

Annual Review 2017

Celebrating 28 years of
Encouraging Excellence in Education



NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION

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Celebrating the 28th year of Promoting Excellence

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

Consistent with our service motive, our core values are:

- Work for a cause, not for applause.
- Live life to express, not to impress.
- Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.

Consistent with our core values, our core beliefs are:

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

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

	1994	1999	2004	2009	2014	2015	2016
INDIA							
Chapters	3	5	10	14	26	26	26
Scholarships*	110	154	300	600	2,500	2,450	2,370
Cumulative Scholarships	310	1,040	2,400	4,700	12,380	14,830	17,200
*- including renewals							
USA							
Contests	2	2	9	15	18	18	18
Chapters	16	18	46	70	85	85	85
Children Participating	800	800	3,200	8,400	17,930	16,270	16,240
Cumulative Participation	1,600	5,600	13,160	48,970	122,510	138,780	155,020
Scholarships for Champions	6	7	24	33	42	42	42
Cumulative Scholarships	12	43	101	266	446	488	530

Over the last seven years, NSF online coaching has become very popular in the US. The program includes Math, Science, Geography, SAT/ACT, Life Skills and Universal Values. Nearly 3,400 children have enrolled this year. Online workshops are also becoming popular. We have added Math and College Admissions Planning this year. Total enrollment was close to 3,300.

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

Ratnam Chitturi, Founder

On behalf of the National Coordination Team, North South Foundation

Structured Learning for Children

Structured Learning is a new initiative being introduced to NSF children. Despite the preparation section we have posted for each contest, some parents seem to feel it is not adequate. So we are providing a week-to-week study guide along with a specific reference to a book(s) or source from where parents can acquire material.

This self-study guide will give an opportunity to parents to secure the material and provide guidance to their children on a week-to-week basis. Instead of solving their children's problems, they should help them to solve their own problems. The material will be consistent with the syllabus, which may be above that of a regular public school. Our goal is to help improve children's skill level to match or exceed international standards by 8th grade. The self-help guide is a first step in laying the rungs on a ladder to reach out to the goal post. If parents do their part in inspiring and motivating their children to excel in the academic studies and continue to participate in NSF activities, we can assure that the children will be in the top 10 percent if not in the top 10 ranks.

While mother, father and school form three legs, NSF becomes the fourth leg of a stool. If a child starts in first grade and follows through diligently, he/she will be on a firm ground when entering high school. We have more than 10 years of data to demonstrate these positive outcomes.

The structured learning program guides are available to parents after registering their children in NSF contests.

NSF National Team

Gratitude Letter from Scholarship Recipient

To,
THE NORTH SOUTH FOUNDATION,

I, G.Om Sai Krishna, a recipient of NSF merit scholarships since 2011. I feel, it's a great privilege and honor to be served and to be helped by the pack of individuals who has so much of social responsibility and humanity. I thank everyone of the foundation from the bottom of my heart, as I am very happy to inform that, I was placed in TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES, in campus recruitment's conducted in our college. Without NSF it's hard to imagine my journey, you people helped me financially and supported mentally right from diploma days. I got Rs:15,000 for diploma(2011-2013). And in b-tech(2014-2015) Rs:30,000/- This little share of yours has enlighten many lives of deserved and desperate candidates and their families. And I can see the bliss in my parents eyes, which I can say that is your vision, and your success. I feel grateful to be associated with NSF and I am sure I will continue this bond further. This act of NSF foundation is a big motivation and inspiration to many people. I wish these services will reach many candidates and TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BETTER WORLD.

Thanking you sir,
Forever grateful,
G.Om Sai Krishna.

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 Vision: Every child should reach his or her maximum potential

Our Mission

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

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

The Scholarship program in India is designed to encourage excellence among the poor. It is targeted at qualified, most needy students entering college. More than 17,000 scholarships have been awarded to date. The Foundation has given about 2,400 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 25 centers spread across India. These centers are run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to the noble cause of helping the poor who excel in studies attend college. There is a plan to add more chapters, especially in states where NSF does not have a presence. Please contact us if you can help us start a new chapter.

Educational contests in the US are designed to encourage academic excellence among Indian American children. The spelling, vocabulary, math, science, geography, essay writing, public speaking and brain bees are conducted annually in two steps. Children initially participate in any of 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. More than 150,000 contestants benefited from NSF bees. Please contact us if you would like to have a chapter in your area. NSF offers online coaching in Math, Science, Geography, SAT/ACT, Life Skills and Universal Values. More than 3,200 children have enrolled this year. Online coaching is made possible through the dedication of 230 volunteer coaches with a passion to make a difference. NSF also conducts online workshops in spelling, math, science, geography and college admissions planning.

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

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

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

Highlights of 2016

Notable accomplishments during the year 2016 are given below:

25th Anniversary Celebration

The North South Foundation's 25th Anniversary Celebration on October 10, 2015 in Naperville, IL (Chicago Suburb) was a grand success with 1,300 adults and children participating. An article on the event appears in this report. The event was recorded, and videos will be posted on the NSF Website and YouTube.

But, there is more to celebrate and it is ongoing success stories of the NRI children in the US and rapid progress in realizing the dreams of thousands bright but needy kids pursuing college education in India.

This wouldn't have been possible without the expansion of NSF activities

There are new chapters in the US: 2 in California and 1 in North Carolina, where the new teams of volunteers joined and successfully organized regional educational contests.

NSF Kids

More importantly, true its mission, many NSF kids won accolades with their accomplishments in several national mainstream contests, including:

Scripps National Spelling Bee – it has been 8 years of winning streak with Vanya Shivshankar and Gokul Venkatachalam declared as joint champions this year.

National Geographic Bee – it has been 3 years of winning streak with Karan Menon as the champion and the second place going to Shriya Yarlagadda

Mathcounts is another area of major accomplishment for many NSF kids participating in the national final contest, at a record number

Lastly, Sadhana Durbha was declared as the winner of the Medical spelling bee organized by HOSA.

Online Coaching

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

The most notable being the introduction of online Science coaching with 3 levels (junior, intermediate and senior) for kids in first to eighth grade.

In the first year itself, science coaching reached the highest enrolment of over 800 students. NSF online coaching recorded the highest ever registrations with well over 3500 students enrolled in PreMathcounts, Mathcounts, SAT English, SAT Math, Geography, Science and Universal Values programs.

With the success of the program in enrolment, the funds raised support over a thousand scholarships to help the needy kids in India.

The online coaching program is only possible with a dedicated team of volunteers; it starts with the able leadership of Dr. Praveen Goli as the overall program director.

There are 250+ coaches and separate program leads for each area of coaching

There have been significant improvements made in technology: including automated scheduling of Webex sessions to assist coaches; establishing a support ticket system to help with problem resolution.

Classroom coaching(PrepClubs)

7th successive and successful year of conducting classroom coaching by Columbus, Ohio chapter

Run by dedicated parents and youth volunteers to help local NSF community with hundreds of kids

2016 National Finals: 24th NSF National finals was held on Aug 20/21, 2016 at University of South Florida, Tampa. A record number (1205) students were invited to attend the contests. A unique logo was created and printed on the goody bag and certificates. Live sessions were conducted to the parents highlighting the directions, contest rooms and subject specific rules – a welcome addition to the Finals Program and applauded by all. Registration process was smooth and all the contests were held without much delay. We created and followed a unique way of grading process in order to ensure the integrity and maintain quality, given a record number of participants and the limited time available to declare the top candidates for the subsequent phases of contests. Awards ceremonies were held during 5 different times due to auditorium capacity.

Nine “Meet-the-pro” sessions were held on Saturday and eight “Meet-the-pro” sessions were held on Sunday. In addition to YUPPTV live coverage, we had a film crew from Business Insider and reporters from AP covering the events. The BeeBook was printed with the great coordination between editorial team and highly professional publisher, taking care of each and every page with very artistic details. This finals was conducted successfully with the help of 375+ volunteers under the leadership of Sampath Narayanan, Dr. Kotha Sekharam and Vengat Sidheswaran.

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

Volunteers: The last several years have seen tremendous growth for the academic contests held by NSF among 90 regional centers. We are happy to report that around 16,000 contestants registered in various categories this year. It was all possible with thousands of volunteers all across the country. The Foundation is always looking for new volunteers in many areas of its endeavors. The success of any public foundation depends on its volunteers. It is the collective efforts of volunteers that made this Foundation what it is today. Volunteerism is like an elastic band. You only need to spare as little as you can afford or extend as much as you love to contribute. You will get the satisfaction of promoting excellence in education among the most impoverished in India and children in our community in the US. Some corporations also encourage their employees to become volunteers by providing financial contribution. 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 2016 scholarship season, we continue to actively promote scholarship program in 26 India chapters; more than 2,500 scholarships were awarded. For the 2016-17 academic year, the target is 3,000. NSF website (www.northsouth.org) was updated to make it easy for potential applicants, volunteers and donors to access information about our India scholarship program. For more information about India Scholarship program, please contact Madavi Oliver at madavioliver@gmail.com

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

2016 Perfect Scores in Regionals

	CONTEST	NAME	GRADE	CHAPTER
1	Junior Spelling	Srikar Chittamsetty	3	Tulsa, OK
2	Junior Spelling	Saharsh Bejugam	3	Dallas, TX
3	Junior Spelling	Varun Nagaraj	2	Hinsdale, IL
4	Junior Spelling	Tanmay Naik	3	Parsippany, NJ
5	Senior Spelling	Anisha Rao	5	Palo Alto, CA
6	Senior Spelling	Navya Murugesan	8	Auburn, AL
7	Senior Spelling	Sravanth Malla	6	Mahwah/Rockland, NJ
8	Senior Spelling	Shreyan Das	7	Edison, NJ
9	Senior Spelling	Agranya Ketha	6	Parsippany, NJ
10	Senior Spelling	Lipika Narisetti	8	Columbus, OH
11	Senior Spelling	Arushi Kalpande	8	Cambridge, MA
12	Senior Spelling	Rutvik Gandhasri	7	San Jose, CA
13	Senior Spelling	Smrithi Upadhyayula	8	Dallas, TX
14	Senior Spelling	Siyona Mishra	7	Orlando, FL
15	Senior Spelling	Nihar Janga	5	Austin, TX
16	Senior Spelling	Sreeniketh Vogoti	7	Jacksonville, FL
17	Math Level 2	Ram Goel	5	Portland, OR
18	Math Level 2	Akshay Kumar	5	Cambridge, MA
19	Math Level 2	Karthik Vedula	5	Jacksonville, FL
20	Math Level 2	Raghav Arun	5	Raleigh, NC
21	Math Level 2	Tanishq Pauskar	4	Cleveland, OH
22	Math Level 2	Nilay Mishra	5	San Jose, CA
23	Math Level 2	Suyash Pandit	5	Portland, OR
24	Math Level 3	Vivek Chalasani	7	Phoenix, AZ

25	Math Level 3	Anuj Sakarda	6	Worcester, MA
26	Math Level 3	Parth Shastri	7	Princeton, NJ
27	Math Level 3	Srivasadha Ramanujam	7	Detroit, MI
28	Math Level 3	Aarush Prasad	7	Tampa, FL
29	Math Level 3	Sejal Rathi	6	Palo Alto, CA
30	Math Level 3	Sruthi Parthasarathi	8	Louisville, KY
31	Math Level 3	Pravalika Putalapattu	6	Fairfax, VA
32	Math Level 3	Govind Chada	8	Houston, TX
33	Math Level 3	Danush Chelladurai	8	Cambridge, MA
34	Math Level 3	Tanusri Mandapati	7	Jacksonville, FL
35	Math Level 3	Sumith Nalabolu	8	San Diego, CA
36	Math Level 3	Alor Sahoo	6	Bakersfield, CA
37	Math Level 3	Aditya Sundaram	8	Raleigh, NC
38	Math Level 3	Tarun Martheswaran	7	Salt Lake City, UT
39	Math Level 3	Aditya Akula	7	Columbus, OH
40	Math Level 3	Sanil Partha	7	Madison, WI
41	Math Level 3	Adithya Balachandran	7	Marlboro, NJ
42	Math Level 3	Ram Potham	7	Peoria, IL
43	Math Level 3	Aarav Bajaj	6	Fairfax, VA
44	Math Level 3	Bharat Narayanasamy	8	Palo Alto, CA
45	Math Level 3	Rhythm Garg	8	Houston, TX
46	Math Level 3	Christy Jestin	8	Worcester, MA
47	Math Level 3	Aniruth Narayanan	8	Tampa, FL
48	Math Level 3	Sai Vedagiri	7	Marlboro, NJ
49	Math Level 3	Sri Kopparthi	8	Jacksonville, FL
50	Math Level 3	Pratham Soni	8	Detroit, MI
51	Math Level 3	Srinivasan Sathiamurthy	8	Worcester, MA
52	Math Level 3	Aayush Singh	8	Tampa, FL
53	Math Level 3	Ajit Kadaveru	8	Fairfax, VA
54	Math Level 3	Ishan Goel	8	Detroit, MI
55	Math Level 3	Riju Datta	8	Tampa, FL
56	Senior Geography	Riju Datta	8	Tampa, FL

The Scholarship Process

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

10 Steps to How “your \$ helps EDUCATE”

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

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

Eligibility criteria for NSF college scholarships are listed below:

- Marks in the top 10 percentile of 10th or 12th or CET/JET in the state
- Annual family income must be less than Rs 80,000 p.a.
- Preference to students coming from government schools and colleges.
- Preference to fresh students going to government colleges.
- Preference to students not getting other scholarships.
- NSF gives scholarships after evaluating the need.
- Scholarship is limited to Rs. 18,000 for degree and Rs. 6,000 for Diploma students.

Every time a child participates in a North South Foundation (NSF) educational bee, workshop, or even an online course, another child in India benefits. What started off as one scholarship in 1989 has reached 2,400 scholarships in 2016 – and that number is still growing. Over the past twenty seven years, NSF has provided more than 17,000 scholarships and helped students receive the higher education that they deserve.

Summary of 2015 - 16 College Scholarships

	2015-16 India Chapter	Fresh	Renewal	Total
1	Tanuku, Andhra Pradesh	33	30	63
2	Vizag, Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0
3	Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh	3	1	4
4	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh	21	10	31
5	Patna, Bihar	1	8	9
6	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	4	23	27
7	Panchakula, Haryana	1	0	2
8	Bangalore, Karnataka	52	273	325
9	Mysore, Karnataka	1	0	1
10	Kochi, Kerala	0	0	0
11	Aurangabad, Maharashtra	0	4	4
12	Pune, Maharashtra	0	6	6
13	Bhubaneswar, Orissa	193	512	705
14	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	56	113	169
15	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	11	38	49
16	Madurai, Tamil Nadu	84	177	261
17	Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu	0	16	16
18	Hyderabad, Telangana	46	317	363
19	Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	7	17	24
20	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	1	61	62
21	Kolkatta, West Bengal	30	127	157
	TOTAL	544	1733	2277
	Designated Scholarships			90

NSF is ready to start the 2016-17 scholarships season with a goal of giving 1500 scholarships to first year students and renewing all current scholarships. NSF has increased the number of scholarships given by more than four fold in a span of 6 years as one can see in the table below

NSF INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS - YEARWISE GROWTH									
Year	1989	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Sch	1	580	667	922	1449	2037	2549	2400	2277
Chapters	1	10	10	16	18	20	23	26	26

If you are new to scholarships you can read about our program at
<http://www.northsouth.org/public/india/scholarships.aspx>

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"A good heart can make up for a lot. Where the heart is lacking, nothing can make up for it." On that noble intention of providing educational opportunities for the brilliant but economically underprivileged children, it was the genesis of Dr. Ratnam Chitturi's North South Foundation (NSF). For over a quarter century, NSF has been providing scholarships in India, to undergraduate students entering engineering, medicine or vocational training. The scholarships are based entirely on merit and financial need. So far NSF has awarded over 17,000 scholarships to students in India.

To commemorate this historical milestone, NSF celebrated its Silver Jubilee on October 10th 2015 in Naperville, Illinois. The celebration included a series of workshops and contests, conducted by former champions of Spelling, Geography and Science Bees and MATHCOUNTS finalists. Over 350 children participated and benefitted from these contests. All the workshops and contests were well received with fully packed class rooms and auditoriums. In addition to these contests, a workshop on college admissions process was also presented to the attendees. The first Indian American to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee in 1985, Dr. Balu Natarajan, the 2009 Scripps Champion Ms. Kavya Shivashankar, and the Spelling Bee coach and parent Mr. Mirlle Shivashankar were present to deliver the workshops and interact with the children to inspire them with their stories of struggle and hard work to rise to the top ranks.

NSF, as it is widely known by its followers, conducts many Bee contests, coaching and workshops to the Indian origin children in USA. These training programs over the years had resulted in a total of ten national level Spelling champions and co-champions – Sai Gunturi (2003), Sameer Mishra (2008), Kavya Shivashankar (2009), Anamika Veeramani (2010), Sukanya Roy (2011), Snigdha Nandipati (2012), Arvind Mahankali (2013), Sriram Hathwar (2014), Vanya Shivashankar (2015) and Gokul Venkatachalam (2015) . NSF trained children have also won national level championships in MATHCOUNTS, National Geographic Bee, Science Bowl, Brain Bee, and several other academic challenges.

Distinguished Nobel Laureate Dr. Lars Peter Hansen, from the University of Chicago, delivered the keynote address while several beneficiaries of NSF shared their testimonials. Chief Guest Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, the Consul General of India, Chicago graced the evening with his presence and praised the services of the foundation to the community. For many, the scholarships proved to be life changing rewards as they believed it to be providential. It was a proud and humble moment not only for the organization but also for all the volunteers and donors to witness the fruits of their labor of love. Furthermore, the young champions credited the Foundation for its part in inspiring young talent and providing them a world-class stage to work on. The event culminated in a grand cultural extravaganza, with dinner, music and dance performances from many local organizations.

Despite a major accident and resulting surgeries that happened just a week before this wonderful celebration, Dr. Ratnam Chitturi made it a point to attend the celebration and address the gathering by sitting in a wheel chair. He recounted the long and enduring journey of NSF and thanked everyone for their part in making the organization great. A fine testament to the spirit of volunteering at NSF!

Fund Raising for NSF in South Eastern Connecticut

Groton is a small town in South Eastern part of Connecticut. A small Indian community lives in the vicinity of Groton. Pfizer is a major employer in the area and many, if not all, members of the Indian community work at. Just like many years in the past, a few passionate volunteers organized three fun filled fund raising events during the summer. They built a great deal of enthusiasm in the families and kids who supported these events with energy and excitement knowing that whatever they do will directly help a kid or two to succeed in life.

With matching gifts from Pfizer Foundation for eligible donations, we raised a little over \$14,000 for NSF. This means 40 more well deserving kids can go to college who otherwise don't have a chance. This is a remarkable achievement for a small Indian community in a relatively unknown part of the state.

Every year, a few volunteers from community conduct Tennis, Cricket & Volleyball events as a part of fund raiser. This year in Tennis had 50 players, Cricket had 44 players and Volleyball had 24 players. Apart from these players, we receive contributions from others in and around this community.



Key Organizers: Kiran Veeramachaneni, Prakash Rayi, Venkata Garlapati, Phani Kiran Chilkurthy, Rekanth Badvel, Madhusudhan Gattamaneni, Manichand Nalluru, Prasad Anabathula, Prasad Bolineni, Venkat Srirangam and Sudheer Somineni

Kids participated the events very enthusiastically and showcased their talent in Tennis and other games at the gathering. It was very encouraging for the organizers and players, to see the crowd to cheer them and join us in raising funds for the kids to be educated.

Overall, the entire community is very glad and elated to hear about their contributions and are proud to hear that they are sponsoring a life changing event to many kids. This community is looking forward for many more years of events to come.



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Patna, BR



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Ali
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Finals 2016: Top 3 Ranks

Junior Spelling Bee



Vayun
Krishna
1st Rank



Sujata
Choudhury
2nd Rank

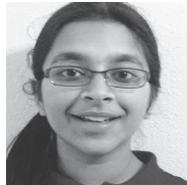


Srikar
Chittmsetty
3rd Rank

Senior Spelling Bee



Ananya
Kodali
1st Rank



Smrithi
Upadhyayula
2nd Rank



Rohan
Sachdev
3rd Rank

Junior Vocabulary Bee



Abhishek
Vijay
1st Rank

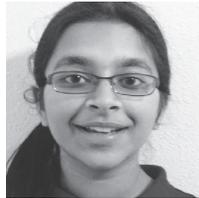


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Rukmini
2nd Rank



Emily
Nethala
3rd Rank

Intermediate Vocabulary Bee



Smrithi
Upadhyayula
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Vogoti
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Math Level 2



Siddharth
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Aditya
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1st Rank



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Anik
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Sidharth
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Risha
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Intermediate Science Bee



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Mallanna
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2nd Rank



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NSF Rocks! By Rayna Parikh

I was shaking throughout the day,
 In fact everyone was, not just me.
 But there was a reason why we were,
 Because today was the NSF Spelling Bee!
 I found all of my super lucky charms,
 And clenched them close to a frightened me.
 But I was still feeling scared and nervous,
 Like a turtle under a crashing, burning tree.
 As I walked into the NSF classroom,
 I stared at the looks on the other kids' faces.
 They looked super determined, not a single scared
 one,
 They looked as if they were in the Olympic Races.
 I found my desk with my pin on it,
 And quietly tried to sit without shaking.
 Instead of doing this super scary spelling bee,
 I'd rather be in my yard, shoveling and raking.
 I looked around the classroom and saw many things,
 There were photos of flowers and capers.
 From the corner of my big brown eyes,
 I saw the teachers passing out spelling bee papers.

Time passed by as we worked on our papers,
 Finally it was time for the oral round.
 It felt like a defensive battle,
 And trying to fight while holding our ground.
 I let out a big sigh of relief,
 As it was the end of the spelling bee.
 Unfortunately I didn't win,
 And I felt frustrated with me.
 The next day I walked to my school,
 Feeling very annoyed and greatly sad.
 When I heard the news in my classroom,
 I was flaming, furious, mad! A spelling test!
 So we took the deadly test,
 It was spectacular, at least for me.
 And then I finally realized why,
 Because I'd studied for the NSF Spelling Bee!
 Boy, NSF was a real success,
 Just look how much it's helped me!
 So it doesn't matter if you win or lose,
 Just be the best you can "Bee"!

Finals 2016: Top 10

Junior Spelling

1	Vayun	Krishna
2	Sujata	Choudhury
3	Srikar	Chittamsetty
4	Anand	Shah
5	Ananya	Dhanawade
6	Tanmay	Naik
7	Pranav	Kallavi
8	Ishaan	Sharma
9	Arnav	Tripathy
10	Akshainie	Kamma

Senior Spelling

1	Ananya	Kodali
2	Smrithi	Upadhyayula
3	Rohan	Sachdev
4	Ananya	Vinay
5	Sravanth	Malla
6	Sreeniketh	Vogoti
7	Dhyana	Mishra
8	Rutvik	Gandhasri
9	Akshra	Paimagam
10	Navya	Murugesan

Junior Vocabulary

1	Abhishek	Vijay
2	Adrija	Rukmini
3	Emily	Nethala
4	Ananya	Gautam
5	Aleena	Reddy
6	Vayun	Krishna
7	Rohith	Raghavan
8	Ishya	Bhavsar
9	Vishwa	Rakasi
10	Gautham	Sanil

Intermediate Vocabulary

1	Smrithi	Upadhyayula
2	Sreeniketh	Vogoti
3	Ronak	Saluja
4	Ashna	Chali
5	Shreeya	Kar
6	Rohan	Sachdev
7	Jashun	Paluru
8	Alor	Sahoo
9	Anmol	Dash
10	Manu	Perinchery

Math Level 1

1	Sohil	Rathi
2	Havisha	Kalpatthi
3	Krivi	Partani
4	Prabhav	Govindu
5	Suvarn	Konar
6	Rishitha	Marri
7	Arnav	Adepu
8	Samanyu	Ganesh
9	Harini	Venkatesh
10	Rajarshi	Mandal

Math Level 2

1	Siddharth	Doppalapudi
2	Apoorva	Panidapu
3	Raghav	Arun
4	Naveen	Kannan
5	Suyash	Pandit
6	Yashwanth	Bajji
7	Arul	Kolla
8	Amol	Rama
9	Tanishq	Pauskar
10	Anshul	Rastogi

Senior Public Speaking

1	Sudhan	Chitgopkar
2	Nihal	Charmani
3	Anirudh	Iyer

Senior Essay Writing

1	Kevin	Chacko
2	Alekya	Vejendla
3	Sameer	Jain

Math Level 3

1	Aditya	Sundaram
1	Rahul	Thomas
1	Srinivasan	Sathiamurthy
1	Bharat	Narayanasamy
1	Ram	Potham
1	Srihari	Ganesh
1	Arpit	Ranasaria
1	Aditya	Vargheese
1	Ishan	Goel
10	Aryan	Verma

Junior Science

1	Balaadithya	Muralitharan
2	Anik	Bora
3	Akshansh	Chauhan
4	Any	Singh
5	Sohil	Rathi
6	Srikar	Pothuraju
7	Kartik	Ramachandrula
8	Deepak	Balamurugan
9	Thanush	Patlolla
10	Sai Lalitha	Kodukula

Intermediate Science

1	Raghav	Arun
2	Adhiraiyan	Kartheesan
3	Yuvan	Chali
4	Anish	Goswami
5	Samyan	Nakkella
6	Bharath	Ram
7	Krishnan	Shankar
8	Neel	Kondeti
9	Tanishq	Pauskar
10	Rohit	Hari

Senior Science

1	Kanav	Mittal
2	Sidharth	Addepalli
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Junior Geography

1	Atreya	Mallanna
2	Pranavkrishna	Bharanidharan
3	Samvrit	Rao
4	Paarth	Sharma
5	Akarsh	Kollu
6	Vaibhav	Hariram
7	Srinidhaya	Vempati
8	Jishnu	Nayak
9	Soham	Dihenia
10	Anish	Raja

Senior Geography

1	Nabhoneel	Sil Upadhyay
2	Arjun	Nathan
3	Smaran	Pasupulati
4	Sandhya	Ganesh
5	Deeksha	Sridher
6	Pranav	Chockalingam
7	Rohil	Bhinge
8	Anoushka	Buddhikot
9	Riju	Datta
10	Kishan	Kalaria

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3	Akhil	Kondepudi
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