lions Club members have been lending a helping hand during the scholarship process. Last but not least, the local students who are the recipients of NorthSouth scholarships also provide excellent help during the whole process.

Ln Surapaneni Venkata Ratnam
Chapter Coordinator
Vijayawada Chapter
Over 50 Years of Quality Service
Northsouth foundation (NorthSouth) has impacted my life immensely in many ways. One way NorthSouth has helped me is by helping me gain confidence. Throughout the process of preparing and competing in NorthSouth I learned how to be confident in myself no matter the circumstances. Another way NorthSouth has helped me is by helping me learn good study habits. Before a competition I studied and after the competition I improved my method of studying, and I have been repeating this cycle ever since. After competing in NorthSouth for 9 years I have realized that the best way to study is by practicing every day. Instead of practicing the same things over and over again, it is important to take practice tests and identify the areas in which the mistakes were made and focus on those areas. In addition, NorthSouth has taught me is that competitions and life in general are journeys, and that no matter the result experience and knowledge are gained from every journey. The final and most important thing that NorthSouth has taught me is to give back to my community. The NorthSouth APNA program is a suborganization of NorthSouth that coordinates volunteer activities. Through the APNA program I visited a school for orphaned children in Martur, India. I used the knowledge I gained from NorthSouth to teach those children about math and science. In summary, I would like to thank the North South foundation, their volunteers, sponsors, and organizers for shaping my life and the lives of many others.
My Black Belt Journey

My hands were hurting. I was sweating. I had been throwing up earlier that morning and was extremely nervous when I walked in. I heard hundreds of people talking and saw the other Tae-Kwon-Do students practicing their form for the black belt test.

“However, you do, we will know that you tried your best,” my parents said encouragingly when we entered the grandmaster’s studio. I was immediately told by the master of my training studio to go stand in my spot. My spot was right in front of the grandmaster’s table.

“The test has started,” the grandmaster declared. I had never seen the grandmaster before, but my master always talks about him in a respectful manner and how he perfectly fits the description “silent but deadly”. All the people in the audience stopped talking, and started listening attentively to the grandmaster, and watching the students.

The full black belt test went for about 45 minutes. I did multiple combinations of moves called a “form”. After we tested for our forms, a few people were asked to leave for doing poorly or did a wrong move over and over again until the grandmaster thought they were not completely ready for the test. Nevertheless, his face was always the same. The forms took about a total of 25 minutes. Once the people that were meant to leave left, we were told to do different types of positions and different types stepping movements they made up a lot of sparring techniques. There are three types of steps; the A step, the B step, and the C step. The grandmaster gave us different combinations of the three steps. He would say something like “BCA” or “CBA”. Then we would a do one step, then wait a quarter of a second, then do the next step, then wait a quarter of a second.

We would keep repeating that pattern until we finished the moves the grandmaster had called out previously. Those were just a few of all the combination that he gave us.

Once the test was over, the grandmaster and the masters handed out told everyone to line up in lines of 1st degree, 2nd degree, and 3rd degree. I went in the line for the people receiving their first degree black belt. The grandmaster awarded me with my black belt. I felt as if I had just accomplished something amazing in my life. When I looked back at my parents I could see that my mom was crying and my dad smiling. Once the ceremony was over and all the kids got awarded, the teachers told us to get our parents and change into our uniforms.

When I got my mom and dad they hugged me many times and told me that they knew I could do it.

What I learned is that I could do it because I tried, I practiced, and I never gave up. I felt proud of myself because it’s not every day that you earn a black belt. I guess the student has become the master.

Tarun Ganeshkumar
Age 11
I have got you under my spell!

I spell all day for the spelling Quiz
Hope I would be a spelling whiz.
I am a boy who is very shy
Thought let me give it a try.

My friends called me out to play Pictionary
I said rather would read my Dictionary.
Joy was replaced with sudden fear
Knowing spelling bee time was here.

Good sleep, Thank god I have high hopes today
Ready for any word I should say.
Its just you with a microphone on the stage
My mind wavers across each page.

To be on the stage looking cool
Use your brain which is an awesome tool!
It helps to handle pressure

To find the hidden treasure

First round and my word is “Utilitarian”
 u-t-i-l-i-t-a-r-i-a-n... I said without hesitation.
Made it to the fifth round and I look around
Two contestants and me continue to stand proud.

It boosted up my confidence
To see my parents at a distance.
Thankful to my parents who motivate
And all the good friends I cultivate.

Atharva Sekharan
Age 10
Math Bee
Level 1

Aanya Anjum
Cherry Hill, NJ

Aarav Sen
Austin, TX

Aarna Mishra
Georgetown, TX

Aarush Kavuda
Ashburn, VA

Aarush Yaksh
Austin, TX

Aaryan Mummidhi
Robbinsville, NJ

Aayan Parikh
Menomonee Falls, WI

Aayush Shrivastava
Johns Creek, GA

Abhijay Gangarapu
Austin, TX

Adarsh Saikrishnan
Nashua, NH

Adinath Sudheer
Kansas City, MO

Aditi Nagalingam
West Jordan, UT
Ayush Srivastava
Princeton, NJ

Basil Thomas
Nashua, NH

Bruhat Soma
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Selinsgrove, PA

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Toms River, NJ

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Sahishn Bangaru
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Portage, MI

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Sammamish, WA

Shivam Kolwalkar
Charleston, SC

Shivika Sinha
Princeton, NJ
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Holbrook, NY

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Highlands Ranch, CO

Yusra Syeda
Acton, MA

Yuvan Bommana
Mechanicsburg, PA

Zoya Pathan
Lowell, MA

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Saahasra Chennady
Aarav Gupta
Vihaan Jain
Aashita Mandiwal

Siddharth Prabhu
Shankar
Rithesh Rajagopal
Ayan Shukla
Thaman Vuppala

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Vaibhav Venuturumilli

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~family of Sohum Sukhatankar, 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee co-champion
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87 North South Foundation
Writing was never my strong subject. I have always struggled in conveying my thoughts in the most concise way, solely because of the fact that I never believed in myself. NorthSouth gave me that belief.

Before I start out any competitions, I was extremely afraid about even participating. In fact many times I thought it was a waste of money. However due to the constant help and pressure of my parents, I decided to give it a try. I decided to take a leap of faith and signed up for the NorthSouth Public speaking and NorthSouth essay writing competition. I worked hard, writing one or two essays each day while the competition deadline came closer. I thought, “if I’m going to be spending money, then might as well spend it while trying my best.”

The day of the competition, I was extremely skeptical about my abilities. I started to finally understand the phrase “I have butterflies in my stomach.” I walked into the cold room, wore my sweatshirt in case it got cold, and waited for the test to begin. I pondered about the different potential problems. I was also participating in public speaking which made me even more anxious because it was right after the essay writing.

Just then the door creaked open and in walked the proctor for the essay writing test. I didn’t think I was prepared yet I didn’t give up. I wrote to the best of my ability. I was impressed with the essay’s flow and the word choice I used, but I was the youngest in the senior category, so I wasn’t confident.

The next day, my parents were anxious to see the results at the award ceremony. I wasn’t as optimistic as them, but I was glad to have participated and to have received the opportunity to participate. I lined up among all the other participants. They announced third place and my name wasn’t called. I gave up all hope. I peered into the crowd and my mom, holding a camera, gave me a thumbs up and mouthed “good luck”. I was upset that I was only going to disappoint her, but the name called for 2nd place was one I didn’t expect — my name! A wide grin crept on my face as I shockingly and ecstatically walked forward to collect a trophy. It was huge, around half the size of me. I couldn’t believe it. My family, sitting in the audience, was screaming of joy! I couldn’t ever fathom that I would ever receive such a high honor, winning 2nd place at a national competition, that too in an essay writing competition. I guess that practice paid off. I can attest to the fact that you should never give up because you never know what is in store for you in the future!

Palak Mehta
Grade 10

Congratulations and good luck to all Finalists
Competition refers to the act of striving to win something or establishing superiority over others aiming to do so as well. In many ways, competition happens unnoticed. Some types of competition are completely out of our hands, like “who will be the ambassador of Germany in 2048?”, other competitions are those that are owned by us, like the next government election. Even the smallest things in our lives, can be a competition. For example, what if someone else got the last loaf of bread just before you did? Since childhood, parents groom their kids to be the best at something, anything, so they can ace a competition, like the North South Foundation Bees.

As a contest participant, it’s important to understand the “do’s and don’ts” of participating in an NorthSouth bee. A general well known “do”, is the essentiality of having the correct preparation and practice when going into a Bee. NorthSouth provides in-depth practice sessions with problems identical to those presented at the competition. In addition, the NorthSouth website offers practice problems and websites that help each participant fully prepare for their upcoming Bee. A general rule of thumb for those in the Bees is to prepare in advance. For contests that seem out of element, or aren’t fully clear until testing, it’s important to study in advance so that any and all new information can actually be retained in the brain. Depending on the nature of the contest (fact based, skills, or linguistic) the studying methods will vary. From the perspective of a linguistic contest participant (essay writing, bee book, public speaking, vocabulary), preparation included reviewing the practice material and focusing on the skills rather than the topic. Those participating in science or math centered contests will most likely prepare with problems and improve learning based on speed/ accuracy statistics.

Aside form the various ways to participate in the North South Foundation’s competitions, NorthSouth also offers a myriad of volunteering options. Volunteerism means a great deal to the NorthSouth, so that the parents and students can help in making their chapter a better place. Parents have several options when volunteering that require taking as little as a day in a weekend out of their schedule to be a proctor or facilitator during the Regional Contest dates. Students in high school and above can also get in touch with volunteerism by helping with food, registration and proctoring.

For the volunteers, participants, and even spectators, the NorthSouth bees are a sight to behold. Multitudes of intelligent students put their brain to task and better their skills in a difficult (but rewarding) competition. Win or lose, everyone invested in NorthSouth can go home with the gratification of being a better person, whether one learned something, or if one was able to observe the growth of today’s youth.

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BeeArt

Krithik Manoharan
Grade 2
TOUR THE EUROPE

Every other stanza are as “Tour the States”

Let's take a little trip somewhere yeah,
places I've hadn't been yeah, so let's go on
Western Europe?

Lisbon Portugal, Madrid Spain, maybe that tower in
Paris France
Don’t forget little Andorra, like Monaco, Luxembourg,
and Vaduz Liechtenstein
I want to see Big Ben London UK, and never been to
Dublin, Ireland
Like Amsterdam, Holland, and Brussels Belgium.
I really want to see Berlin Germany, and ski in Bern
Switzerland, yeah
The history, of Vienna Austria, and Rome Italy
Even, Vatican, San Marino, and Valletta Malta

Let's take, a little trip somewhere yeah,
places I've hadn't been yeah, so let's go on
Central Europe?

Oslo Norway, Stockholm Sweden,
Let's go see Copenhagen Denmark
What they can show me in Warsaw Poland, and Prague,
Czeckia
I've never, been, to Chisinau, Moldova or Bratislava
Slovakia,
But the architecture is nice, yeah
But don't confuse, Budapest Hungary, with Bucharest,
Romania, man I'm hungry

Let's take a little trip somewhere, yeah,

Places I've hadn't been yeah, so let's go on
Balkans?

Zagreb Croatia, Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina
It's hard to say Ljubljana, Slovenia
Sofia Bulgaria, Podgorica Montenegro
The most most bunkers, per capita, is in Tirana Albania,
yeah
Belgrade Serbia, claims to have Pristina Kosovo,
Skopje, North Macedonia, we have to see, the Acropolis
in Athens, Greece, yeah

Let's take, a final trip somewhere, yeah,
What should we end with land last, so let's go on -

Eastern Europe?

Tallinn Estonia, Vilnius Lithuania, a ice hotel in Helsinky
Finland
Riga, Latvia, use to be it's own nation
Minsk, Belarus, 'really nice city, and so is Kiev, Ukraine
But the last country, in all of Europe, that have I visit,yeah
Can be the Kremlin in snowy, Moscow Russia

I want, to take a little trip somewhere, yeah
Places I've never been, yeah, so I'm on a tour, (4x)

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Folk Etymology is when a word or phrase is changed because of a common but incorrect belief about the origin of the word or phrase. Here are a few of the more interesting examples of folk etymology.

**Hamburger**

There is a common assumption that the word hamburger comes from a combination of two common English words: Ham + Burger. In reality, the word Hamburger comes from Hamburg, a large city in Germany where the food originated. Someone from Hamburg is called a Hamburger, in the same way someone from Frankfurt or Wien (Called Vienna in English) is called a Frankfurter and a Wiener. So when German immigrants came from Hamburg into America, Hamburger was used to describe the dish they brought with them.

**Muskrat**

When Colonists from Europe first entered North America, they encountered many animals that did not exist back in Europe. One of these was a large rodent the Native Americans called “Musquash”. Colonists used the word “Musquash”, but because of how much the animals looked like a rat, the ending eventually morphed into “rat”. At the same time, “Musq” was changed to “Musk”, a word associated with mammals that describes their smell. And so, people began calling the animal a “muskrat”.

**Crayfish**

If you’ve ever gone out to eat seafood, you’ve probably heard of crayfish. They’re small crustaceans that look like lobsters but without the massive front claws. Anyway, the etymology for this word may appear obvious at first. Because crayfish live in the water, “Fish” should be obvious, right? Well, this isn't true. Crayfish actually stems from an altered form of the word “crevis”. However, enough people misheard and pronounced the ending as “fish” to change the spelling to what we have today.
Cockroach

Cockroaches have been around for millenia. The word “cockroach” on the other hand is only a few centuries old. The word was originally the Spanish “cucaracha”, “cuca” meaning “butterfly caterpillar”. English Speakers misheard this “cuca” as “cock” (meaning rooster) and “racha” as “roach” (which at the time meant a type of fish). Nowadays, “roach” is often used as a synonym for “cockroach”, which is odd considering both that it wasn’t in the original spelling of “cockroach” and still refers to certain types of fish.

Jerusalem Artichoke

The Jerusalem Artichoke is a species of sunflower native to Eastern North America, widely cultivated for its tuber. This tuber, which may strike some as odd, since Jerusalem is in the Middle East, not North America, and Artichokes are not Sunflowers. This is true; The Jerusalem Artichoke is not from Jerusalem and not related to Artichokes. The leading theory for why this plant has such an odd name is that when Italian settlers came into colonial America, they referred to the plant as “Girasole”, the Italian word for sunflower. Over time, this “Girasole” may have been misheard and misspoken until it eventually became “Jerusalem”. The plant’s edible tuber was noted to taste like artichoke, giving the plant that part of its name. So, English speaking colonists changed the name “Girasole Artichoke” (meaning sunflower artichoke) to “Jerusalem Artichoke” giving us the odd name we have today.

Till

“Till” is not a word we often find anymore, although you may still use it in a narrow set of situations. Meaning “Until” the word “till” is often thought of as an abbreviation of “Until”. The increasingly common spelling “til” tends to reinforce this. However, “Till” is actually the older word. “Until” was actually created as a compound word with “till” and “un-“.

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Oldest Languages of the World

Sumerian (A language spoken in Mesopotamia, in central Iraq) is by far, the oldest language known to history, as common people are concerned (Oh, of course excluding the Homo ergaster, Homo heidelbergensis, and Neanderthal languages, anyway.) THAT is not the case, and new evidence brings in that Sumerian is only one of the pieces of rocks and clay with the strange marks on it used to record trade, huh?

Turns out, Thrace (For anyone who doesn’t know Thrace, information. Thrace is western Turkey, northeast Greece, and southern Bulgaria and Macedonia today.) and the Indus Valley (In eastern Pakistan, and if anyone wants to know, its name in Hindi is Sindhu, and it’s where the name Hindu comes from.) had undeciphered scripts with hundreds of symbols of which 130 and more in Vinca (Pronunciation: Win-Chuh, The...Thracian language) writing alone!. So, even Egyptian Hieroglyphic writing was perhaps older than Sumerian. Poor Mesopotamia. They had the place of being the oldest language, and that had been taken by some upstarts to the east and west.

These are the first places where writing formed independently - Thrace, Indus Valley, Nile Valley, Mesopotamia, Oh, and Central America in the New World. We’ll get on to that later.

Meanwhile in the New World, progress was going on. The Olmecs, who gave cocoa its name (Kakawa in Olmec) and built massive 10-foot tall heads of stone, also invented a hieroglyphic system of writing, the first in the Americas. After the Olmec decline, the Zapotecs made a new script, with much less phonetic glyphs than the Mayan and Olmec glyphs. So there are more glyphs called determinatives or logograms than there are phonetic ones.

But the Maya script itself isn’t of Mayan origin at all. Instead, the Olmecs descendants used a similar script but with more phonetic sound-representing glyphs than the Zapotec had. The Mayans adopted this Epi-Olmec/Isthmian script much later.

The Izapa, of an ancient Mixtec-Zoquean family, adopted a script which remains undeciphered today. Only some of the glyphs can be read because they are identical with Mayan versions.

Finally, the Maya themselves have come on the scene. And the wait was not worthless, because they had the most developed script of all the tribes of Central America. The Maya actually first adopted only logograms, but they soon took in phonetic glyphs too.

And of course the oldest language in the world is the one that our more primitive ancestors, Homo ergaster
(meaning the Working Man) spoke. We are not sure about its grammar, but we might be able to trace some words back.

We have now covered the oldest languages, and some Dravidian languages are very, very, very old, along with Indo-European (the most major group of languages) and Afroasiatic (which is the one of the oldest language families today). It includes famous languages like Arabic and Hebrew. And Hebrew is much, much older than Arabic. Hebrew is still one of the world’s oldest languages still surviving, along with with Chinese, Korean, and Japanese. (Note: the last two are old, but not as old as Chinese. And they didn’t have writing for centuries. The first Japanese writing was dated to 401 CE.)

There are some old languages still spoken in parts of the world. So some languages are known only by researchers, but they are still known by linguists. For example, Sanskrit is an Indo-Aryan language related to Hindi, Rajasthani, Sinhalese, Bhojpuri, Punjabi, Gujarati, Bengali, Assamese, and Manipuri. You may think it is extinct, but it is still an official language in the Indian state of Uttarakhand, and attempts are made to revive it in a village in the state of Karnataka. Vedic Sanskrit, the oldest Aryan language, has records from 2000 BCE, in the Rig Veda.

Mycenaean Greek was first found in the 1600s. If you get confused, this Greek was written with a script known as Linear B, which was not derived from Phoenician. While no literature has been found in Mycenaean Greek and the language is extinct, linguists think that Arcadocypriot Greek, spoken in Arcadia and Cyprus, is close to it.

There are the Northwest Semitic languages, like Phoenician, Punic, Hebrew, Moabite, Aramaic, Syriac, Amorite, and Ugaritic. Ugaritic is the oldest of these and the oldest texts was written in the 1300s BCE. The youngest found were from the 1200s BCE. Then the Phoenician script was first written in Byblos, an ancient city in Lebanon. It gave rise to the Greek, Punic, Brahmi, Kharoshthi, and Aramaic scripts. Only Hebrew, Aramaic, and Syriac survive.

Old Chinese writing started at 1250 BCE, coincidentally at the same time the Trojan War began. People first began writing in China to ask questions to their ancestors, who they thought were watching over them and came at night. They scratched abstract images on turtle shells and left them for the night. These were known as Oracle Bones. We still have translated only 2,000 out of 4,000 characters, sadly, and we don’t know much about its grammar, either. Old Chinese evolved into Middle Chinese in 600 AD.

Latin arose in 700 BCE, and is two-hundred years older than Tamil. Archaic Latin, written in a variant of the Etruscan script, which itself is a variant of the Western Greek script, itself descendd from the Mycenaean script, itself descended from Phoenician, which in turn was descended from the Canaanite script, an abridgement of the Egyptian Hieroglyphic script, was first used by the Latins, an Italic people and ancestors of the Romans. The Latins lived in western Italy, near the Tiber river. The Latins weren’t very power-hungry and were small farming communities until a man named Romulus took control and was crowned king. Until Rome was established, Latin’s distribution was very small. But AFTER that, Latin was spread to nearly the whole of Europe. To the south was modern-day Mali and Nigeria. To the east, Romania. To the west was Scotland and Ireland. To the North, well, Norway and part of Sweden. Latin even became the second language to two Germanic tribes: The Franks and the Visigoths. While the Visigoths are better known, they are extinct. The French language and the very name France came from the Frankish people, who inhabited the area that bears their name today.

Tamil, spoken in Tamil Nadu, India, has written records from 500 BCE! Tamil has been written with many scripts, like Tamil-Brahmi, Grantha, Vattelutto, Chola-Pallava, the modern Tamil script, and a modification of the Perso-Arabic script known as Arwi. Tamil is still regarded as the oldest language to survive in India, older being Harappan and Proto-Dravidian.

So, this is my humble glimpse into the wonderful world of linguistics. I hope you have enjoyed it.

Anay Ganesh
Age 8
30 years of North South Foundation!

It’s been thirty years since North South Foundation started—thirty years of competitions, triumphs, and progress. From its beginnings as an organization determined to help Indian-Americans with their SAT language arts skills, to its growth as a bulwark of volunteerism and competition among Indian-Americans in a variety of fields, the North South Foundation has helped many students of math, spelling, science, geography, and more to hone their skills and compete alongside many of their peers. NorthSouth has been the contributor to the success of many a student—National Spelling Bee, National Geography Bee, History Bee, Science Bowl, Math Olympiad: every major academic competition has been defined by successes from NorthSouth students, especially in the past decade.

I myself have been involved in NorthSouth for about a third of its years, and most of my life. I started in second grade, when I first was introduced to the competition, and continue the present day, where I compete in regionals and nationals, coach as part of the NorthSouth online Science Coaching program, and volunteer in regional chapters. Through my experience with the foundation, I have learned spelling and vocabulary and math and science. I gained the skills necessary for my performance in the Scripps Spelling Bee, where I was fortunate enough to make it to the night finals both years of my competition. But more importantly, I was given an opportunity to give back to the community which had helped me. NorthSouth has been a steady factor in my life for most of my school days. Every year, it would be a ritual for me to prepare for the regionals and nationals for spelling and vocabulary, as well as the other contests. And as I aged out of many of the competitions I had taken part in every year (from 2nd to 8th grade), I felt compelled to help the foundation which I had gained experience and wisdom from. I resolved to aid by coaching and volunteering for younger students who participated in the contests, giving back to the organization that I had taken part in.

NorthSouth was founded to help students, in the US and India, gain a full education. It helped those in America compete and train for rigorous competitions. It allowed poor and meritorious students seek a college diploma in India. But above all, it promoted the basic virtues of discipline, had work, and selflessness which are essential for all to learn. This is my most valuable lesson from NorthSouth. So remember that no matter how you do in the contests, the best lesson is that of volunteerism and dedication.

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Aryan Padarthi  
Age 9

Bee Art
I was simply a tender sprout, excited to grow
Accompanying the rest of my plumule peers
Eager and anxious to germinate, little did I know
That it wouldn’t really be that straightforward

Pollination was no effortless endeavor
Although I admittedly tried my hardest
Sadly, my struggles didn’t help whatsoever
For I didn’t progress or grow in the least

Disheartened, dispirited, I watched in despair
As all the seeds encompassing me matured
Tired of waiting in silence, I decided I’d persevere
Until I could grow remarkably, surpassing them

So I tried and I worked hard as seasons passed. And the results of my labor were quite evident
I grew to tower over all the other plants
And proudly, I reached towards the shining sun

And for long after, through months and years
Even once I was left to develop all on my own
I retained my lessons learned in my leafy plant ears
To be determined and to persevere, no matter what

Note From Author - I wrote this poem because I wanted to uniquely express how being a part of NorthSouth has influenced me over the eight years that I have been participating. Just like the flower learned from its experiences to always work hard and persevere no matter what happened, NorthSouth taught me the same thing. I always worked hard in the competitions and bees, and whether I won or not, the most valuable things I got from them was the lessons I learned - the lessons about hard work and perseverance, and dealing with failure when it happened and overcoming it. Nothing could be more beneficial to me in the long run than those life morals, so I wanted to thank NorthSouth for that through this poem.
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- Nashua Soup Kitchen lunch service twelve times a year
- Manchester Soup Kitchen dinner service six times a year
- Angel tree program at Nashua Children’s Home
- Adopt-A-Family program with Salvation Army
- Annual visit to entertain residents of Goffstown Nursing Home
- Fundraisers for victims of Hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters
- Support for Bhutanese and other refugees
- Organize Medicare camps for seniors
- Monetary support to Nashua Soup Kitchen, Manchester Soup Kitchen, Operation Care for Troops, Multiple Sclerosis Society, and other charities.
NorthSouth Champions in Major League Competitions

Scripps National Spelling Bee

2019
1st Place: Rishik Gandhasri
1st Place: Shruthika Padhy
1st Place: Sohum Sukhatankar
1st Place: Abhijay Kodali
1st Place: Rohan Raja

2018
Champion: Karthik Nemmani
2nd Place: Naysa Modi
3rd Place: Abhijay Kodali
3rd Place: Jashan Paluru
5th Place: Navneeth Murali
6th Place: Sarvannth Mallak
10th Place: Anisha Rao
10th Place: Tara Singh
10th Place: Shruthika Padhy
10th Place: Rohan Raja

2017
Champion: Ananya Vinay
2nd Place: Rohan Raje
3rd Place: Mira Dedhia
4th Place: Shourav Dasari
6th Place: Tejas Muthusamy
5th Place: Rakshitha Kota
6th Place: Shrinihi Gopal
6th Place: Naysa Modi
6th Place: Shruthika Padhy
7th Place: Rohan Sachdev
7th Place: Sreeniketh Vogoti

2016
Co-Champion: Jairam Hathwar
Co-Champion: Nihar Janga
5th Place: Smitthi Upadhya
6th Place: Rutvik Gandhi
7th Place: Sreeniketh Vogoti
10th Place: Jashan Paluru
10th Place: Asha Jain
11th Place: Divya Aggarwal
11th Place: Shiv Dewan
11th Place: Shourav Dasari
15th Place: Lipika Narisetty

2015
Co-Champion: Vanya Shivashankar
Co-Champion: Gokul Venkatachalam
4th Place: Dev Jaiswal
4th Place: Siddharth Krishnakumar
7th Place: Tejas Muthusamy
9th Place: Sivona Mishra

2014
Champion: Sriram Hathwar
3rd Place: Gokul Venkatachalam
4th Place: Ashwin Veeramani
8th Place: Neha Konakalla
8th Place: Tejas Muthusamy

2013
Champion: Arvind Mahankali
3rd Place: Sri Ram J. Hathwar
5th Place: Vanya Shivashankar
5th Place: Viswajy J. Kharkar
7th Place: Chetan G. Reddy
7th Place: Syamantak Payra
11th Place: Nikitha Chandran

2012
Champion: Snigdha Nandipati
2nd Place: Stuti Mishra
3rd Place: Arvind Mahankali

2011
Champion: Sukanya Roy
3rd Place: Arvind Mahankali
6th Place: Dhiyaa Senthil Mogan
6th Place: Sri Ram Hathwar

2010
Champion: Anamika Veeramani
2nd Place: Shantanu Srivatsa

2009
Champion: Kayya Shivashankar
2nd Place: Aishwarya Pastapuri
5th Place: Ramya Auroprem
5th Place: Anamika Veeramani
8th Place: Neetu Chandak

National Geographic Bee

2019
1st Place: Nihar Janga
2nd Place: Atreyu Mallanna
3rd Place: Rishi Kumar
4th Place: Jishnu Nayak
5th Place: Vaibhav Harram
8th Place: Omkar Gadewar
9th Place: Kaylan Patel
9th Place: Aarush Tutik

2018
2nd Place: Anoushka Buddhikut
3rd Place: Vishal Saredy
4th Place: Gayatri Kaimal
4th Place: Ashwin Sivakumar

7th Place: Atreyu Mallanna
8th Place: Nihar Janga
8th Place: Saket Pochiraju

2017
Champion: Pranay Varada
3rd Place: Veda Bhattachar
5th Place: Anish Susara
7th Place: Ahilan Eraniyan
7th Place: Rohan Kanchana
10th Place: Abhinav Govindaraju

2016
Champion: Rishi Nair
2nd Place: Saketh Jonnalagadda
5th Place: Rishi Kumar
6th Place: Pranay Varada
8th Place: Samayu Dixit

2015
Champion: Karan Menon
2nd Place: Shriya Yarlagadda
5th Place: Abhinav Karthikeyan
6th Place: Tejas Badgujar

2014
Champion: Akhil Rekulaleti
2nd Place: Ameya Mujumdar
4th Place: Pranit Nanda
9th Place: Krish Patel
10th Place: Asha Jain

2013
Champion: Sathwik Karnik
3rd Place: Sanjeev Upaluri
4th Place: Akhil Rekulaleti
Others among top 10:
Pranit Nanda
Neha Niddu
Harish Palani
Asha Jain

2012
2nd Place: Vansh Jain
3rd Place: Varun Mahadevan

2011
2nd Place: Nila Sarda

2009
2nd Place: Arjun Kandaswamy
3rd Place: Shantanu Krowidi
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Mathcounts National Round

2019
2nd Place: Suyash Pandit
11th Place: Karthik Vedula
12th Place: Ram Goel
51st Place: Nivind Singh
54th Place: Tanisha Pauskar
57th Place: Anshul Rastogi

2018
17th Place: Rithvik Ganesh
19th Place: Atharva Pathak
33rd Place: Karthik Vedula
34th Place: Sanjula Pingali

2017
18th Place: Chinmay Krishna
23rd Place: Rahul Thomas
33rd Place: Vivek Chalasani
41th Place: Gopal Goel
50th Place: Abhinav Mihir Goel
52th Place: Aditya Akula
53th Place: Kishore Rajesh

2016
17th Place: Ishika Shah
23rd Place: Neevant Koppapuru
25th Place: Rishi Verma

2015
19th Place: Ajit Kadaveru
27th Place: Ashwin Agnihotri

2014
Champion: Swapnil Garg
12th Place: Akshaj Kadaveru

2013
2nd place: Ashwin Sah
11th place: Akshaj Kadaveru
14th place: Swapnil Garg
15th place: Nikhil Reddy

2012
2nd place: Ashwin Sah
14th Place/1st Place Team: Niket Govravaram
21st Place/2nd Place Team: Sarvasva Raghuvanshi

2011
3rd Place: Shyam Narayanan (1st in Written Round)
9th Place: Dhruv Medarametta
10th Place: Niket Govravaram

2010
2nd Place: Shyam Narayanan
20th Place: Nikil Govravaram

International Geography Bee Middle School (grade 7 - 8 )

2019 Grade 7
1 st Place: Kaylan Patel
2 nd Place: Rohan Ganeshan
3 rd Place: Prithvi Narayanan
2019 Grade 8
1 st Place Rishabh Wuppalaapat
3 rd Place Siddharth Kamanna
7 th Place Aadit Juneja

2018
2nd Place: Samanyu Dixit
4th Place: Abhinav Govindaraaju
5th Place: Ved Muthusamy
6th Place: Siddarth Kamannavar
7th Place: Abhinav Banapallali
8th Place: Srirksna Darbha
10th Place: Sandhya Ganesh

2017
Champion: Saket Mohan Pochiraju
2nd Place: Arjun Nathan
6th Place: Praneet Rathi
7th Place: Kishan Kalaria
8th Place: Srirksna Darbha
9th Place: Sandhya Ganesh

International Geography Bee Elementary School (grade 1-6 )

2019 Grade 6
1 st Place Vaibhav Hariram
2 nd Place Jishnu Nayak
3 rd Place Paarth Sharma
4 th Place Thanuj Komatireddy
5 th Place Mihir Tadeparti
7 th Place Vaibhav Rau
8 th Place Rishi Hoskote

2019 Grade 5
1 st Place Pranavkiran Bhardwaj
3 rd Place Anish Raja
5 th Place Akash Kollu
8 th Place Kunal Piku

2018
Champion: Rohan Ganeshan
2nd Place: Kaylan Patel
3rd Place: Omkar Gadewar
5th Place: Jishnu Nayak
5th Place: Sumukh Venkatesh

7th Place: Krishnan Shankar
8th Place: Vaibhav Hariram

2017
Champion: Satvik Tejas Pochiraju
2nd Place: Rishabh Wuppalaapat
4th Place: Adrija Kundu
5th Place: Kaylan Patel
6th Place: Sushant Lebaka
7th Place: Krishnan Shankar
8th Place: Siddharth Kamanna

International Geography Bee World Championship (Middle School Division)

2018
Champion: Saket Mohan Pochiraju
2nd Place: Srirksna Darbha
3rd Place: Ved Muthusamy

International Geographic Bee Junior Varsity Division

2019
1st Place: Rohit Bhinge
2nd Place: Ved Muthusamy
3rd Place: Srirksna Darbha
4th Place: Abhinav GovindaraAJU
6th Place: Samik Bhinge
7th Place: Samvit Rao
T8th Place: Prithvi Narayanan
T10th Place: Adrija Kundu

2018
Champion: Samanyu Dixit

US Geography Olympiad Middle School - 8th Grade

2019
2 nd Place Adrija Kundu
3 rd Place Abhinav Banapallali
4 th Place Siddhardh Budamagunta
6 th Place Siddharth Kamanna

2018
Champion: Srirksna Darbha

US Geography Olympiad Middle School - 7th Grade

2019
2 nd Place Akshaj Enaganti
3 rd Place Akshath Kandadai
4 th Place Prithvi Narayanan
5 th Place Anika Kulkarni
6 th Place Aadit Gadekar
7 th Place Vagesh Ramaswamy
8 th Place Sumukh Venkatesh
9 th Place Vedant Rathi
10 th Place Adhav Ravi Kumar

2018
Champion: Siddharth Budamagunta
US Geography Olympiad Elementary School

2017
Champion: Siddharth Kamannavar

National History Bee Middle School

2018
Champion: Rishabh Wuppala
2017
Champion: Arjun Nageswaran
2016
Champion: Govind Prabhakar

National History Bee Elementary school

2017
Champion: Siddharth Kamannavar
2014
Champion: Siddharth Kamannavar

US History/National History Bee
JV Division (HS)

2018
Champion: Govind Prabhakar

International Math Olympiad

2017
Gold Medal: Ankan Bhattacharya
2016
Champion: Ankan Bhattacharya
Champion: Ashwin Sah
2015
Champion: Shyam Narayanan

US Math Olympiad

2019
Winner Adithya Balachandran
2016
Champion: Ankan Bhattacharya
16th Place: Meghal Gupta
18th Place: Dhruv Medarameta
19th Place: Eshaan Nichani

Who wants to be a Mathematician

2019
T6th Place: Praneet Mekala
2018
T9th Place: Saaketh Vedantam
2017
T7th Place: Shreyas Balaji

2016
Champion: Ankan Bhattacharya
2nd Place: Karthik Karnik

2012
Champion: Shyam Narayanan

White House Science Fair

2016
Sindhu Bala
Anurudh Ganesan
Deepika Kurup
Isha Shah
Maya Varma

National Science Bee Elementary Division

2018
Nat. Champion: Anurag Sodhi
Finalist: Sahas Goli
Finalist: Arin Parsa
Finalist: Vishnu Mangipudi
Finalist: Krishnan Shankar
Semifinalist: Vedant Rathi
Semifinalist: Aaryan Sumesh
Semifinalist: Aman Andukuri

2017
2nd Place: Yugeshwar Muralidhar

Science Olympiad

2019
Winner: Yuvan Chali
2017
Champion: Rakshit Kota

US Brain Bee

2019
10th Place: Bhavya Boddu
2018
Champion: Akhil Kondepudi
2nd Place: Hemanth Asirvatham
3rd place: Sehej Bindra

National Middle School Science Bowl

2014
Champion: Abhijeet Sambangi
Champion: Snigdha Allaparthi

2012
3rd Place Team:
Abhinand Sivaprasad
Aditya Murali
Gokul Gowri
Suvansh Sanjeev
Tejas Bharadwaj

Science - You be the Chemist Challenge

2019
1st Place Anurag Sodhi
2nd Place Yuvan Chali
2012
Champion: Bhagirath Mehta

Jeopardy! Teen Tournament

2019
Champion Avi Gupta
2013
3rd place: Nilai Sarda
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## Board Members

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## Advisory Board

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## Regional Directors

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<td>Venkat Gade</td>
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<td>Jagadeesh Gullapalli</td>
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NorthSouth National Team

Dr. Ratnam Chitturi  Dr. Gopala Krishna Kodali  Dr. Raj Jayachandran  Venkat Gade  Savitha Rajiv

G. Jagadeesh  Krishnan Gowri  Anbu Ponniah  Anitha Rajagopalan  Prasanna Paralkar

Janevi Ramaji  Praveen Katta  Suri Jetty  Sampath Narayanan  Sai Rachakonda

Jyotshna Gunturu  MS Rao  Srinivas Gudeti  Jatin V Mehta  Dr. Ganesh Dasari

Ramesh Vasudevan  Praveen Goli  Srivital Choppara
NorthSouth Champions 2009-2018

Junior Spelling Bee

2018
1) Abhijay Kodali
2) Navneeth Murali
3) Dhyana Mishra
2017
1) Sohum Sukhatankar, Allen, TX
2) Sreeniketh Vogoti, Saint Johns, FL
3) Tara Singh, Louisville, KY
2016
1) Ananya Kodali, Highland Village, TX
2) Smrithi Upadhyayula, Coppell, TX
3) Rohan Sachdev, Cary, NC
2015
1) Shourav Dasari, Spring, TX
2) Nihar Janga, Austin, TX
3) Arushi Kalpana, Billerica, MA
2014
1) Nihar Janga, Austin, TX
2) Shruthika Padhy, Cherry Hill, NJ
3) Harshitha Sunchu, Billerica, MA
2013
1) Dhyanas Mishra, West Melbourne, FL
2) Sharanaya Pastapuru, Lake Zurich, IL
3) Sravanth Malla, Haverstraw, NY
2012
1) Shourav Dasari, Spring, TX
2) Tejas Muthusamy, Glen Allen, VA
3) Raksheet Kota, Katy, TX
2011
1) Roshini Kainthan, Morris Plains, NJ
2) Shourav Dasari, Spring, TX
3) Raksheet Kota, Katy, TX
2010
1) Vanya Shivashankar, Olathe, KS
2) Aditi Jhindra, Johnston, IA
3) Nilesh Rao, Pittsford, NY
2009
1) Sriram Hathwar, Painted Post, NY
2) Bhavana Muppavarapu, Buffalo Grove, IL
3) Prateekshnder Pinchi, Rochester Hills, MI

Senior Spelling Bee

2018
1) Ishaana Vishwanath
2) Nishka Reddy
3) Diya Somnali
2017
1) Sri Mutalik Desai, Naperville, IL
2) Vedanti Patil, Portland, OR
3) Aarav Prakash, Bellevue, WA
2016
1) Abhishek Vijay, North Chelmsford, MA
2) Adrija Rukminari, Charlotte, NC
3) Emily Nethala, Marvin, NC
2015
1) Akhilsai Damera, Marlborough, MA
2) Pranav Kallavi, Presto, PA
3) Garima Rastogi, Concord, NH
2014
1) Nihar Janga, Austin, TX
2) Shruthika Padhy, Cherry Hill, NJ
3) Rishik Gandhasri, San Jose, CA
2013
1) Rahul Sachdev, Cary, NC
2) Anshul Rastogi, Concord, NH
3) Shruthika Padhy, Cherry Hill, NJ
2012
1) Naveen Mukkatt, Missouri City, TX
2) Sujana Sridhar, Pleasanton, CA
3) Ashna Chali, Frontenac, MN
2011
1) Rohan Roplekar, Peoria, IL
2) Mantra Dave, Normal, IL
3) Navya Gautam, Potomac, MD
2010
1) Shaan Bhandarkar, Potomac Falls, VA
2) Saaketh Narayan, Phoenix, AZ
3) Shiva Saravanan, College Station, TX
2009
1) Bhavana Muppavarapu, Buffalo Grove, IL
2) Shiva Saravanan, College Station, TX
3) Lokesh Nagineni, Flower Mound, TX
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<td>1) Om Patel &lt;br&gt; 2) Rohith Raghavan &lt;br&gt; 3) Shreyan Paliwal</td>
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<td>1) Vikram Goudar, Virginia Beach, VA &lt;br&gt; 2) Parthiv Mithopati, Redmond, WA &lt;br&gt; 3) Tarun Venkatesh, Lexington, MA</td>
<td>1) Bhushan Mohanraj, Charlotte, NC &lt;br&gt; 2) Thrisha Kalpathi, Mars, PA &lt;br&gt; 3) Tanishq Pauskar, Massillon, OH</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>1) Smrithi Upadhyayula, Coppel, TX &lt;br&gt; 2) Sreeniketh Vogoti, Saint Johns, FL &lt;br&gt; 3) Ronak Saluja, Roslindale, MA</td>
<td>1) Sohil Rathi, San Jose, CA &lt;br&gt; 2) Havisha Kalpathi, Leawood, KS &lt;br&gt; 3) Krivi Partani, Sharon, MA</td>
<td>1) Siddharth Doppalapudi, Hoover, AL &lt;br&gt; 2) Apoorva Panidapu, San Jose, CA &lt;br&gt; 3) Raghav Arun, Cary, NC</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>1) Nikhita Jayaprabha, San Jose, CA &lt;br&gt; 2) Rohan Sachdev, Cary, NC &lt;br&gt; 3) Smrithi Upadhyayula, Coppel, TX</td>
<td>1) Vedanti Joshi, Lincolnshire, IL &lt;br&gt; 2) Rohith Raghavan, Sharon, MA &lt;br&gt; 3) Saharsh Bejugam, Fort Worth, TX</td>
<td>1) Chirag Verma, Redmond, WA &lt;br&gt; 2) Anuj Sakarda, Acton, MA &lt;br&gt; 3) Ram Goel, Portland, OR</td>
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<td>1) Rishabh Gaur, Leawood, KS &lt;br&gt; 2) Nikhita Jayaprabha, San Jose, CA &lt;br&gt; 3) Shiva Balasubramanian, Wayne, NJ</td>
<td>1) Shreeve Goyal, Austin, TX &lt;br&gt; 2) Satvik Kabbur, Bothell, WA &lt;br&gt; 3) Vikas Sarvesh, Winston-Salem, NC</td>
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<td>1) Sriram Hathwar, Painted Post, NY &lt;br&gt; 2) Tarang Saluja, Roslindale, MA &lt;br&gt; 3) Bhageerath Ganesan, New Albany, OH</td>
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<td>1) Kuvam Shahane, Rochester Hills, MI &lt;br&gt; 2) Koshik Mahapatra, Stamford, CT &lt;br&gt; 3) Rohan Chalasani, Pittsburgh, PA</td>
<td>1) Alor Sahoo, Bakersfield, CA &lt;br&gt; 2) Atharva Pathak, Gainesville, FL &lt;br&gt; 3) Pravalika Putalapattu, Centreville, VA</td>
<td>1) Shaan Bhandarkar, Potomac Falls, VA &lt;br&gt; 2) Neeyanth Kopparapu, Oak Hill, VA &lt;br&gt; 3) Sruthi Parthasarathi, Mason, OH</td>
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<td>1) Sukanya Roy, South Abington, PA &lt;br&gt; 2) Sreya Atluri, Centreville, VA &lt;br&gt; 3) Sooraj Achar, Ashburn, VA</td>
<td>1) Sruthi Parthasarathi, Mason, OH &lt;br&gt; 2) Anirban Sarkar, Okemos, MI &lt;br&gt; 3) Arpit Ranasaria, Redmond, WA</td>
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Math Bee Level 3

2018
1) Pavan Jayaraman
2) Divyesh Murugan
3) Rohit Dasanoor

2017
1) Prathinav Merneedi, Buffalo Grove, IL
2) Pravalika Putalapattu, Centreville, VA
3) Tarun Venkatesh

2016
1) Aditya Akula, New Albany, OH
2) Chinnmay Krishna, Overland Park, KS
3) Karthik Vedula, Tallahassee, FL

2015
1) Prathinav Merneedi, Buffalo Grove, IL
2) Pravalika Putalapattu, Centreville, VA
3) Tarun Kumar Martheswaran, Draper, UT

2014
1) Aditya Akula, New Albany, OH
2) Chinmay Krishna, Overland Park, KS
3) Karthik Vedula, Tallahassee, FL

2013
1) Prathinav Merneedi, Buffalo Grove, IL
2) Pravalika Putalapattu, Centreville, VA
3) Tarun Kumar Martheswaran, Draper, UT

Junior Science Bee

2018
1) Bhavya Dash
2) Ishdevesh Behera
3) Tarun Venkatesh

2017
1) Vishnu Mangipudi, Bellevue, WA
2) Harini Venkatesh, Plano, TX
3) Saathvik Kamma, Katy, TX

2016
1) Balaadithya Muralitharan, Omaha, NE
2) Anik Bora, Pembroke Pines, FL
3) Akshansh Chauhan, Arlington Heights, IL

2015
1) Sathvik Redrouthu, Ashburn, VA
2) Divya Naik, New Albany, OH
3) Siddarth Kasi, Windermere, FL

2014
1) Om Duggineni, Herndon, VA
2) Siva Prasad, Pembroke Pines, FL
3) Raghuva Arun, Cary, NC

2013
1) Atharva Pathak, Gainesville, FL
2) Sashank Ganapathyraj, Cary, NC
3) Pranav Chemudupaty, Pearland, TX

2012
1) Naveen Mukkatt, Missouri City, TX
2) Vivek Vijayakumar, San Marcos, CA
3) Kanav Mittal, Sunnyvale, CA

Intermediate Science Bee

2018
1) Vishnu Mangipudi
2) Sohil Rathni
3) Rohith Raghavan

2017
1) Chegu Vijay Aashray, Redmond, WA
2) Balaadithya Muralitharan, Omaha, NE
3) Tanishq Chali, Frontenac, MO

2016
1) Raghuva Arun, Cary, NC
2) Adhiraiyan Kartheesan, Eden Prairie, MN
3) Yuvar Chali, Frontenac, MO

2015
1) Om Duggineni, Herndon, VA
2) Saipranav Kosuri, Cary, NC
3) Pujita Tangirala, Los Gatos, CA

2014
1) Shirlin Kingston, Ames, IA
2) Soham Konar, Westerville, OH
3) Akshay Shyam, Plano, TX

2013
1) Pratham Soni, Troy, MI
2) Vagul Mahadevan, Centreville, VA
3) Shyam Ravishankar, Prospect, KY

2012
1) Sanath Govindarajan, Houston, TX
2) Advait Pilkhone, Fullerton, CA
3) Shivani Nellore, Prospect, KY

Senior Science Bee

2018
1) Om Duggineni
2) Saipranav Kosuri
3) Shreya Mogulothu

2017
1) Tom George, Tucson, AZ
2) Omkar Arasai, Gilbert, AZ
3) Risha Chakraoforty, San Ramon, CA

2016
1) Kanav Mittal, Sunnyvale, CA
2) Sidharth Addempalli, Palatine, IL
3) Risha Chakraoforty, San Ramon, CA

2015
1) Prateek Mehal, Shrewsbury, MA
2) Tom George, Tucson, AZ
3) Vaibhav Sharma, Oak Hill, VA

2014
1) Pratham Soni, Troy, MI
2) Kavya Koppapuru, Oak Hill, VA
3) Abhishek Iyer, Boca Raton, FL

2013
1) Aavidh Vittal, Chantilly, VA
2) Varun Jain, Alamo, CA
3) Kaushik Manchikanti, Chester Springs, PA

2012
1) Shravan Ravishankar, Prospect, KY
2) Chittesh Thavamani, Troy, MI
3) Suvan Sanjeev, Bellevue, WA

Junior Geography Bee

2018
1) Anish Raja
2) Yash Jaju
3) Nirmal Melam

2017
1) Aarush Tutuki, Tucson, AZ
2) Karthik Panchangam, Montville, NJ
3) Anish Raja, Cumming, GA

2016
1) Pranavkrishna Bharanidharan, Fair Oaks, CA
2) Samvrit Rao, Ashburn, VA
3) Suvan Sanjeev, Bellevue, WA

2015
1) Praneet Mekala, Shrewsbury, MA
2) Tom George, Tucson, AZ
3) Vaibhav Sharma, Oak Hill, VA

2014
1) Shirlin Kingston, Ames, IA
2) Soham Konar, Westerville, OH
3) Anirudh Bharadwaj, San Jose, CA

2013
1) Vishal Sareddy, Suwanee, GA
2) Sandhya Ganesh, Tampa, FL
3) Anirudh Bharadwaj, San Jose, CA
2012
1) Siddharth Krishnakumar, Herndon, VA
2) Ronak Saluja, Roslindale, MA
3) Shriya Yarlagadda, Grand Blanc, MI

2011
1) Arjun Nathan, Fremont, CA
2) Rohith Paranj, Rochester Hills, MI
3) Abhinav Karthikeyan, Clarksburg, MD

2010
1) Mantra Dave, Normal, IL
2) Karan Menon, Edison, NJ
3) Govind Prabhakar, Deerfield, IL

2009
1) Neha Middela, Bloomfield Hills, MI
2) Asha Jain, Minocqua, WI
3) Mantra Dave, Normal, IL

2018
1) Shreyan Mitra
2) Palak Mehta
3) Aditi Sridhar

2017
1) Meghana Annambhotla, Southbury, CT
2) Anirudh Iyer, Shrewsbury, MA
3) Shrinidhi Thirumalai, Fremont, CA

2016
1) Sameer Jain, Austin, TX
2) Esha Thakkar, Cary, NC
3) Prianka Subrahmanya, Novi, MI

2015
1) Urvya lyer, Westborough, MA
2) Mahati Vavilala, Novi, MI
3) Gunjan Gaur, Leawood, KS

2014
1) Neha Vishwanath, Spring, TX
2) Mahati Vavilala, Novi, MI
3) Abhishek Rao, Newark, DE

2013
1) Smitha Gundavajhala, Cupertino, CA
2) Venkat Rd Munukutla, Saratoga, CA
3) Ramya Auroprem, San Jose, CA

2010
1) Priyanka Menon, Ann Arbor, MI
2) Vybhavi Bharadwaj, Plano, TX
3) Anurag Gudeti, Novi, MI

2009
1) Aditya Kalluri, North Olmsted, OH
2) Akash Ganapathi, Cary, NC
3) Shrinidhi Dawande, Naperville, IL

Senior Essay Writing

2018
1) Anirudh Iyer
2) Palak Mehta
3) Aditi Sridhar

2017
1) Meghana Annambhotla, Southbury, CT
2) Anirudh Iyer, Shrewsbury, MA
3) Siddhant Puranik, Katy, TX

2016
1) Kevin Chacko, Valrico, FL
2) Alekya Vejendla, Katy, TX
3) Sameer Jain, Austin, TX

2015
1) Esha Thakkar, Cary, NC
2) Prianka Subrahmanya, Novi, MI
3) Keyur Shah, Shelton, CT

2014
1) Neha Vishwanath, Spring, TX
2) Mahati Vavilala, Novi, MI
3) Gunjan Gaur, Leawood, KS

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2) Vybhavi Bharadwaj, Plano, TX
3) Anurag Gudeti, Novi, MI

2009
1) Aditya Kalluri, North Olmsted, OH
2) Akash Ganapathi, Cary, NC
3) Shrinidhi Dawande, Naperville, IL

Senior Geography Bee

2018
1) Shreyan Mitra
2) Kaylan Patel
3) Adrija Sridhar

2017
1) Atreya Mallanna, Lexington, MA
2) Kaylan Patel, Windermere, FL
3) Shreyan Mitra, Santa Clara, CA

2016
1) Nabhaneel Sil Upadhyay, Germantown, MD
2) Arjun Nathan, Palo Alto, CA
3) Satvik Pochiraju

2015
1) Saket Pochiraju, Lewis Center, OH
2) Ashwin Ganesh, Palm Harbor, FL
3) Sarvya Kuchibhotla, Morrisville, NC

2014
1) Abhik Chakraborty, Saratoga, CA
2) Ashwin Ganesh, Palm Harbor, FL
3) Govind Prabhakar, Deerfield, IL

2013
1) Kodanda Sairam Vinjamuri, North Brunswick, NJ
2) Rohit Krishna, Saratoga, CA
3) Nihal Charmani, Plano, TX

2012
1) Abhilash Samantapudi, Novi, MI
2) Keyur Shah, Shelton, CT
3) Sravya Tadepalli, Corvallis, OR

2011
1) Abhik Chakraborty, Saratoga, CA
2) Nihal Charmani, Plano, TX
3) Sravya Tadepalli, Corvallis, OR

2010
1) Abhik Chakraborty, Saratoga, CA
2) Nihal Charmani, Plano, TX
3) Sravya Tadepalli, Corvallis, OR

North South Foundation
Senior Brain Bee

2018
1) Shouri Bochetty
2) Lipika Narisetli
3) Sraavya Anne
2017
1) Veenadhar Kollipara, Bellevue, WA
2) Hemanth Asirvatham, Rochester, MN
3) Kartik Tyagi, Cary, NC
2016
1) Navya Janga
2) Ashwin Veeramani
3) Akhil Kondepudi
2015
1) Abishek Iyer
2) Yash Gupta
3) Adithya Sanjay

2014
1) Varun Jain
2) Priya Vijayakumar
3) Abhijeet Sambangi
2013
1) Kamya Varagur, Edison, NJ
2) Narahari Bharadwaj, Plano, TX
3) Vishal Jain, Alamo, CA
2012
1) Meghana Ganapathiraju, Raleigh, NC
2) Samir Durvasula, Rockville, MD
3) Sameer Kailasa, FT. Lauderdale, FL
2011
1) Ankita Nallani, Troy, MI
2) Sanjana Salwi, Morganville, NJ
3) Abhijit Mudigonda, Portland, OR
2010
1) Vaishnavi Kosuri, Herndon, VA

Intermediate Brain Bee

2018
1) Sharvani Vadlamani
2) Anmol Bhatia
3) Deboshri Kanjilal
2017
1) Aravind Krishnan, Hillsborough, NJ
2) Vignesh Anand, Frisco, TX
3) Udbhav Bodapati, Linwood, NJ

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3. Dr. Sarode Pundaleeka
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5. In memory of Prof. Thiru RM. Krishnan
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India Scholarships

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Mission, Vision, Values and Goals
How do We Sustain and Grow Leadership Conference
October 20-21, 2018

Ratnam Chitturi

Empowering One Child at a Time

Scholarship Recipients

Breakout sessions
The success of North South Foundation is completely due to the extraordinary efforts of its volunteers. North South Foundation solely relies on volunteers to conduct its educational programs, raising and distribution of funds for the needy students in India. Nothing in life equals the gift of service you can extend to help all the deserving children in reaching their maximum potential.

North South Foundation is very pleased to present the Distinguished Service Award to the following volunteers in 2019. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to those volunteers who unselfishly contribute their time towards the Foundation’s mission in helping children excel in education and values and helping bright children among the poorest of the poor go to college in India. These are volunteers who best exemplify the type of high quality public service that became the hallmark of the Foundation.

North South Foundation truly appreciates the dedication of these volunteers towards the goals of the foundation.

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Dr. Thomas Schilling  | Worcester, MA            |                        |
Latha Narayanan       | Cambridge, MA            |                        |
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Ray Hari Rethinam     | Detroit, MI              |                        |
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Local Attractions

- Museum of Science
- Harvard Museum of Natural History
- USS Constitution Museum
- MIT Museum
- The Freedom Trail
- Faneuil Hall Marketplace
- New England Aquarium
- Bunker Hill Monument
- The Paul Revere House
- Skywalk Observatory
- Trinity Church
- Fenway Park
NorthSouth Foundation

**Participants Won 14 National Championships in 2019**

**Science Olympiad National Champion**
- Yuvan Chali

**US National History Bee, NAQT National Middle School & International Academic Champion**
- Arin Parsa
  - 6th Grade

**You Be the Chemist Champion**
- Anurag Sodhi

**Scripps National Spelling Champions**
- Rishik Gandhasri
- Shruthika Padhy
- Sohum Sukhatankar
- Abhijay Kodali
- Rohan Raja

**National Geographic Bee Champion**
- Nihar Janga

**US Geography Olympiad Champion**
- Jishnu Nayak
  - 6th Grade

**USA Jr Math Olympiad Champion**
- Adithya Balachandran

**International Geography Bee USA National Champions**
- Vaibhav Hariram
  - 6th Grade
- Pranavkrishna Bharanidharan
  - 5th Grade
- Rishabh Wuppalapati
  - 8th Grade
- Kaylan Patel: 7th Grade

**Jeopardy! Teen Tournament Champion**
- Avi Gupta