

# NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION



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## **Celebrating 26<sup>th</sup> Year of Encouraging Excellence in Education**

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**- IN EDUCATION**

**T**wenty Five years is a long time for any NGO. The journey of 25 years entails the story of thousands of people including donors, scholarship recipients in India, children, parents, volunteers and patrons both in the US and India.

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

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

	<b>1994</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>INDIA</b>					
Chapters	3	5	10	14	26
Scholarships*	110	154	300	600	3,000(Est)
Cumulative Scholarships	310	1,040	2,400	4,700	12,900(Est)
* - includes renewals					
<b>USA</b>					
Contests	2	2	9	15	18
Chapters	16	18	46	70	86
Children Participating	800	800	3,200	8,400	16,780
Cumulative Participation	1,600	5,600	13,160	48,970	104,580
Scholarships for Champions	6	7	24	33	42
Cumulative Scholarships	12	43	101	266	424

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

Over the last five years, NSF online coaching has become very popular in the US. The program includes pre-mathcounts, mathcounts, SAT, Geography and Universal Values. More than 2,800 children have enrolled this year.

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

**Ratnam Chitturi**, *Founder*

*On behalf of the National Coordination Team, North South Foundation*

## WHAT IS NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION

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

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

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

**The Scholarship program in India** is designed to encourage excellence among the poor. It is targeted at qualified, needy students entering college. Over 12,000 scholarships have been awarded to date. The Foundation has given over 2,500 scholarships the past academic year. Each scholarship is \$250 per student per year. Awards are made following strict selection criteria based on merit and need. Students are selected from 26 centers spread across India. These centers are run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to the noble cause of helping the poor who excel in studies to attend college. There is a plan to add more chapters, especially in states where NSF does not have a presence. Please contact us if you can help us start a new chapter.

**Educational contests in the US** are designed to encourage academic excellence among Indian American children. The spelling, vocabulary, math, science, geography, essay writing, and public speaking bees are conducted annually in two steps. Children initially participate in any of 85 centers in the US. Winners of these contests are invited for the national finals. National top three rankers are awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$250, redeemable in the winners' freshman year of college. Brain bee is conducted only at the national level. More than 120,000 contestants benefited from NSF bees. Please contact us if you would like to have a chapter in your area. NSF offers online coaching in pre-mathcounts, mathcounts, SAT, Geography and Universal Values. More than 2,700 children have enrolled this year. Online coaching is made possible through the dedication of 250 volunteer coaches with a passion to make a difference.

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

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

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

### **Notable accomplishments during the year 2014 are given below:**

- NSF started Geography online coaching program with 500 children and 28 volunteer coaches. This is quite remarkable given this is the first year and Geography is not a subject in schools.
- NSF had 5 new chapter openings during 2014, now totaling 86 chapters in the US.
- NSF kids won five academic super bowls in 2014 (Scripps National Spelling Bee, National Geographic Bee, MATHCOUNTS, National Science Bowl and National History Bee).
- Sreeram Hathwar captured the 2014 Scripps spelling bee Co-championship in Washington, D.C. This is the seventh year in a row that an NSF child has won the Scripps spelling bee championship. Sreeram won a scholarship of over \$40,000, with Gokul Venkatachalam, (3rd place), Ashwin Veeramani (4th place), and Neha Konakalla and Tejas Muthusamy (joint 8th place) as the top 10 finalists at Scripps.
- Akhil Rekulapally won the National Geographic Bee championship with Ameya Mujumdar as the runner-up. This is the second year in a row that an NSF child has won the National Geographic bee championship. Pranit Nanda, Krish Patel, and Asha Jain, were among the top 10 finalists in the geography bee.
- Swapnil Garg became the champion of 2014 MATHCOUNTS with Akshaj Kadaveru, Rajiv Movva and Srivats Narayanan among the top 12-40 positions in the MATHCOUNTS.
- Abhijeet Sambangi and Snigdha Allaparti were members of the champion team at the Science Bowl.
- Siddharth Kamannavar became the first NSF child to win the National History Bee.
- The last several years have seen tremendous growth for the academic contests held by NSF among 86 regional centers. We're thrilled to report that around 18,000 contestants registered in various categories this year. Of these, Ashburn, VA had the highest registration count at 699, followed very closely by Dallas, TX (698), Atlanta, GA (644), Seattle, WA (622), Princeton, NJ (556), Raleigh, NC (554), Palo Alto, CA (535), Manchester, NH (514) and Detroit, MI (508). For the first time, Math Bee Level 2 registrations (2,953) exceeded that of the Junior Spelling Bee, which had 2,377 contestants nationwide. The Math Bee contest combining all three levels attracted a record 6,248 contestants in 2014. We are indebted to all the new and existing regional coordinators and volunteers who worked hard to make the regional contests successful.
- MATHCOUNTS and PRE-MATHCOUNTS coaching classes were received again with overwhelming response and thanks to the great effort by the teachers and their leadership team. There were over 100 classes comprising 1,247 students.
- NSF started SAT online coaching, both in English and Math in 2012. Number of children taking SAT reached 647 with 75 volunteers agreeing to coach. Some coaches were handling multiple classes. NSF is grateful for their tremendous contribution.
- NSF also started Universal Value classes in 2013 with number of children reaching 360.
- The 2014 NSF National Championship Finals were conducted at the University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, during August 16-17 with an attendance of 1400 contestants.
- Many Regional centers held workshops in Spelling, Vocabulary, Geography, Math, and Science during 2014. The Bee Workshops are designed to encourage and prepare children to take part in NSF and other similar contests.
- NSF started recognizing individuals and organizations for their continued volunteer and financial support since 2012. NSF has instituted several levels of donor awards such as Distinguished Donor Award given to Dr. Ravindranath Khambampati, Life Time Donor Award given to Ashok K. Ray, late Venugopal Keshavulu, and Ashok Kache, and Honorable Donor Awards given to Bosebabu Mandava, Deepak Vashisht, and Dr. Sarode Pundaleeka in 2012. NSF has also instituted several volunteer awards such as the Founder's Award which has been given to Dr. Murali Gavini (the person behind the NSF spelling bee contests).

Starting from 1993) in 2012, to Dr. Krishnaiah Revuluri (the person behind the NSF math contests) in 2013, and to Mrs. Sumana Sur (the person behind NSF Geography bee) in 2014. Other volunteer awards given to several dedicated people include the *Lifetime Achievement Award and the Distinguished Service Award*.

- NSF recognizes Indian-American youth who inspire our children by their willingness to break new ground and surmount all obstacles with the Viswa Jyothi Role Model Award; 2014 award goes to Mr. Nimesh Patel of Empty Hands Music Pilgrimage.

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

**Volunteers:** The Foundation is looking for volunteers in many areas of its endeavors. The success of any public foundation depends on its volunteers. It is the collective efforts of volunteers that made this Foundation what it is today. Volunteerism is like an elastic band. You only need to spare as little as you can afford or extend as much as you love to contribute. You will get the satisfaction of promoting excellence in education among the most impoverished in India and children in our community in the US. Some corporations also encourage their employees to become volunteers by providing financial contribution. The Foundation received such contributions from Allstate, HSBC, Intel, Microsoft and Pfizer.

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

**India Activities:** During 2014 scholarship season, we expanded our effort from 18 India chapters to 26; more than 2,500 scholarships were awarded. For the 2014-15 academic year, the target is 3,000. NSF website ([www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org)) was updated to make it easy for potential applicants, volunteers and donors to access information about our India scholarship program. For more information about India Scholarship program, please contact Madavi Oliver at [madavioliver@gmail.com](mailto:madavioliver@gmail.com)

## 24<sup>TH</sup> NSF Walk-A-Thon RAISES \$5000!

The North South Foundation Walk-A-Thon and 25th Anniversary Celebrations were held on October 5, 2014 at Blackwell Forest Preserve, South Shelter in Warrenville, IL. The event started at around 11:00 a.m. and ended around 4:00 p.m. Over 60 people, including parents and children participated to support the noble cause. All participants were served with lunch, which was arranged by Mrs. Chitturi, sponsored by Viceroy of India Restaurant. In addition to regular walking and jogging, Mrs. Sandhya Kamath, one of the organizers of this event had arranged some exciting games for children as well as parents. One of the games called 'Scavenger Hunt', involved both parents and children working together by collecting materials specified in the clues. Mrs. Sandhya had also prepared the crossword puzzles that involved identifying words describing 25 years of NSF's accomplishments. Both parents and children enjoyed identifying all the words in the clue. Winners were given surprise rewards. At the event, Mr. Velusubramaniam, the Hindsdale Chapter Coordinator, had prepared a chart which described the history of NSF and how it has been growing in terms of conducting contests in the United States and providing scholarships in India. Overall, it was a very successful event.

## THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

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

### 10 STEPS TO HOW “YOUR \$ HELPS EDUCATE”

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

### SCHOLARSHIPS IN INDIA - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

North South Foundation (NSF) provides scholarships to undergraduate students entering into engineering, medicine or 3-year polytechnic (diploma in engineering.) based on merit and financial need. NSF uses uniform eligibility criteria to identify poor but meritorious students across chapters.

Eligibility criteria for NSF college scholarships are listed below:

- Marks in the top 10 percentile of 10th or 12th or CET/JET in the state
- Annual family income must be less than Rs 65,000 p.a.
- Preference to students coming from government schools and colleges.
- Preference to fresh students going to government colleges.
- Preference to students not getting other scholarships.
- NSF gives scholarships after evaluating the need.
- Scholarship is limited to Rs. 15,000 for degree and Rs. 5000 for Diploma students.

## 2013-14 NSF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT

Every time a child participates in a North South Foundation (NSF) educational bee, workshop, or even an online course, another child in India benefits. What started off as one scholarship in 1989 has reached 2549 scholarships in 2014 – and that number is still growing. Over the past twenty-five years, NSF has provided more than 12,000 scholarships and helped students receive the higher education that they deserve.

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Renewal</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	176	168	344
2	Tanuku, Andhra Pradesh	16	9	25
3	Vizag, Andhra Pradesh	-	3	3
4	Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh	1	-	1
5	Guwahati, Assam	-	-	-
6	Patna, Bihar	8	10	18
7	Chandigarh, Chandigarh	-	-	-
8	Ahmedabad, Gujarat*	19	4	23
9	Bhavnagar, Gujarat	-	-	-
10	Bangalore, Karnataka	130	137	267
11	Mysore, Karnataka*	11	3	14
12	Kochi, Kerala	17	11	28
13	Aurangabad, Maharashtra*	4	-	4
14	Pune, Maharashtra	3	79	82
15	Bhubaneswar, Orissa	293	330	623
16	Patiala, Punjab	-	-	-
17	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	66	98	164
18	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	221	175	396
19	Madurai, Tamil Nadu	105	141	246
20	Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu	10	14	24
21	Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh*	2	-	2
22	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	43	23	66
23	Kolkata, West Bengal	75	144	219
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1200</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>2549</b>
Designated Scholarships				40
* New Chapter				

NSF is ready to start the 2014-15 scholarships season with a goal of giving 1500 scholarships to first year students and renewing all current scholarships. NSF has increased the number of scholarships given by more than four fold in a span of 6 years as one can see in the table below

<i>NSF India scholarships Year-wise growth</i>							
Year	1989	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Scholarships	1	580	667	922	1449	2037	2549
Chapters	1	10	10	16	18	20	23

If you are new to scholarships you can read about our program at

<http://www.northsouth.org/public/india/scholarships.aspx>

If you'd like to connect to a chapter in India or help start a new chapter send us an email:

[nsfindiascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:nsfindiascholarships@gmail.com)

## 2013-14 NSF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### ANDHRAPRADESH - Tanuku

Uddagiri Sai Kumar  
Vadali Vasanthi  
Ryali Venkata Mani Kumari  
Mamidipaka Datta Ravi Teja  
Hanumantu Maha Lakshmi  
Ryali Siromani  
Grandhi Sai Teja  
Mogallapu Sri sai Krishna  
Kolachala Ramya  
Kanamarlapudi Sai Raghu  
Nalla Sujani  
Pratti V V Satyanarayana  
Addagarla Raju  
Garapati Shan Pavanpanikrishna  
Vasantha Rao Naga Sandeep

### ANDHRAPRADESH - Kurnool

Ghamshyambhai Dasbhai

### BIHAR - Patna

Purushottam Kumar  
Dharmveer Kumar  
Ritesh Kumar  
Abhishek Ramashankar  
Rahul Kumar Singh  
Atish Kumar Srivastava  
Abhinav Kumar  
Ravindra Kumar

### GUJARAT - Ahmedabad

Jitendra Patel  
Umang Rabadiya  
Ashay Gothi  
Falgun Patel  
Chapadia Kumar  
Keyur Pansuriya  
Dhamsaniya Priya Paragbhai  
Dixit Kumar Bambharoliya  
Divya Thummar  
Radhika Trada  
Chauohari Devang Dhirubhai  
Chandresh Kanani  
Ravi Dhirubhai  
Keval Patel  
Parath Daraji  
Sagarbhai Donda  
Hiteshbhai Laljibahi Zinzala  
Ghamshyambhai Savadasbhai  
Shiva Babubhai Baladaniya

### KARNATAKA - Bangalore

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Rajesh

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Jeevitha V  
S. Nagamani  
G. Chaithra  
S.Kusuma  
Praveen Pattar  
Manjunatha Hegde  
Sreekanth R O  
Sandeepa Hedge  
Madurya Gowr B M  
Vidyasagar B  
Ranjith Kumar  
Akshay B G  
Vinay Reddy S  
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Anil C P  
Pratheeksha H P  
B. Chandrashekar  
Siddannagoud Salotagi  
Shivanand Sonakar  
Chidananda S T  
Guruvayya S Mathad  
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Pooja Bhoge  
Bhavya M Naik  
Divya A  
Manjunatha P S  
Preethi K R  
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Sumukha HS  
Abhay Kiran  
Deepak Virupakshayya  
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Nataraju S  
Nidhishree B H  
Marutesha  
Karna Hadagali  
G Akshaya Kumara  
Anusha Madhukeshwar Hedge  
Megha K M  
Deepak Dhongadi  
Abdul Rahaman  
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Vageesh S  
Prathviraj Shetty H  
Anand Gokanvi

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Rajesh Narayan Jalligeri  
Subramanya B L  
Harshavardhan K  
Aneesh CH  
Shubham Shripanavar  
Vijay kumar Agande  
Nikhil Kamath  
Girish Mandhal  
Meghana K S  
Dinakara S N  
Bhavana K S  
Tejaswini S  
Sandesh T M  
Mohan B E  
Sandesh J Kolagi  
Gunashekar G  
Darshan K S  
Sanjay V Mahendrakka  
Dhananjaya D R  
Malagouda Patil  
Naveen M S  
Jayashree P  
Abhilasha Subraya Hegde  
Nagashree N  
Lakshmana K  
Vijay Kumar M P  
Priya H P  
Swapna Nandigam  
Nandini J B  
Suresha Simpi  
Madhu N  
Manjappa Shidramappa Angadi  
Sandesh Kumar  
Mahantesh Kullolli  
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Nithin N  
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Sujay Shidaganti  
Sandesh Gowa Matte  
Shwetha KK  
Kavitha M  
Vishwanath Ningolli  
Ambaraya pyati  
Bharath Kumar thalad Prakash  
Usha S K  
Yallappa Halli  
Avinash K J  
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Manjunatha S  
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Durugappa Bagaloakoti  
Sudhakar B

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Maresh		Jyotshnamayee Behera
Pampanagouda	<b>ORISSA - Bhubaneswar</b>	Jyotiprava Parida
Sameerpasha	Siburam Swain	Gajendra Mahanta
Baba	Subhashree Ojha	Rajesh Sahoo
Guru Basava	Sunil Kumarturuk	Raj Kumar Sahoo
Niranjanraja	Nisha Patel	Sibaram Gouda
Akash	Minakshi Puhan	Subhralina Singh
Santosh Kumar	Anil Katual	Md Sahabuddin Khan
Anjaneya	Biswaranjan Nayak	Prasanjit Ray
Earanna	Sharmistha Das	Rajat Kumar Pradhan
Veeresh	Rohit Kumar Yadav	Anil Behera
Bhanuprakash AS	Birendra Tripathy	Ashis Tripathy
Abhilash NS	Madhusmita Rani Sahoo	Debasmita Dhal
Chethan Ningappa	Ankita Rout	Diptimayee Behera
	Archana Behera	Himadri Tanaya Samal
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Sandesh S. N	Linku Sahu	Namita Nayak
Vanitha B	Madhusmita Parida	Prasanta Kumar Roul
Praveen Katageri	Manalisa Giri	Pravat Kumar Sahu
P. Indira	Pallishree Pradhan	Sudhansu Sekhar Maity
Devika	Rajashree Choudhury	Sudipta Sahoo
Basavaraja Gante	Rakesh Kumar Nanda	Akshay Kumar Sasmal
Bheemappa	Ranjan Kumar Sahoo	Anil Kumar Sahu
Ningappa	Rati Ranjan Bhuyan	Ashok Kumar Pradhan
	Santanu Kumar Panda	Balaji Sahoo
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Sibi Cleetus	Soumya Ranjan Maharana	Bikash Mohapatra
Nandakumar N	Soumya Priyadarsini	Biswajit Mahanta
S Vishnu	Subrata Behera	Biswajit Panda
R. Sruthi	Subrat Kumar Behera	Harish Kumar Sahoo
A S Surya	Sunil Kumar Senapati	Himanshusekhar Sahoo
Nidhin Mathew	Surya Kant Bej	Jitendra Kumar Sahoo
Athira S	Tanmaya Kumar Samal	Jnana Ranjan Pradhan
Chinchusha	Truptiranjana Mishra	Jyoti Bikash Prusty
Neduthodi Chandrajith	Ashok Kumar Behera	Kanhu Charan Sabata
Padinharayil Shakkeer Ali Safvan	Bishnu Bhakta Pradhan	Laxman Kumar Mahanta
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Arya Devarajan	Gayatri Prasad Mishra	Rakesh Kumar Sahoo
Abin Varghese Mathew	Ghanashyam Mahanta	Raki Sahu
Abdul Madambath Thamdathil	Kumar Ashis Sahoo	Saroj Kumar Mekap
Vishnu Prasad MV	Manoja Kumar Panda	Satyabrata Sahoo
Fidha Shajahan	Priya Ranjan Hota	Sudhansu Das
	Pruthivi Raj Panda	Swadhin Kumar Sahoo
<b>MAHARASHTRA - Aurangabad</b>	Sunil Pradhan	Trilochan Maharana
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Hasabnis Chinmay Raghunandan	Rajesh Parikshya	B. Roja
Kanade Vishal Dadasaheb	Subasha Kumar Samal	Biswajit Swain
Prabhat Kumar	Shyam Karan Lal	Deepak Sahoo
	Jayanta Kumar Bej	Monalisa Mangaraj
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Saurav Kumar Das	Nitish Kumar Khatua	Deepak Kumar Maharana
Suchismita Swain	Pinaki Priyabrata Tripathy	Deepak Kumar Sahu
Suryasnata Baral	Prahallad Panda	Deepak Kumar Swain
Amarendra Hota	Prasiddhi Acharya	Gayatri Sahu
Manoj Sahoo	Prativamayee Panda	Harihara Panda
Pragyna Paramita Swain	Rachana Sahoo	Manmohan Biswal
Sachin Sahu	Rajlaxmi Swain	Neha Sahu
Suchismita Sahoo	Rajesh Kumar Mohanty	Ranjan Kumar Raut
Deeptirani Panda	Salloni Maharana	Santosh Kumar Rath
Ipsita Satpathy	Saroj Kumar Rout	Shiva Prasad Maharana
Lucky Lenka	Shankar Mandal	Sindhuja Malla
Mamina Nath	Shubhananda Sahu	Sonali Pattnaik
Manasi Mallick	Siba Prasad Mohapatra	Sriram Panigrahy
Nibedita Mantry	Soumya Ranjan Mahanta	Subhankar Panda
Nibedita Parida	Subhasankar Pal	Subrata Kumar Gouda
Padmini Singh	Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra	Aditya Padhan
Pratikshya P Sishugoswami	Sumitra Patra	Aisuryananda Swain
Rajalaxmi Panigrahi	Suryakanta Jena	Batakrushna Mal
Pujamayee Patra	Susanta Kumar Rout	Bhabeswar Behera
Rasmita Samantray	Sushree Ghadei	Bijay Kumar Mohanta
Ritanjali Sahoo	Sushree Samarпита	Chinmay Kumar Pradhan
Rojalin Behera	Ajit Nayak	Chouda Chandra Padhan
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*I'm Selvalakshmi from a small town in Virudhunagar district - Tamil Nadu state. Basically, I'm from a family of six and my father passed away couple of months back due to illness. I have joined my first year B.E (Civil Engineering) course in University College of Engineering- Nagercoil. Our family's financial position was worse and money affordable towards my higher studies was under tough condition. At that point, I came to know about North South Foundation and applied for scholarship. I was awarded with scholarship amount of 15000 INR it was a great support to my studies. After graduation, I will take care of my two younger sister's education and help students like me in future. Thanks to North South Foundation for the scholarship.*

## WINNERS OF A DIFFERENT KIND

At finals there were many bee winners. They prepared, worked hard and they won. Here we highlight 5 children who were winners of different kind – winners because they were kind and wanted to help raise money for NSF scholarships program.

Monish Jampala, GA; Samhitha Yeleti, GA, Sashi Kulatilaka, OH, Aditya Jaire, MD, and Anushree Ramanujam, NC were 5 children who went around and collected funds for merit scholarships for financial needy students in India. Together they collected \$525 towards two scholarships through NSF-DAS.

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

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## WHY I WANT TO SERVE NSF

- By *Ramanathan Iyer*  
*Chapter coordinator, India*

With the sole objective of promoting 'Excellence in Education', North South Foundation (NSF) has been working hard to uplift bright and poor students, particularly from rural areas in India. This is what motivated me to get involved in NSF activities. I readily agreed to join as coordinator of Madurai Chapter so I fulfill my own purpose of life. Moreover, this provides me with an opportunity to work and interact with the youth which, in my opinion, helps in the development my own inner self.

When started in 2002-03, Madurai was part of Chennai Chapter run under BREAD (Basic Research, Education and Development Society, a sister concern of NSF) program. With NSF USA taking charge of the Indian operations directly from 2004-05, the Madurai chapter also got formally established with me as the coordinator. The Chapter has another dedicated volunteer, N. Nagarajan, working along with me. The team works in unison and with devotion with the motto of "Service above Self". The chapter has steady growth to its credit. The number of fresh NSF scholars selected has grown from 6 in 2002-03 to 105 in 2013-14. The total number of scholarships given out over the years is 246.

Initially we depended only on the announcements issued in local newspapers for receiving applications. Over a period of time, we developed more potent channels. We have now regular contacts with like-minded NGOs. Further, we are fortunate to have our current and past scholars of NSF to propagate the mission through word of mouth with good effect. Because of my association with many schools around, we are able to disseminate information about NSF by announcing in various school events and also by maintaining regular interaction with Headmasters/ Principals.

During interviews for selection of candidates, effective and detailed screening methods are used in order to decide the deservedness of the students by assessing the economic status of the family and also the commitment of the student. In this connection, I like to bring in my past work experience to do justice to the students and the organization to the best of my ability.

At Madurai chapter, we also make conscious efforts to be in touch with the scholars in and around Madurai so we will be able to arrange meetings and also conduct special classes for personality development. Local dignitaries are invited to grace events where awards are given to the students.

In sum, the Madurai Chapter has done its best to spread the ideals of NSF among NGOs, educational institutions, and among the student community. The students have been responding well and the future certainly looks bright with many of them keen to do similar service in their lives in times to come.

As NSF Coordinator for more than a decade, I have benefited immensely through interaction with the younger generation and their motivation. I could see the impact of the NSF support on the students who have come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and thanks to NSF, they could elevate their families above poverty line. To be a member of NSF team in their massive exercise to identify the deserving bright and poor students and develop them to be fit for productive jobs, makes me humble and honored. The immense happiness that I derive in this humanitarian service is beyond description and has no parallel.

## MY ASSOCIATION WITH NSF

- By *Dinabandhu Nanda*

*Chapter coordinator, Bhubaneswar*

I come from a poor family. During my primary school days, I used to walk about 8 km from my home to the school. When the headmaster found my condition and when he realized that I used to study well by working hard in spite of adverse conditions, he asked me to stay with his family in his house and study. He offered free coaching over and above free dining along with his family members. His objective was to ensure that I get good scholarship and at the same time school can get good name. His efforts and his encouragement resulted in my getting the scholarship not only in primary school, but also in middle and high schools. I can say with pride that I could complete Intermediate Science (equivalent to 12th grade) successfully with the scholarship money provided to me. I completed Engineering with stipend, and ultimately became an Engineer in Irrigation department of Govt. of Odisha. It all happened due to the selfless work and encouragement of my primary school teacher.

As an engineer, I proudly served the nation. My teacher's example is the primary source of inspiration for me to help the poor & meritorious students for their higher education. In 2001 when I visited USA, I came in contact with Sri S. K. Das Verma who worked earlier with me in Balimala Project, Odisha. He introduced me to North South Foundation (NSF) and its activities. In 2004, I contacted S.C. Choudhry, Chairman of Vikash Educational Charitable Trust who informed me further details of NSF. From that time on, I have been working with North South Foundation. In memory of my primary school teacher, I will work till my last breath through NSF and other similar organizations to help the poor and meritorious students.

While talking about NSF, I am reminded of an act of generosity of Dr. Chitturi when he visited Odisha in 2009. He was very kind to include some of the applicants for scholarship who were not considered by us. It shows largess of his heart. He also spared time to distribute the checks to the meritorious diploma students of Bhubananda Orissa School of Engineering (BOSE), the oldest technical institution of Odisha at Cuttack. We started giving scholarships to three students in 2004 and are now able to provide scholarships to 600 students in 2014. It could only be possible because of the bigheartedness of the organizers like Dr. Ratnam Chitturi, Rao Chalasani, C.M. Rao, Ch. Hanumantha Rao and many others of NSF in USA and in India.

When Vikash initiated the Complementary Education Initiative Program in 2009-10 to enlarge its support to include even the social sciences & humanities students preparing for the Civil Service Examination, NSF did not hesitate and came forward to support it.

Our process of identifying the eligible scholars is simple. Every year, we communicate to about forty Government technical institutions by providing the eligibility criteria specified by NSF to allow the students to apply online. We also remind them from time to time about the scholarships over telephone. The students download documents and send the filled forms through their respective Principals to us for checking and submitting to NSF office at Hyderabad. Our office staff ensures timely submission of the applications. We distribute the checks to students in the presence of their respective college principals, Dean, professors, and lecturers.

NSF and its Chapter Coordinators work as a family. I am very happy to be involved in the NSF family.

## FUNDRAISER EVENT

- From a High School Senior

Bharath Ram, a high school senior at Health Careers High School in San Antonio has been a part of North South Foundation for the last 11 years, initially as a participant and, more recently, as a volunteer. He started learning Bharathanatyam at the age of 6 and gave his professional dance debut performance, or Rangapravesham, at the age of 14. He has performed for many causes at various venues in India and United States of America. Last year, he came up with the idea to use his dance skills as a fundraiser event for North South Foundation. With the help of others, this came to fruition on October 5, 2012. He gave a solo performance and raised \$4800 for NSF. He is delighted to have been able to help for supporting educational excellence in India by providing financial support to under-privileged children.



## NSF INSPIRATION

- By Nishant Bhamidipati

My name is Nishant Bhamidipati. I am a sixth grader and go to Evans Junior High School. I have competed in NSF competitions from when I was only in 1st grade. Math Bee was my first competition, and it laid out the foundation that has helped me for the past 5 years. The first time I participated, I didn't do that well, I could get only about half the points. However, I had fun preparing and participating and I wanted to do better. Therefore I decided that I would try harder next time and prepare more. After that first experience, I got 1st place twice, third place once, and fourth place once. The biggest thing I learned is that practice alone doesn't help, but practice and perseverance will almost always get you closer to perfection. Because of my going to Math Bee, I can feel good about myself. I helped a student in India with their education in an indirect way, and I have realized that there is much more to my community than I thought and that I could do something to help. Because of that one small step, I could take a giant leap in my life. I am a proud recipient of the Ben Carson Scholarship Award. The two major factors that helped in my receiving the award were my participation in Math Bee contests and volunteering for NSF - first place in the regional level enhanced my academic skills and volunteering and organizing drives led to my role in participating in humanitarian services. All in all, NSF has played a significant role in my life and I thank NSF sincerely with all of my heart.

## AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FOR NSF ALUMNI

- By Venkat Gade

We can count many accomplishments while celebrating this twenty fifth anniversary of North South Foundation. The readers of this Annual Review publication may be aware of most of them. However, nothing can be more challenging for the parents of the NRIs as their children get ready to graduate from high school and move on to college. The loving, nurturing and care-free environment of home will be a distant past for their children, who will have to face the challenges of real-world. While the educational competitions and workshops prepare the NRI children to excel in academics, the life skills and leadership qualities needed can only be gained with exposure to real-world problems.

It has been a life changing experience for me from the very first encounter with NSF, more than 15 years ago; and there is no turning back. It should come as no surprise that my kids also participated in NSF contests, including spelling bee, math bee, etc. But, I was looking for volunteering opportunities for them. I could not pass up the chance to give the best possible volunteering opportunity to my kids; it was going to be nowhere else but in India. It was the summer of 2005, when my daughter was going to be a freshman in high school. She already helped our US chapter and taught in the spelling workshop. Put two and two together, it dawned on me that may be she could help organize a similar workshop in India during our short trip. In the spirit of volunteering, we wanted to help the most deserving kids and went to a local municipal school in Vijayawada, India. It took a bit of convincing them that our workshop will not be disruptive to the class schedule and that the kids will benefit from a workshop on English vocabulary and spelling. Also thanks to my dad for doing the negotiations with the school authorities. But, it did not take much to impress them as the kids devoured every bit of the coaching. After the workshop, my daughter recalls being called out in a crowded local market by one of the students. She can never forget this. For me, it was not just another workshop, as the whole experience gave a real perspective for my daughter on how the economically backward children are eager to learn – sit on the floor as there were no chairs or tables in the class room and make do with what they have.

That was the beginning of an idea to help many more NSF alumni to organize similar workshops in India. APNA – Ambassador Program for NSF Alumni was born, soon after that. With so much expertise in educational contests, tools to excel in academics, and a large volunteer base, there is a huge scope for making a real impact in the lives of thousands of deserving children in India, to excel in academics. NSF high school children in the US can help. Sign up in the upcoming year for a life-changing experience of your own with the NSF APNA leadership program. Look no further than the NSF website for more details.

<http://www.northsouth.org/public/APNA/apna.asp>

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

*– Mother Theresa*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY IN ASIAN INDIAN STUDENTS

-By Dr. Kalpana Mukunda Iyengar  
*PhD in Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching*  
*Post Doctoral Researcher*

North South Foundation has been doing yeomen service toward education by offering children opportunities to excel in academic skills. NSF conducts Vocabulary, Spelling, Public Speaking, and Essay Writing bee along with the Math, Science, and Geography Bee contests. With an active profession as a language teacher and a postdoctoral researcher on literacy related issues, I am always interested in children's language acquisition and eventual mastery. The NSF contests challenge and motivate children of Indian origin to think of reading and writing and not just science related topics. Though significant amounts of money is spent for Science Fairs and Math Bowls, there appears that not much funding is available for literacy events. I can only think of one example of encouraging such language related competitions is the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), which conducts essay-writing contests to high school juniors.

I am happy that NSF provides students of Indian origin opportunities to express their talent so these students may explore culturally relevant topics, especially while writing their essays. Language acquisition is crucial at a young age because children must learn to communicate through writing and speaking in the future if they want to be successful in their chosen careers. Hence, spelling, vocabulary, public speaking, and writing must be learned through consistent and constant practice and NSF contests motivate children to excel in these areas of language development.

**Spelling:** Spelling is an important skill that students need in order to present their writing well. The following words used in the national spelling bee may not be familiar to some students unless they are interested in humanities - Aeschylean, gemeinschaft, and encaenia. Aeschylean is something relating to Aeschylus, the Greek dramatist. Gemeinschaft, borrowed from Sociology is a term used by Ferdinand Tonnies to describe close-knit communities, often found in rural areas, in which strong personal bonds with members exist. Gemeinschaft was one of primary themes that emerged in data in my PhD dissertation. Encaenia is a festival, a dedication, or a commemoration. Children learn such beautiful words to signify a person or a cultural event through practicing for the NSF contests.

**Vocabulary:** This contest encourages and facilitates vocabulary building in children. Lexicon is important to build word bank and this skills is powerful for speakers. Children who wish to pursue the medical field have to master words and their etymology. Vocabulary building also helps with idiolect in children because we all have our own stylized way of presenting materials both orally and using script to people and in academe.

**Public Speaking:** Presenting in front of many people can be daunting to some children because of stage fright or fear of exposure. Some of my international university students are terrified when asked to present lessons to the class. Therefore public speaking must be taught to children from childhood. This skill requires a good command over the language and an appealing and consolidated way to present information.

**Essay Writing:** This is an art and it comes from practice. Children have a skill to learn languages, however, they must be taught to write. The essay-writing contest enables children to acquire writing mechanics along with learning to present their argument in writing.

I have graded the regional NSF essays for the San Antonio area and I am pleased with the choice of topics that were offered to students. It is organizations such as NSF that create a platform for spellers, speakers, and writers to excel in different contests so they can feel good about their language skills along with making their parents, teachers, and the community proud. Congratulations on the silver anniversary and I wish many more years of serving!

## NSF UNIVERSAL VALUES PROGRAM

- By NSF Universal Values Team

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

Just like roots are important for a tree to flourish and bear nourishing fruits so are values to a society. A society without values will degenerate. The mission of the Universal Values program has been to provide a platform for children to come together to discuss universal values and practice them so that they become an integral part of their daily lives. It also endeavors to help children excel in values in addition to excelling in academic subjects. In doing so, engage volunteers and parents to practice Universal Values.

Universal Values online workshop commenced for the first time in fall of 2013. NSF Universal Values online workshop classes are conducted by trained coaches once a week for an hour for 30 weeks. For the first year we selected 15 values to cover. One new value was introduced every two weeks. Children are introduced to the value in class; the coach explains the value, talks about the benefits of following the value, consequence of not following the value and opens the discussion on how to practice the value and what challenges one might face when following the value. Children are fully engaged in discussions, they are encouraged to openly share their thoughts and experiences in practicing these values. Outside the workshop, children are encouraged to apply the values in their daily life until the values become part of them.

The classes are conducted online, through the Wiziq tool. The students are required to download the study material and come prepared for the classes. The material is then uploaded on the screen for the students to discuss and share their experiences and viewpoints. They are also required to practice the values as homework and share their experiences in the following class. They could share their experiences in the form of poems, art works, write-ups and stories. Three levels are offered, Junior: 1 to 3 grades, Intermediate: 4 to 8 grades, Senior: 9 to 12 grades.

We had an overwhelming response with more than 360 children participating in the program. There were 35 coaches conducting 18 classes each week. The coaches are offered weekly training, and the children's participation during the weekly sessions is fantastic and encouraging. They began to apply the value in their daily life and share their personal experiences. Coaches and parents also practice the values in their personal life.

Practicing the values in order to imbibe them is a lifelong process, keeping that in mind this year NSF offers Universal Values -101 for new students and Universal Values -201 for returning students. Based on the parents' feedback we have made some changes to the program, it now offers 10 values covered in 20 weeks and also uses WebEx for better online service.

Here's a write up of a child on how she practiced the value Respond after thinking thoughtfully: "If you won't respond after thinking thoughtfully people won't talk to you. One time I was about to say "You're not supposed to do that." in a mean way to my friend Ava. But then I stopped and thought for a minute "Is that the right way to talk to her?" "No was my answer. So I went up to her and said in a kind way that she wasn't supposed to do that."

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



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## GEOGRAPHY COACHING

- By NSF Geo Coaching Team

*The National Geography Bee is open to schools with students in grades four through eight. Geography covers many aspects like physical geography, political geography, economical geography, historic geography to name a few. Given that schools cover very little of this in the regular curriculum, NSF started online Geography coaching to offer a more comprehensive curriculum. We modeled the strategy on the one used by the Tampa Geo Bee Group for the last 4 years.*

*NSF decided to conduct 10 sessions, with each session lasting for 2 hours. In order to give a head start to students preparing for the National Geography Bee right from Kindergarten, we offer two levels of coaching. Junior Geography Bee (JGB) coaching is for K through 3rd grade and Senior Geography Bee (SGB) coaching is catered for children in 4th through 8th grade. WebEx was used to conduct these online classes.*

*Before opening up the registration, applications from interested NSF parents were invited to volunteer/serve as coaches. The curriculum was set by Tampa GeoBee chief coach. Three 'Train the trainers' were conducted by Tampa GeoBee coaches to prepare the volunteers through WebEx session. Four mentors were assigned to help the NSF coaches to prepare the material and answer their questions.*

*Though it was just the first year of this coaching, the program attracted 508 registrations and 30 NSF coaches. Due to the overwhelming response, all the coaches reached the maximum capacity.*

*In the first session, coaches connect with the students by sending the welcome letter/calendar and curriculum. Current Events, Countries/Continents and Quiz are the three areas covered in each subsequent 2 hour session. Students are assigned the homework of collecting 20 new facts for each week.*

*NSF hopes to continue to instill the thirst of knowledge in these students through these online coaching sessions and lead them to success in life.*

*"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it.  
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*- Albert Schweitzer*

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## NSF SAT PROGRAM

- By NSF SAT Team

We at NSF are very happy to announce the continues success of the SAT program for the consecutive three years. With the emerging need and the importance of the SAT tests in college admissions, we felt it was an apt time to start this program. The vision of several people at NSF for SAT has become a reality today . It is indeed a team effort that has bought us thus far. Over 1200 parents are members for this program currently and the number keeps growing. We have about 1000 students registered for the program this year. Words cannot express the joy that the NSF SAT family has experienced with the huge response for the program. With about 100 coaches /sessions and several team members working hard round the clock, we are confident the program will be a huge success.

A bit of introduction about the SAT. SAT is a standardized test for college admissions in the United States. It is an acronym for Scholastic aptitude test or Scholastic assessment test, but more generally now known as SAT. It is a benchmark to assess students in the areas of critical reading, mathematical reasoning and writing skills. It is one of the most recognized test scores for college admission process and an entry ticket to the various institutions in the US. It is administered by the College Board.

The NSF SAT program is an online coaching program with an objective to augment NSF students in getting admitted to the top universities. The students will be coached for strategies, techniques and guided with various suit of tools and intense training to take the SAT test. There is extensive coaching provided for all the three sections of SAT, namely critical reading, writing and mathematics. Better outcomes are guaranteed if they follow the program with due diligence and practice. It is an entirely online program that uses WebEx, an Internet based classroom tool, for the sessions. All you need is a computer with a high speed Internet connection along with audio for voice. The program is mainly geared towards students in 7th grade and above. It is a 16 week program that usually starts in Oct and goes till end of January. The program has two levels based on grade: Senior for grade 10, 11 and 12; Junior for grades 7, 8 and 9. These levels are offered in both SAT English & SAT Math. These classes run for 1.5 hours for each subject. So eah student gets a total of 48 hours of instruction in the course. All of this quality education at a very nominal cost of 250 dollars! We plan to have this program on an ongoing basis. Please pass this information on to anyone that you think might be interested. Please email Hema Bharath at [nfsat@hotmail.com](mailto:nfsat@hotmail.com) for further needed information. Thanks for all your support for this noble cause.

*“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”*

*- H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

## PERFECT SCORES – 2014 REGIONALS

	<i>CONTEST</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>GRADE</i>	<i>CHAPTER</i>
1	Junior Spelling	Nithya Krishna	3	Palo Alto, CA
2	Junior Spelling	Maya Vendhan	3	Denver, CO
3	Junior Spelling	Raghav Arun	3	Raleigh, NC
4	Junior Spelling	Garima Rastogi	2	Manchester, NH
5	Junior Spelling	Srjana Srivatsa	3	Lansing, MI
6	Junior Spelling	Sankar Ramamurthy	3	Omaha, NE
7	Junior Spelling	Harshitha Sunchu	3	Cambridge, MA
8	Junior Spelling	Pranathi Jammula	3	Austin, TX
9	Junior Spelling	Asmitha Pasupula	2	Ashburn, VA
10	Junior Spelling	Nihar Janga	3	Austin, TX
11	Senior Spelling	Smrithi Upadhyayula	6	Dallas, TX
12	Senior Spelling	Agranya Ketha	4	Parsippany, NJ
13	Senior Spelling	Shourav Dasari	5	Houston, TX
14	Senior Spelling	Siddharth Krishnakumar	6	San Antonio, TX
15	Senior Spelling	Shreya Nidadavolu	8	Tampa, FL
16	Senior Spelling	Roshini Narayanan	8	Denver, CO
17	Senior Spelling	Tejas Muthusamy	5	Fairfax, VA
18	Senior Spelling	Lipika Nariseti	6	Columbus, OH
19	Senior Spelling	Sanjana Malla	8	MahwahRockland, NJ
20	Senior Spelling	Surya Auroprem	8	San Jose, CA
21	Senior Spelling	Chythanya Murali	8	Dallas, TX
22	Senior Spelling	Shobha Dasari	7	Houston, TX
23	Math Level 1	Shreev Goyal	2	Austin, TX
24	Math Level 2	Vivek Chalasani	5	Phoenix, AZ
25	Math Level 2	Chloe Winston	4	Ashburn, VA
26	Math Level 2	Raghav Narula	5	Seattle, WA
27	Math Level 3	Anjalie Kini	7	Denver, CO
28	Math Level 3	Nina Prabhu	8	Raleigh, NC
29	Math Level 3	Shreya Thipireddy	8	Houston, TX
30	Math Level 3	Nikhil Mandava	8	Palo Alto, CA
31	Math Level 3	Roshni Padhi	7	Hinsdale, IL
32	Math Level 3	Shushanth Gunukula	8	Baltimore, MD
33	Math Level 3	Ajay Arora	7	Detroit, MI
34	Math Level 3	Anusha Murali	7	Manchester, NH
35	Math Level 3	Rajiv Movva	8	San Jose, CA
36	Math Level 3	Akshaj Kadaveru	8	Rockville, MD
37	Math Level 3	Poojit Hegde	8	Marlboro, NJ
38	Math Level 3	Sanjana Ramrajvel	8	Hinsdale, IL
39	Math Level 3	Shreyaa Raghavan	7	Cambridge, MA
40	Math Level 3	Saketh Gabbita	6	Ashburn, VA
41	Math Level 3	Tejas Sathyamurthi	7	Manchester, NH
42	Math Level 3	Shaan Bhandarkar	7	Ashburn, VA
43	Math Level 3	Nithin Dass	8	Ashburn, VA
44	Junior Geography	Rishi Kumar	3	Baltimore, MD

## NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION – 2014 SPONSORS

### Junior Spelling Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	TANA Foundation

### Senior Spelling Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Junior Vocabulary Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Intermediate Vocabulary Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Math Bee Level 1

1st Place	\$1,000	Krishnaiah Revuluri <sup>1</sup>
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Math Bee Level 2

1st Place	\$1,000	Bansan Foundation <sup>2</sup>
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Math Bee Level 3

1st Place	\$1,000	Sarode Foundation <sup>3</sup>
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Junior Geography Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Senior Geography Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
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### Junior Science Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Intermediate Science Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Senior Science Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Senior Public Speaking

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### Senior Essay Writing Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

### North South Foundation

Trophies - National	Medals - National
Trophies - Regional	Badges - National
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## HOW NSF INFLUENCED MY LIFE

- By Savitha Rajiv

Growing up in a typical middle class family in the northern suburbs of Bangalore, I did what was expected of me. Study hard, get good grades, learn Carnatic music & Bharatanatyam, play sports, and do chores. When it was time to choose the path for college, I was expected to choose between medicine and engineering. BSc, BA, LLB were not popular choices then and were discouraged too! Given that I could not stand the sight of a needle or blood, medicine was not an option! My love for math and computer programming made my choice to become a software engineer, an easy one. Today, kids have the opportunity to study and work in any field of their choice, not just a doctor or an engineer!

The world we grew up in revolved around our neighborhood, our families, and our education. It was an accepted fact that the children of our maids, the coolies, constructions workers and farmers, would just follow in their parents' footsteps. These children would drop out of elementary schools to help either in the farms, or do jobs to earn money so they would have food to eat. We accepted this inequality as we did not know any better! Giving the poor families extra food, clothing or money was the extent of our generosity. Don't get me wrong, we were not rich by any means, and we were kind and helpful to everybody. In fact my dad comes from a farmer family in a small village outside Bangalore, and he is the only one in his family who studied beyond the third grade. Today, he holds an Electrical engineering degree! But there was an obvious line of distinction between the middle class and the poor families and nothing was done to erase that line.

Fast forward a few years. With a Masters in Computer Science, a good job and marriage, Rajiv and I became proud parents of two boys, Rohit & Suraj. We settled in the suburbs of Boston. They say your life changes when you have kids. Very true! As parents we look to raise our kids in an environment that is safe, nurturing and rich in culture. We want to give them the best opportunities in life. We teach them right from wrong, tolerance, love and compassion.

It was while seeking opportunities for my older son Rohit, to participate in, that a friend told me about NSF and the Spelling bee competition in Massachusetts. He was in Kindergarten and I signed him up! I looked at the 1000 word list and realized how overwhelming it is for a five year old to prepare. I decided that our goal should be to let him learn as many words as he can. If it was a hundred words, then he would know to spell 100 more words than he did prior to preparation for the contest! It was not about winning the contest, but about learning. Several parents I talk to say they don't want to sign their kids up for contests because they don't think the kids can win. What they don't see is the missed opportunity for the kids to learn something! When parents think this way, it is the child that loses out.

At the awards ceremony on the day of the contest, I learned about the organization and their mission. I was truly amazed! Dr. Ratnam Chitturi started this organization with the intent to change the lives of the kids and their families in India, the very people growing up we did not give a chance for a change! Giving the gift of a higher education enables the kids to earn a degree and improve the quality of life for themselves and their families!

That day I understood what it meant to give back to the community, and the impact we can make in the lives of many kids! Watching the scholarship recipients speak about how thankful they were for the opportunity NSF

*gave them to attend college that allowed them to secure good jobs, and provide for their families, who just a few years ago were living in poverty, moved me to tears!*

*This is the kind of world we should raise our children in. Understanding the privileges they have, and not take them for granted. Learning to be compassionate, and the importance of helping other kids who are not so fortunate and realizing that no matter how young you are, you can make a difference in the world!*

*I began volunteering for NSF, by helping out on contest days. Each year I got more involved and took on more responsibilities. It was easy because I believed in the mission of the organization. Being involved with NSF for over a decade now, it has been the most rewarding and enriching experience for me and my family! On the one hand, my kids benefitted from participating in the contests. On the other hand, they also learned where the contest fee was going to, and how it changed the lives of the kids in India! My children have been participating in the various bees since they were five years old. They have gained an amazing wealth of knowledge just by preparing for the contests. Learning about the world we live in, the inventions in science and technology, or solving higher level math problems, prepares them to not only be competitive, but also well-rounded individuals.*

*A \$250 scholarship will allow one kid to attend college for one year. Doesn't it cost about that much to buy an iPod Touch or an Xbox or other electronic devices that we seem to buy our kids these days? Think about it the next time you are at a store with your kids. Talk to them about the value of money and the difference it can make in their lives and the lives of their counterparts in India. Encourage them to think about this and do their part to make a difference.*

*I am so proud to be a part of the NSF family, a group of dedicated volunteers who sacrifice family time to help carry out the mission of the organization. My parents have also been a great influence on me. They donated land so the first college could be built in their village. Each year they adopt a handful of schools in nearby villages and distribute books, uniforms, and sponsor cash prizes for kids who perform well. They also donate plates and glasses for the kids to eat their free mid-day meal in school (the only meal of the day for many), in lieu of a leaf they used before. I look up to my parents and admire their dedication to give back to their community. Winston Churchill once said: "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give". Through NSF, I hope to continue dedicate my time and energy and do my best to give back to our community, with the belief that my kids will follow too! Today thanks to NSF, my life is richer, more meaningful & fulfilling.*

*NSF is not just about spelling bee and geography bee, winning the regionals or the nationals. It is also about giving the gift of education to the less fortunate. It is about volunteerism, and doing our part to make this world a better place. It is about raising our children to understand that every child deserve an opportunity to succeed. It is about teaching them to care about their environment and their communities. It is about understanding that they are the citizens of the world, and should do their part to make the world a better place, a place that they will be proud to call their own!*

*"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."*

*- Winston Churchill*

## NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS - 2014

### *Junior Spelling Bee Winners*

**Nihar Janga** is a 3rd grader at Riverridge Elementary, Austin, TX. He aspires to win the Scripps Spelling Bee in the future. He likes to read, play video games, and play football and soccer.

**Parents:** Narayana Janga and Sushma Janga



**Shruthika Padhy** is a 3rd grader at Valley Academy, Phoenix, AZ. She ranked 3rd in the state in Math Kangaroo contest. She successfully completed Kumon Reading program and ranks 2nd in Kumon North America Honor Roll. She is also a Johns Hopkins CTY scholar.

**Parents:** Uma Shankar Padhy and Sujata Sabat



**Harshitha Sunchu** is a 3rd grader at Mount Hope Christian School, Billerica, MA. Her interests include violin, karate, and reading.

**Parents:** Rajkumar Sunchukeshava and Deepa Bijja



### *Senior Spelling Bee Winners*

**Siddharth Krishnakumar** is a 6th grader at Leon Sablatura Middle School, Pearland, TX. His team came sixth in the Future Problem Solvers (International) Competition. His interests include playing tennis, piano and saxophone. He also participates in math and science competitions.

**Parents:** Krishnakumar and Raji Seshan



**Vaishnavi Suren** is a 7th grader at Julia Landon College Preparatory School, Jacksonville, FL. She qualified to Regional Scripps spelling bee in 2014. Her other interests include drawing, reading and playing the piano. She also loves Disney Pixar movies and her ambition is to excel in graphics designing.

**Parents:** Surender Subramaniam and Kalpana Ganesan



**Lipika Nariseti** is a 6th grader at Hilliard Station Sixth Grade School, Columbus, OH. She participated in NSF Intermediate Vocabulary Bee national finals and got 8th position. Her other interests include ice skating, traditional dance, playing violin.

**Parents:** Kiran Nariseti and Jayasudha Putty



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**Parents:** Uma Shankar Padhy and Sujata Sabat



**Rishik Gandasari** is a 2nd grader at Silver Oak Elementary, San Jose, CA. He placed 13th in the nation in Math Kangaroo last year. His interests include art, swimming, building lego structures and playing soccer. He placed 5th in NSF Junior Spelling Bee in 2013-14.

**Parents:** Rajamohan Gandhasri and Usha Gandhasri



### *Intermediate Vocabulary Bee Winners*

**Rishabh Gaur** is a 5th grader at Pembroke Hil School, Leawood, KS. He plays chess, clarinet and baseball. He won school spelling be for a record 3 years. He was 6th in national MathLeague and won MathContest in 2013&2014, Math-Kangaroo State in 2012 and is a top scorer in his school in MathOlympiad 2014.

**Parents:** Rakesh Gaur and Neeta Gaur



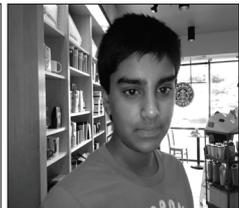
**Nikhita Jayaprakash** is a 7th grader at Challenger School, Sunnyvale, CA. Her interests include reading, piano and swimming.

**Parents:** Jayaprakash Krishnan and Lakshmi Krishnamurthy



**Shiva Balasubramanian** is an 8th grader at Schuyler Colfax Middle School, Wayne, NJ. He enjoys science and music. His team won 2nd Place in 2014 National Middle School Science Bowl. He also plays the piano, and has performed in New York's Carnegie Hall & Kaufman Music Center.

**Parents:** Bala Kasi and Narmada Krishnaswamy



## NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2014

### *Math Bee Level 1 Winners*

**Shreev Goyal** is a 2nd grader at Elsa England Elementary School, Austin, TX. He loves to play chess and piano. He was 1st in state and 9th in nation in Math Kangaroo in 2014.

**Parents:** Ashutosh Goyal and Archana Jain



**Satvik Kabbur** is a 2nd grader at Bear Creek elementary, Woodinville, WA. He enjoys chess, swimming, soccer and piano.

**Parents:** Vijaykumar Kabbur and Rekha Kabbur

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**Vikas Sarvasya** is a 2nd grader at Summit School, Winston-Salem, NC. He enjoys playing chess, soccer, tennis and building with legos.

**Parents:** Venkat Sarvasya and Suji Vasu



### *Math Bee Level 2 Winners*

**Vivek Chalasani** is a 5th grader at Basis Awahtukee School, AZ. He has won other math competitions like Math Kangaroo, AMC8 and Online Math League. He also loves to play chess and is very good at Taikwondo.

**Parents:** Srinath Chalasani and Swetha Chalasani



**Alor Sahoo** is a 4th grader at St. John's Lutheran school, Bakersfield, CA. He is a member of student council, Battle of the Books team and Robotics Club at his school. He enjoys math, science, table tennis, chess, and swimming.

**Parents:** Rabi Sahoo and Rumi Sahoo



**Chinmay Krishna** is a 5th grader at Arbor Creek Elementary School, Olathe, KS. He has won many math competitions at national and state level. He is the one of the top 5 scholastic chess players in his state. Chinmay's other interests include robotics, scrabble and soccer.

**Parents:** Krishna Bnair and Preethy Thenanchery



## NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2014

### *Math Bee Level 3 Winners*

**Anusha Sahai** is a 7th grader at Spring Harbor Middle School, Madison, WI. She has been a Mathcounts national-  
alist twice and is looking forward to this year's competi-  
tion. She loves solving puzzles and playing tennis. She  
also likes to play the violin and read.

**Parents:** Divya Nidhi and Ratnpriya Nidhi



**Akshaj Kaddaveru** is an 8th grader at Nysmith school,  
Fairfax, VA. He was a Countdown Round participant at Math-  
Counts Nationals for the past two years. He also participated  
in USAJMO, Math Kangaroo, ARML and ACSL. His other  
interests include chess and tennis.

**Parents:** Murali Kadaveru and Sunitha Kadaveru



**Shreyaa Raghavan** is a 7th grader at Sharon Middle School,  
Boston, MA. She won the top female award in Mathcounts at  
the state level. She loves to read, play volleyball and enjoys  
running.

**Parents:** Raghavan Ramadurai and Bhuvaneshwari  
Dhathathreyaa



### *Junior Geography Bee Wnners*

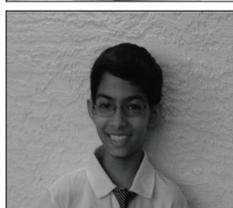
**Pavan Venkatakrishnan** is a 3rd grader at Bowen Element-  
ary Schoo, Louisville, KY. He learns both the clarinet and the  
piano and plays in his school band. He likes watching Star-  
Trek. He participates in cross country. In addition, he loves  
geography and history above all else.

**Parents:** Natarajan Venkatakrishnan and Chitra  
Venkatakrishnan



**Bharath Ram** is a 3rd grader at Osceola Elementary School,  
Naples, FL. He placed 4th in NSF Junior Science National  
Finals last year. His other interests include reading, music and  
chess.

**Parents:** Ram Kumar and Banurekha Rajagopalan



**Ashmith Kumbala** is a 2nd grader at John H West, North  
Massapequa, NY. He loves reading books and playing the  
keyboard. He has earned a Blue Belt in Taekwondo.

**Parents:** Sridhar Kumbala and Praveena Kumbala



## NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2014

### *Senior Geography Bee Winners*

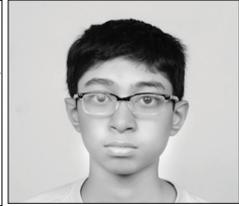
**Abhinav Karthikeyan** is a 5th grader at Clearspring Elementary School, Clarksburg, MD. He won the 2013 and 2014 Maryland State Geography Bees. His hobbies include playing and watching sports, reading, swimming, and chess.

**Parents:** Karthikeyan Ramasubbu and Sakthisubedha Ramasamy



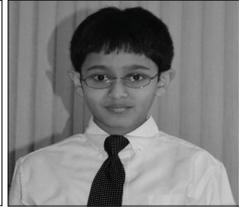
**Sohan Gade** is a 7th grader at North Hills Preparatory School, Irving, TX. He placed in the top 10 in State National Geography Bee Competitions in Texas and New Jersey. His other interests include soccer, travel, trivia and tracking sports scores.

**Parents:** Satya Gade and Padmaja Gade



**Govind Prabhakar** is a 6th grader at Meridian Middle School, Buffalo Grove, IL. He was a national runner up for the National History Bee Middle School division in 2013-14. He likes to play chess and tennis and participates in chess tournaments.

**Parents:** Anand Prabhakar and Sindhu Nair



### *Junior Science Bee Winners*

**Om Duggineni** is a 3rd grader at Oak Hill Elementary, Reston VA. He loves anything related to science and has participated in several spelling competitions. He won 2nd place in Washington D.C. area spelling bee.

**Parents:** Sudhir Duggineni and Deepika Duggineni



**Suraj Parikh** is a 3rd grader at Oakhills Elementary School, Granite Bay, CA. He skipped 4th grade and started 5th grade in 2014-2015 school year. His hobbies include Legos, collecting rocks, and coins from all over the world. He likes to play tennis, golf and piano.

**Parents:** Devang Parikh and Nimisha Parikh



**Raghav Arun** is a 3rd grader at Washington GT Magnet Elementary School, Raleigh, NC. He was the national winner in Math Kangaroo and Trimathlon and a state winner in the North Carolina math competition. He also won two Golds and a Silver at the Regional Science Olympiad. His interests include reading, spelling, piano, violin, hapkido and biking.

**Parents:** Arun Gnanagurudasan and Nandhini Arun

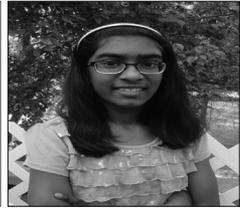


## NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2014

### *Intermediate Science Bee Winners*

**Shirlin Kingston** is a 5th grader. He is home schooled with the Ames Area Assistance Program, Ames, IA. She won the state championship in 2014 geography bee. She also won the Math Kangaroo first place at state level. Her other interests include chess, violin and piano.

**Parents:** Jesudoss Kingston and Margaret Appadurai



**Soham Konar** is a 5th grader at Worthington Park Elementary, Westerville, OH. He was the national champion in Math Level 1 in 2011 and 5th in Junior Science Bee in 2012. He is an avid reader. He likes to play tennis and piano.

**Parents:** Sanjay Konar and Seema Konar



**Akshay Shyam** is a 5th grader at Skaggs Elementary School, Plano, TX. He enjoys playing badminton and the french horn. He has won many NSF trophies and science fair trophies. He enjoys reading sci-fi novels.

**Parents:** Shyam Vijayan and Mini Shyam



### *Senior Science Bee Winners*

**Pratham Soni** is a 6th grader at Boulan Park Middle School, Troy, MI. He has won several top spots in various events at NSF & other events in Michigan in Math & Science. He is very passionate about football and baseball. He also plays tennis and is an avid swimmer.

**Parents:** Nilesh Soni and Tejal Soni



**Kavya Kopparapu** is an 8th grader at Rachel Carson Middle School, Herndon, VA. She won the NSTA Exemplary in Science Award which is awarded annually to one girl in the nation. She won 3rd place in the Virginia State National Science Bowl and national TSA competition.

**Parents:** Madhu Kopparapu and Rajani Kopparapu



**Abhishek Iyer** is an 8th grader at American Heritage School, Boca Raton, FL. He was the Regional Science Bee champion for 4 years. He also won the first place for the FPL Generator Design contest. He also lead his team to a first place finish in the FLORIDA State Science Bowl.

**Parents:** Venkat Iyer and Madhu Iyer



## NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2014

### *Senior Essay Writing Winners*

**Nehali Vishwanath** is an 11th grader at Klein High School, Spring, TX. She was the scholastic writing silver key winner at her school and spelling bee winner in her school district. She has also won many Public Forum debate competitions. Her interests include reading, writing and singing.

**Parents:** Ravindra Vishwanath and Jyothi Vishwanath



**Mahati Vavilala** is an 11th grader at Novi High School, Novi, MI. She is a 2014 Intel ISEF Finalist, AIME qualifier, DECA State Finalist, NSF MATHCOUNTS Coach, National Merit Semifinalist, National AP Scholar, and 2011 Scripps National Spelling Bee participant.

**Parents:** Ananth Vavilala and Padma Durbha



**Gunjan Gaur** is a 10th grader at Pembroke Hill, Leawood, KS. He(she) has been on the school science Olympiad team in National finals for last 3 years. She is proficient in Kuchipudi dance, plays Volleyball, plays Flute on the school band and is a high honors student.

**Parents:** Rakesh Gaur and Neeta Gaur



### *Senior Public Speaking Winners*

**Kodanda Sairam Vinjamuri** is a 9th grader at North Brunswick Township High School, North Brunswick, NJ. He has a keen interest in public speaking, and with the help of IvyGuruKul, he has had many opportunities to compete with the National Speech and Debate Association.

**Parents:** Badarinath Vinjamuri and Vasanta Vinjamuri



**Renuka Chepuru** is a 9th grader at Jasper High School, Plano, TX. She placed 2nd in the 2007 NSF regional Math Bee Level 1 competition. Her interests include reading, writing, math, tennis and swimming.

**Parents:** Kumar Chepuru and Ramadevi Chepuru



**Rohith Krishna** is an 11th grader at Saratoga High School, Saratoga, CA. His interests include cross country running, speech and debate. He has won numerous awards in local charity road races. He enjoys mentoring younger kids in cross country and debate.

**Parents:** Krishna Narayanaswamy and Shaila Vasudev



## NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2014

### *Senior Brain Bee Winners*

**Varun Jain** is a 9th grader at Monte Vista High School, Danville, CA. He was invited and selected for “Whizkids Edition” of “Who wants to be a millionaire”. He is the youngest student to receive a perfect 2400 in SAT U.S. History when he was in 8th grade.

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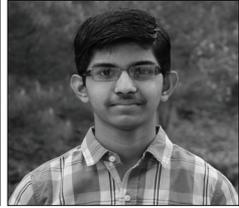
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## HOW YOUNG IS TOO YOUNG?

*- By Jyoti Patel, Mother of Samir Patel*

“Where is he?” The pronouncer looked slightly confused because he could not see Samir. After 30 rounds, Samir (seven years old) was sitting on his haunches, off stage. I could see the exhaustion in his face and body, but he stood up and spelled his word. I was so proud of him, but above all I was grateful to North South Foundation for making it possible for my son to compete at such a young age. Here was an organization that did not dictate at which age a child could or should compete.

On the contrary, North South Foundation understood the value of encouraging young students to start early, develop a strong work ethic, and set high goals. That day, whether Samir realized it or not, he learned a valuable lesson in perseverance, doing one’s best, and holding oneself to a high standard. This set the stage for his future endeavors, including participating in the National Scripps Spelling Bee. In fact, to this day he does not accept the statement, “You are too young.” In part, we owe this attitude to North South Foundation through which he had learned otherwise.

*Samir Patel won the NSF Championship in 2001 when he was only seven year old and went on to Scripps National Spelling Bee during 2003-07. He was runner-up in 2005 at Scripps.*

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<b>Junior Spelling</b>		<b>Senior Spelling</b>	
1 Nihar Janga	Austin, TX	1 Siddharth Krishnakumar	Houston, TX
2 Shruthika Padhy	Phoenix, AZ	2 Vaishnavi Suren	Jacksonville, FL
3 Harshitha Sunchu	Cambridge, MA	3 Lipika Nariseti	Columbus, OH
4 Anisha Rao	San Ramon, CA	4 Varun Kumar	Atlanta, GA
5 Rishik Gandhasri	San Jose, CA	5 Raksheet Kota	San Antonio, TX
6 Varun Warriar	Charlotte, NC	6 Monisha Mahadevan	Atlanta, GA
7 Ananya Vinay	Fresno, CA	7 Samanyu Dixit	Madison, WI
8 Pranathi Jammula	Austin, TX	8 Jairam Hathwar	Rochester, NY
9 Eswar Ramamurthy	Omaha, NE	9 Rutvik Gandhasri	San Jose, CA
10 Siddhant Mody	Charlotte, NC	10 Smrithi Upadhyayula	Dallas, TX
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2 Shruthika Padhy	Phoenix, AZ	2 Nikhita Jayaprakash	San Jose, CA
3 Rishik Gandhasri	San Jose, CA	3 Shiva Balasubramanian	MahwahRockland, NJ
4 Raghav Arun	Raleigh, NC	4 Shikha Lakhani	Detroit, MI
5 Samhita Kumar	Sacramento, CA	5 Jashun Paluru	Indianapolis, IN
6 Abhinav Gunturi	Detroit, MI	6 Shreyaa Raghavan	Cambridge, MA
7 Yuvan Chali	St. Louis, MO	7 Malavika Kannan	Orlando, FL
8 Samhitha Yeleti	Atlanta, GA	8 Lipika Nariseti	Columbus, OH
9 Anisha Rao	San Ramon, CA	9 Rutvik Gandhasri	San Jose, CA
10 Neha Chelamkuri	Cleveland, OH	10 Ajay Kristipati	Raleigh, NC
<b>Math Level 1</b>		<b>Math Level 2</b>	
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2 Satvik Kabbur	Portland, OR	2 Alor Sahoo	Bakersfield, CA
3 Vikas Sarvasya	Raleigh, NC	3 Chinmay Krishna	Kansas City, KS
4 Suhas Pachipulusu	Lansing, MI	4 Parth Shastri	Princeton, NJ
5 Rithvik Marri	Ft Lauderdale, FL	5 Pravalika Putalapattu	Fairfax, VA
6 Thrisha Kalpatthi	Kansas City, KS	6 Tarun Martheswaran	Salt Lake City, UT
7 Namit Agrawal	Wilmington, DE	7 Raksheet Kota	San Antonio, TX
8 Avinash Ganti	Des Moines, IA	8 Tanusri Mandapati	Jacksonville, FL
9 Garima Rastogi	Manchester, NH	9 Gopal Goel	Portland, OR
10 Deetya Nagri	Manchester, NH	10 Siddharth Srinivasan	Palo Alto, CA
<b>Math Level 3</b>		<b>Junior Science</b>	
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2 Akshaj Kadaveru	Fairfax, VA	2 Suraj Parikh	Sacramento, CA
3 Shreyaa Raghavan	Cambridge, MA	3 Raghav Arun	Raleigh, NC
4 Ayush Agarwal	San Ramon, CA	4 Bharath Ram	Ft Lauderdale, FL
5 Saaketh Vedantam	Ft Lauderdale, FL	5 Samyan Nakkella	Philadelphia, PA
6 Sruthi Parthasarathi	Cincinnati, OH	6 Anshul Rastogi	Manchester, NH
7 Sanjana Ramrajvel	Barrington, IL	7 Nithin Chandra	Worcester, MA
8 Abhilash Potluri	Dallas, TX	8 Aaron Joy	Fairfax, VA
9 Aditya Hoque	Worcester, MA	9 Amulya Addepalli	Barrington, IL
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3 Akshay Shyam	Dallas, TX	3 Abhishek Iyer	Ft Lauderdale, FL
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5 Vivek Vijayakumar	San Diego, CA	5 Siddhartha Lavu	Manchester, NH
6 Vagul Mahadevan	Fairfax, VA	6 Anna Nixon	Portland, OR
7 Naveen Mukkatt	Houston, TX	7 Anirudh Balasubramani	Cambridge, MA
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9 Ishita Goluguri	Worcester, MA	9 Adithya Sanjay	Detroit, MI
10 Sashank Ganapathiraju	Raleigh, NC	10 Rohan Jhunjhunwala	Wilmington, DE

<b>Junior Geography</b>		<b>Senior Geography</b>	
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4 Disha Nistala	Austin, TX	4 Ashwin Ganesh	Tampa, FL
5 Dhiya Kannan	Fremont, CA	5 Ankit Jajoo	Charlotte, NC
6 Samik Bhinge	Fairfax, VA	6 Karan Menon	Edison, NJ
7 Rahul Rajaram	Columbus, OH	7 Albert Sebastian	Princeton, NJ
8 Archit Tamboli	Raleigh, NC	8 Saket Pochiraju	Columbus, OH
9 Akshaj Enaganti	Detroit, MI	9 Aditya Badlani	Hinsdale, IL
10 Romal Mitr	San Ramon, CA	10 Anshuman Pendse	San Jose, CA

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3 Gunjan Gaur	Kansas City, KS	3 Abhijeet Sambangi	Cambridge, MA
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*"If you were graduated yesterday, and have learned nothing today, you will be uneducated tomorrow." - Unknown Source*

*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." - John Dewey*

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