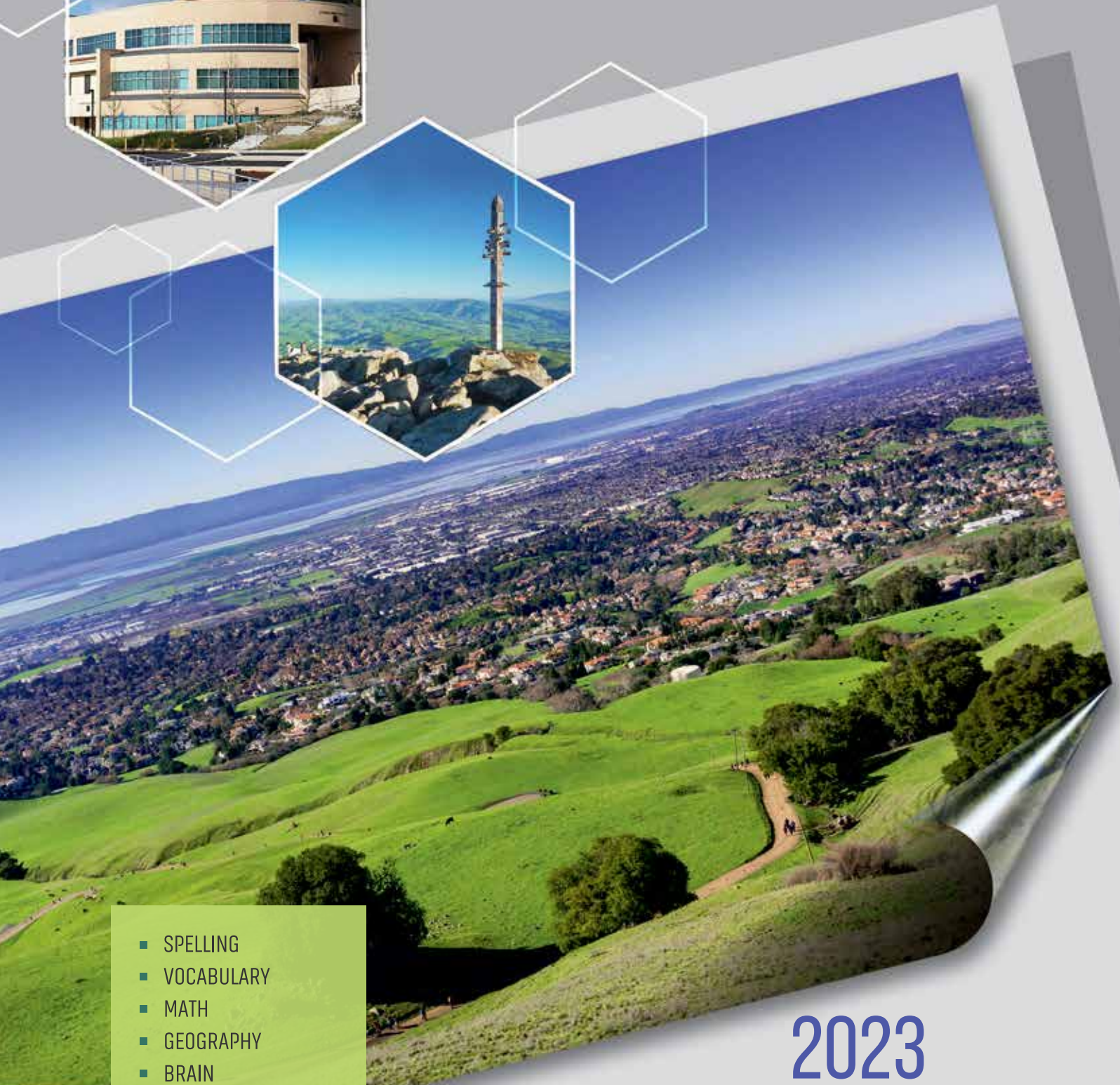




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NorthSouth Children Excel in the Major Leagues

Scripps National Spelling Bee Champions



Dev Shah
2023



Harini Logan
2022



Rishik Gandhasri
2019



Shruthika Padhy
2019



Sohum Sukhatankar
2019



Abhijay Kodali
2019



Rohan Raja
2019



Karthik Nemmani
2018



Ananya Vinay
2017



Nihar Janga
2016



Jairam Hathwar
2016



Vanya Shivashankar
2015



Gokul Venkatachalam
2015



Sriram Hathwar
2014



Arvind Mahankali
2013



Snigdha Nandipati
2012



Sukanya Roy
2011



Anamika Veeramani
2010



Kavya Shivashankar
2009



Sameer Mishra
2008

National Geographic Bee Champions



Nihar Janga
2019



Anoushka Buddhikot
2018 Runner-up



Pranay Varada
2017



Rishi Nair
2016



Karan Menon
2015



Akhil Rekulapelli
2014



Satwik Karnik
2013



Rahul Nagvekar
2012

International Math Olympiad Champions



Ankan Bhattacharya
2016



Ashwin Sah
2016



Shyam Narayan
2015



Shyam Narayan
2014



Anurag Sodhi
2019



Bhagirath Mehta
2012

Mathcounts You Be The Chemist Challenge Champions

Science Bowl Champions



Abhijeet Sambangi
2014



Snigdha Allaparthi
2014

USA Brain Bee Champion



Akhil Kondepudi
2018

National History Bee Champions



Siddharth Kamannavar
2017



Govind Prabhakar
2018

Science Olympiad Champions



Yuvan Chali
2019

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While manufacturing, sustainability, and technology serve as the foundation of Fremont today, it has not always been that way. In 1956, five local townships – Centerville, Irvington, Mission San José, Niles, and Warm Springs – came together and incorporated into the City of Fremont. Since then, Fremont has evolved from an agricultural community into a hub for innovation – becoming home to various leading-edge industry clusters, including advanced manufacturing, clean tech, and life sciences, as well as has grown to over 230,000 residents.



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CONVENER'S NOTE



Dear Participants, Parents, and Educators,

Greetings to all aspiring young minds, enthusiastic parents, and dedicated educators!

I am delighted to extend my warmest welcome to each one of you to the 30th Annual NorthSouth Foundation Bee Finals. This annual event serves as a platform where young learners from diverse backgrounds come together to celebrate the joy of learning and the boundless potential of education. As the convener of this competition, it fills me with immense pride to witness the enthusiasm and passion displayed by our future leaders.

Education, as we all know, is the foundation of a prosperous and fulfilling life. It empowers individuals to dream big, make informed decisions, and contribute positively to society. The theme of this year's event centers around the significance of a well-rounded education and the essence of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in shaping young minds to be the innovators and problem solvers of tomorrow.

At this juncture, I would like to emphasize the importance of building confidence in our young learners. Confidence instills the belief that they can overcome any obstacle, accomplish their goals, and create a meaningful impact in the world. As they participate in the various competitions lined up, they will not only acquire knowledge but also nurture the self-assurance required to face challenges with resilience.

We understand that the pursuit of excellence can be demanding, and stress might become a constant companion along the way. Hence, I encourage each participant to work hard but also remember to stress

less. Education should be a journey of self-discovery and growth, rather than a race to a predefined destination. Embrace each step of this journey, cherish the process of learning, and celebrate every milestone achieved.

Remember, life is not just about reaching a specific point but rather savoring every moment along the way. Find joy in learning, relish new experiences, and forge lifelong friendships during this competition. These experiences will shape not only your academic growth but also your personal development.

As you immerse yourselves in the various activities, I encourage you to interact with your fellow participants, teachers, and mentors. Embrace the diversity of perspectives and ideas, for it is through such interactions that we expand our horizons and enrich our understanding of the world around us.

In conclusion, let us celebrate the spirit of education, curiosity, and camaraderie throughout this event. Together, we can foster a generation that will make a positive impact on the world. May this competition be a stepping stone towards a brighter future, where young minds bloom into confident, well-rounded individuals, ready to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

Wishing you all the very best for a fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

With warm regards,



Dharminder Dewan
Convener
2023 NorthSouth Foundation
National Finals



MEET THE TEAM

NATIONAL FINALS COMMITTEE CHAIRS



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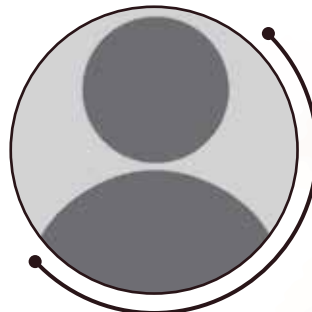
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July 26, 2023

Re: Welcome to the City of Fremont!

Dear National Spelling and Math Bee Students,

Welcome to the City of Fremont! On behalf of the City, I want to let you know how honored and excited we are to be able to host you and your families for the National Spelling and Math Bee competitions this year. Your dedication to education and participation in this important competition should be greatly celebrated and we look forward to continuing to celebrate your accomplishments.

I am hoping you will enjoy your time in Fremont. Did you know Fremont has been ranked the happiest city in America for multiple years? We think Fremont's great dedication to high-ranking schools, 1,224 acres of well-kept parks, and 50 million square feet of flex industrial and R&D space, as well as a wide range of affordable housing options help to provide our residents a high quality of life. Fremont is the fourth largest city in the Bay Area and has a population of over 230,000.

Also, in Fremont, we pride ourselves on welcoming all visitors and residents. Fremont is one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse cities in the Bay Area, 49% of residents are born outside of the United States, and over 63% speak a language other than English at home.

Like your goals of striving towards learning and education, in Fremont we also aim to be a place of continuous learning and working together to find solutions that best meet the needs of our community. Fremont is a leader across the nation. We host 1,200+ high tech, life science, and clean technology firms located which often create innovative products that assist our nation in sustainability, medical, technology, electronics, and more. I hope you will join us in making a difference by continuing to embrace critical thinking, STEM education, leadership skills, compassion, empathy and community service.

I would also like to congratulate the North South Foundation on your 30-year anniversary and for making such an impact on the lives of tomorrow's leaders. I am wishing you a great time visiting Fremont and the best of luck in your competition and education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lily Mei".

Lily Mei
Mayor
City of Fremont

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 28th, 2023

Dear Dharminder Dewan and the members of NorthSouth Foundation,

Warm greetings to you all on the occasion of the 30th Annual NorthSouth Foundation Finals! I am writing to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, Dharminder, and your entire team for the remarkable achievement of successfully completing three decades of promoting excellence in education and fostering empathy among our children. This significant milestone is a testament to the unwavering dedication and commitment of the NorthSouth Foundation to cultivating a generation of young individuals poised for excellence in various fields. Your organization's dedication to promoting education and providing opportunities for young minds to shine has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on our community and the nation as a whole.

I am especially grateful for the significant role the competition plays in empowering our youth to embrace the joy of learning and to nurture their linguistic skills. This event has consistently fostered an environment where children not only showcase their academic abilities but also develop essential life skills like discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Such holistic education lays the groundwork for their future success, contributing to a stronger and more compassionate society.

The NorthSouth Foundation's emphasis on empathy is commendable. By instilling a sense of compassion and understanding among young participants, your organization is shaping future leaders who will undoubtedly contribute positively to society. Empathy is the cornerstone of social progress, and I am heartened to see the Foundation actively nurturing this value in the younger generation.

I applaud your efforts in organizing the Finals Competition year after year, which requires meticulous planning, coordination, and support from countless volunteers and sponsors. Your determination to keep this tradition alive and thriving for three decades is truly commendable.

As a Representative, I am deeply grateful for the significant impact the NorthSouth Foundation has had on the lives of countless children in our district and beyond. Your organization's relentless pursuit of excellence in education resonates with my own vision for a better, more equitable future for all.

Please convey my warmest regards and best wishes to all the participants, volunteers, and supporters who make this event possible.

With great admiration and gratitude, sincerely,



Ro Khanna
Member of Congress



MESSAGE

Dr. Ratnam Chitturi
Founder



What is Sadhana?

As we celebrate the 30th National Finals at NorthSouth Foundation this year, we embark on a new journey with a refreshed motto: to encourage excellence in education, empathy, and universal values. Our focus now lies in embracing the “Learning Journey” as a way of life, offering enriching experiences and engagements throughout the year for the entire family. This journey encompasses coaching, workshops, contests, community activities, changemaking, picnics, sports, and fundraising, all of which contribute to a deeper meaning in life.

At NorthSouth, we’ve witnessed that if a child joins us in 1st grade and remains committed year after year, they are guaranteed to achieve a top 10 rank at the national finals within 4 to 8 years. Often, these young achievers excel in multiple subjects. Such extraordinary success undoubtedly demands hard work.

However, becoming a champion or securing a top 10 rank at mainstream competitions, like the Scripps Spelling Bee, requires more than just hard work. In Sanskrit, it is known as “Sadhana,” which goes far beyond mere toil. It is a holistic approach to personal growth and achievement.

First and foremost, children must cultivate self-improvement through discipline, time management, good habits, and positive values. They should steer clear of bad company and bad manners, nurturing an environment conducive to their growth. Second, they must combine hard work with a well-thought-out plan and schedule. Third, they need to develop laser focus, directing their energy and attention single-mindedly toward their goals. Distractions must be eliminated, and their dedication should be fueled by passion and inspiration. Fourth, Sadhana entails giving their full, undivided, and continuous attention to their endeavors.

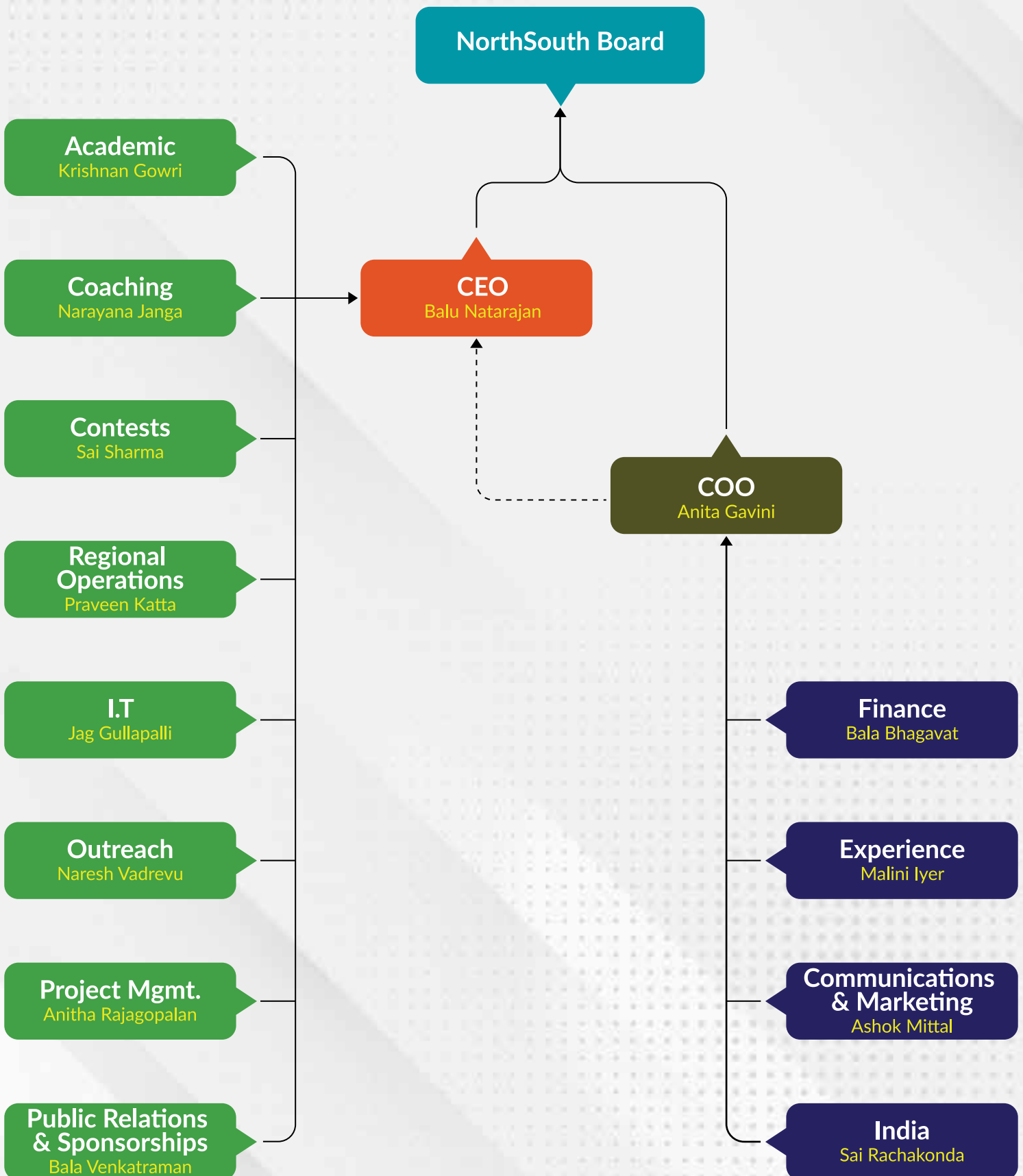
Obstacles are inevitable, but the true spirit of Sadhana lies in overcoming them. Children should never be discouraged by roadblocks; instead, they should persistently seek solutions to turn a “NO” into a resounding “YES.” Finally, Sadhana teaches them never to stop until they reach their goals, instilling in them a sense of perseverance and determination.

To all the finalists, we extend our heartfelt congratulations. Your journey embodies the essence of Sadhana. We wish each one of you the very best, not just in this competition, but in every endeavor you pursue in life.

May the spirit of Sadhana guide you to achieve greatness, not only in academic pursuits but also in becoming compassionate, driven, and resilient individuals. As you continue to embrace the Learning Journey, may you find fulfillment and purpose in every step you take, shaping a bright and impactful future for yourselves and the world around you.

MESSAGE

Executive Committee & Organizational Chart - 2023



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Finalists, Parents, Volunteers and Well Wishers:

Congratulations!

The NorthSouth Finals have always represented something incredibly special. In 2023, however, the Finals are particularly meaningful.

The reasons are manifold:

- ▶ The span between in-person Finals. Did you know that it's been 4 years since our Finals were held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)? Four years. That's the length of time between Olympic events, and the length of time between Women's World Cup tournaments. At the time of our last in-person Finals, some of our contestants were just 5 or 6 years old.
- ▶ Our new vision. While NorthSouth continues to be committed to delivering scholarships for the under privileged in India, we're also now working on outreach here in the United States. Our ten year strategic plan calls for our Foundation to serve children in multiple countries, and every single person in Fremont this weekend is helping us to keep that commitment alive and real.
- ▶ Social entrepreneurship. Historically, NorthSouth has been synonymous with Excellence in Education. But during the last 4 years, we've launched our Young Changemakers and other programs, with intentionality around our offerings. Our goal is not just to help raise smart kids, but smart kids who make a difference and truly want to change the world around them.

These Finals are the very first Finals featuring our new brand - with a new energy, a new logo, all while respecting the amazing work - 20,000 scholarships and dozens of champions! - of the prior 34 years.

Congratulations once again. You're making history!

All the best,

Balu Natarajan
M.D, CEO
NorthSouth Foundation USA

Transforming Lives...!

NorthSouth Foundation's Mission to Empower Education in India

NorthSouth Foundation was established in 1989 with a major mission to provide scholarships to financially needy children who aspire to take up college education in India. The Foundation relies on surplus funds generated by NorthSouth Foundation activities in the USA, as well as the efforts of its dedicated volunteers.

NorthSouth Foundation's India Scholarships have transformed the lives of over 10,000 most deserving children in several parts of India. These children have been given the opportunity to pursue an education they may have never had access to otherwise.

The Foundation has immediate goals to increase the number of scholarships from current 2,400 per year to 3,500 per year by 2023, to 5,000 per year by 2025-26 and to 7,500 by 2030.

We need your help to reach even more children in need because we believe every child deserves the chance to fulfill their potential and make their dreams a reality.

Scholarships:

Total number of approved scholarships in the past 5 years is presented below. Number of scholarships issued in 2022-23 is as of 11-Jul-2023).

Here are some opportunities for you to be able to participate in the cause:

1. Help open new chapters in the North India in states like UP, Bihar, MP, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, North eastern states, etc. where NorthSouth likes to expand the footprint.
2. Become a US liaison with an India chapter, either existing or new.
3. Become a member of the US Scholarship Execution Team to manage the India Scholarship program.

We are waiting for you to spark the change with NorthSouth Foundation!

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Endurance & Triumph:

My Journey through Spelling Bees with NorthSouth Foundation



My first spelling bee was with NorthSouth Foundation and...it wasn't the best. I misspelled the word greenness and I felt so embarrassed, but I loved the adrenaline from spelling in front of people. I loved the thrill of not knowing what word you are going to get. My parents noticed my talent with words and cultivated my growth by having me participate in NorthSouth spelling and vocabulary bees. Shortly after, I hit my first breakthrough in my spelling career in 3rd grade. I made the phase 3 of the junior vocabulary bee and ultimately got 4th place. It gave me the self-confidence to start this journey.

One year later, I'm at my first ever national spelling bee. I couldn't believe I was in a competition I used to watch two years ago vicariously living through the champions. I wasn't expecting much but I got so much from that experience. I got inspiration from seeing the eight octochamps being crowned. I got guidance from my fellow spellers. I got motivation from seeing these other spellers achieve things I never even dreamed of. If they could do it, I could do it. And I did.

I tried again in 2021 to claim the Scripps Cup, but I didn't. I got out in the third round and I never felt that much disappointment before. I felt so sad and I thought I was never going to achieve my dream. However, my parents reminded me I had two more years of eligibility and with that I kept pushing. I did the North-South Foundation spelling bee and made the finals! This gave me the drive I needed to keep pushing.

I tried again in 2022...but I didn't. I didn't even make the national spelling bee. I got out in my regional spelling bee. I couldn't believe it. I thought I was going to easily make the nationals considering how much I've been studying. I genuinely wanted to quit but my parents reminded me yet again, I had one more year. I realize that I've spent so much time with the spelling bee I might as well finish it.

I began studying more and more during my final year of eligibility. I studied a minimum of 7 hours a day in the 5 months leading up to the spelling bee. Despite all the stress, I kept studying hard. Two months later I won my regional bee and I felt elated! I could finally do one last spelling bee so I gave it my all for two more months. I didn't go on my end of year field trip, I canceled out on so many parties, I put so many of my extracurriculars on hold, and I sacrificed so much.

I tried again in 2023. You might be getting tired of that line, but I think it adds significance to my story. No matter what happened, I kept trying. I had so much fun at Bee Week. The stories really were true. It was the most magical experience I've ever been through. The memories, the friends, and the joy I got from Bee Week were amazing. All my sacrifices were worth it. I even made the finals! I was so elated, and I told myself that no matter what happens, I worked hard and I'm proud of myself.

I truly am proud of myself. After losing dozens of times, after starting over so much and reliving the nightmare of falling down each time I lost, I finally did it. It genuinely opened my eyes as to how important it is to love what you do. The losses never meant much at the end of the day. I enjoyed studying and if I didn't have that passion, I wouldn't have won. That's my main takeaway. Not only is it important to never give up, but it's important to do what you love. If you do what you love, the results won't matter at the end of the day. All you'll want to do is keep pushing.

To this day, I still study words here and there whenever I miss studying for the spelling bee. It truly is an amazing experience and I learned so much from it. Thank you so much to NorthSouth Foundation for empowering me to embark on this journey. Harini Logan (the 2022 Champ) once said, "It takes a village to raise a speller." That's the truth and to anyone reading this, you're in good hands with North South.

Dev Shah

Scripps National Spelling Bee
Champion 2023



Reflections on My Spelling Bee Adventure



To reflect on my spelling bee journey is to reflect on what is now officially over half my life. That thought is startling, but not in the way you'd expect; in fact, it is startling that only half my life has been dedicated to honing this craft of mine. I've mentioned in several interviews that the event that kickstarted my spelling journey was watching the 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which was won by Gokul Venkatachalam and, my perpetual inspiration, Vanya Shivashankar. I can still remember the ethereal feeling of seeing a real-life, Indian-American, female teen role model on such a large international platform achieving impossible things. But years later, on that very same stage, I learned something: the results weren't as impossible as they seemed if you were willing to put in the work.

From a distance, it's easy to assume things: the champion wasn't nervous at all, the champion memorized the dictionary, the champion has no other interests, et cetera. I can tell you, it isn't perfection that makes a champion. It's persistence. Very rarely have I seen a national-level champion who doesn't have to face adversity somewhere along the way to their impressive accomplishments. The champions you see, victorious and the perfect role model, weren't born; they were built, built with the bricks of experiences, successes, and setbacks. Notice I say "setbacks" and not "failures", because I believe you only truly fail when you quit. Champions are people who can differentiate their setbacks from failure, and who treat themselves like arrows: the farther they're pulled back, the farther they go forward. In the same way, the true champions are those that handle success with the same amount of humility that they deal with upon encountering setbacks, celebrating a positive outcome while acknowledging that they as people, emotional beings with feelings and values, do not and will not change upon victory.

To me, one quality that sets real champions apart from people that are simply successful is the understanding that while success and fame are temporary, character is forever, and that is what makes a winner. Successes or setbacks in the spelling bee are more than just memorization and reciting letters; they offer opportunities for students to form nearly unparalleled emotional intelligence, from the competition results to actually standing on that stage and learning how to adapt to different kinds of situations.

Not all spelling bee learning is emotional, however. I live by the saying "once a speller, always a speller" in the sense that the life skills you learn as a speller have

a plethora of applications in the real world. An example of that is this very piece I'm writing: the ability to write the words (correctly spelled, of course!), to understand their gravity, to communicate effectively without fear of misinterpretation (a valuable tool in networking), and to be able to stitch together and convey your unique story. That last one is incredibly important in this day and age: where stories are written for you if you can't find the words, where ideas are formulated for you if you can't find the thoughts. Spelling bees give you, the new batch of spellers, the ability to write your own story in the way you want it to be told.

But perhaps the most valuable real-world learning is this, my advice to all aspiring participants in any academic competition: no matter the field, being a champion requires consistent effort and constant perseverance. Put in the work but do it without expecting instant results; doing so will make the process much harder. Do it for something you're passionate about, and you won't feel burdened or exhausted. Keep working through successes and setbacks until you achieve your goal but set your goal in an area that makes you feel glad to be learning, such as a topic you love. Don't let successes or setbacks define you; let your values and humility precede you instead.

Finally, let me give you a piece of advice that I feel needs to be told to more students. Don't try to achieve something to imitate someone else. Learn from people, don't try to copy them. You are a unique student, speller, and person, and what works for you, works for you! This means anything from studying techniques to the very competition you're participating in. Do something not because you want to become another Harini, or Zaila, or Nihar, etc, etc, but because you want to become the first you by showcasing your singular hard work and passion for this competition and by writing your own success story. That's what makes a champion.



Harini Logan
Scripps Spelling Bee
2022 Winner



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San Diego, CA	Anuradha Kumar	Manchester, NH	Prasad Dabbi
Palo Alto, CA	Sumana Sur	Marlboro, NJ	Arpita Jaswal
San Jose, CA	Rajamohan Gandhasri	Edison, NJ	Rajesh Raghunathan
San Ramon, CA	Shiva Gunda	Princeton, NJ	Shubhangi Khatu
Sacramento, CA	Suri Jetty	Cherry Hill, NJ	Raj Chintapalli
Fresno, CA	Anupama Poliyedath	Mahwah Rockland, NJ	Sridevi Malla
Fremont, CA	Dharminder Dewan	Parsippany, NJ	Murugan Vadivel
San Mateo, CA	Deepa Lakshminarayanan	Albuquerque, NM	Dhruv Grandhe
Orange County, CA	Dsrinivasrao Patwari	Las Vegas, NV	Bindu Middela
Mountain House, CA	Suresh Adda	Long Island, NY	Surendra Gupta
Denver, CO	Jyotshna Gunturu	Rochester, NY	Radha Bahakutumbi
Stamford, CT	Arvind Sahu	Albany, NY	Vidyaranya Gujju
Hartford, CT	Sreeni Sarikonda	Cleveland, OH	Viji Vijay
Wilmington, DE	Srividya Vedula	Columbus, OH	Murali Kandlai
Ft Lauderdale, FL	Malathi Yeedara	Cincinnati, OH	Sara Uppalapati
Jacksonville, FL	Rajiv Gupta	Tulsa, OK	Subhas Das
Tampa, FL	Ramesh Vasudevan	Oklahoma City, OK	Neelima Vajjha
Orlando, FL	Latha Ganti	Portland, OR	Naga Vemprala
Atlanta, GA	Akila Suresh	Philadelphia, PA	Saroja Sagaram
Augusta, GA	Manish Sarda	Harrisburg, PA	Raji Chellappan
Columbus, GA	Srinivasa Pathakamuri	Allentown, PA	Vijeta Sareen
Iowa City, IA	Prashant Borse	Pittsburgh, PA	Dhanalakshmi Devendran
Peoria, IL	Ravi Errabolu	Columbia, SC	Venugopal Anchoori
Naperville, IL	Parthiban Andi	Memphis, TN	Ravindra Dasari
Libertyville, IL	Parthiban Andi	Nashville, TN	Girish Rachakonda
Barrington, IL	Sanjeev Palaniswamy	Dallas, TX	Nayan Modi
Quad Cities, IL	Nitin Vishwakarma	Houston, TX	Vinod Krishnan
Evansville, IN	Kapil Sheth	San Antonio, TX	Rampriya Logan
Indianapolis, IN	Manny Chundi	Austin, TX	Anu Nistala
Columbus, IN	Suddhatattva Kar	Salt Lake City, UT	Spurthy Adluru
Kansas City, KS	Prathiba Trivedi	Ashburn, VA	Srinivas Chilakamarri
Louisville, KY	Jyothi Mahesh	Fairfax, VA	Radhakrishna Atluri
Worcester, MA	Shylaja Narayanaswamy	Virginia Beach, VA	Kavithasrivasanth Hathwar
Rockville, MD	Shanti Vedula	Seattle, WA	Arvind Ranasaria
Baltimore, MD	Rajeswari Kachiraja	Olympia, WA	Ganna Admala
Detroit, MI	Lalita Mishra	Madison, WI	Srinivasa Gadi
Ann Arbor, MI	Lalita Mishra	Milwaukee, WI	Rishi Gautam
Grand Rapids, MI	Sripriya Krishnan		
Lansing, MI	Ramesh Aylum		

A NorthSouth volunteer with many feathers in his hat



Ved Muthusamy has been involved with North-South Foundation since 2011 to share both his time and talent by volunteering. His willingness to give selflessly to help others speaks to both his strength and the quality of his character. Since 2020, he has been a Senior Geography Bee Coach. Additionally, he serves as the Vice President of Marketing and Secretary of Content Creation and Strategy at GeoElite. In this role, he has worked closely with the NorthSouth Foundation's Geography Content Team to create questions and spread the word about both NorthSouth Foundation and GeoElite. In 2021, He joined the GeoElite Team as the Vice President of Marketing and the Secretary of Content Creation and Strategy. GeoElite conducts virtual competitions annually to improve geographic literacy.

In Vermont, he was the lone representative from the state of Michigan, and he brought great success to the Great Lakes state. He won 11 medals, including 6 golds. This culminated in an overall silver medal in the International Geography Championships, 4th place Battery Exam, silver on the GIS exam, bronze on the Scramble, gold on Jeopardy, 4th on the Historical Geography Bee, gold in the International Geography Bee, gold in the International Geography Bowl, silver in the Melee, 4th in the Symposium, a presentation of a geographical paper, 4th in the Visual Geography Bee, silver on the Hexathlon, gold in the South Asian Geography Bee, gold in the East Asian Geography Bee and gold on the Montreal Cultural Geography Exam. He has made it to Nationals every year, making Phase III in JSB in 2014, Phase III in SGB in 2017 and 2018 (placing 5th and 9th in those years, respectively).





While we know that you choose to volunteer selflessly and without expectation of being recognised or rewarded, today we wish to do just that. Whether you are a long-time volunteer or if you got involved fairly recently, and regardless of how many hours you choose to give, it's important for you to know that what you do makes a difference. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude the board and staff of NorthSouth Foundation wish to convey. Please know that your volunteerism is recognised, appreciated, valued and cherished.

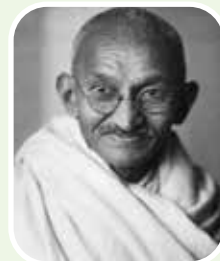
We thank you and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Team
NorthSouth Foundation



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“Knowledge is power, but character is more powerful.”



- Mahatma Gandhi

MY LIFE, ENRICHED BY NORTHSOUTH FOUNDATION

My name is Advait Balakrishnan. I have participated in NorthSouth spelling and vocabulary bees since I was in 3rd grade. I have also volunteered for the foundation for the past 3 years and just recently joined the NorthSouth Junior Board. Being both a NorthSouth competitor and volunteer has helped my life in numerous ways. At a young age, NorthSouth helped kickstart my spelling career. By giving me words to study and competitions to participate in, the foundation guided me through my pathway into the world of spelling. This helped me get one step ahead of many of my competitors due to bee experience and word and language knowledge. In addition to spelling and vocabulary bees, I also participated in NorthSouth's panacea challenge in 2020. This challenge/competition gave me an opportunity to film and edit a video for the first time, while also learning how to research an extremely relevant topic at the time. All the NorthSouth competitions I have been a part of have been a great learning experience. In all of these, I have received and retained valuable information that I have used many times later in life. On the other hand, volunteering for NorthSouth has given me much different opportuni-

ties than competitions, but has still taught me many lessons. As a volunteer, specifically as a member of the foundation's Junior Board, I have been given a chance to take leadership, make decisions, and cooperate within a group setting. This is a very useful skill that I can and will use for the rest of my life. Being a volunteer throughout high school also serves as a possible college essay topic and can be a good part of a resume when getting a job. NorthSouth, in the past 7 years has helped me a lot. Throughout these seven years, I have learned many lessons and gone through many experiences that have helped me live my life better. Without the NorthSouth foundation, my life wouldn't be the same.



Advait Balakrishnan
NorthSouth Junior
Board Member



How My Passion for Learning Led to Academic Success & Community Service

Academic achievement has always held a special place in my heart. Since a young age, I've been captivated by learning, and this passion has been the driving force behind my commitment to excel academically. Two pivotal experiences have significantly shaped my journey toward academic success - my involvement with the NorthSouth Foundation (NorthSouth) and my dedication to spelling bees. These experiences molded my academic trajectory and paved the way for prestigious awards, such as the NSLC Merit Scholarship for college.

NorthSouth played a vital role in laying the groundwork for my academic journey. As a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality education to underprivileged children in India, NorthSouth instilled a sense of responsibility to give back to society. Engaging in various academic competitions through NorthSouth honed my skills and sparked my competitive spirit.

The lessons learned through the NorthSouth Foundation and spelling bees profoundly impacted my high school career. Mastering time management during intense preparation for competitions enabled me to balance academics, extracurricular activities, and community service. This discipline allowed me to maintain a consistently high GPA and stay focused on my studies. As I transitioned to college, these invaluable lessons continued to serve me well, empowering me with the resilience needed to navigate a demanding curriculum.

My commitment to academic excellence and the experiences gained through NorthSouth and spelling bees led to well-deserved recognition. My academic achievements and community involvement caught the attention of the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC), which bestowed upon me the prestigious NSLC Merit Scholarship. This recognition not only affirmed my dedication to learning but also provided invaluable financial assistance in pursuing my college education.

My journey toward academic achievement is a testament to the transformative impact of the NorthSouth Foundation and my unwavering dedication to spelling bees. These experiences fueled

my passion for learning, nurtured discipline, and cultivated a drive for excellence in all aspects of life. The NSLC Merit Scholarship stands as a testament to the profound influence of these experiences, recognizing both my commitment to education and my dedication to serving the community.

My involvement with NorthSouth also instilled in me a strong sense of empathy and social responsibility, leading me to actively engage in volunteer work during my college years. Rangila, the annual cultural showcase at Georgetown University, shares a similar mission to the NorthSouth Foundation - to help underprivileged children in India access quality education and improve their lives. As the coordinator, I drew upon the invaluable lessons learned through my involvement with the NorthSouth Foundation to make a meaningful impact on the cause.

Drawing from my experiences with NorthSouth, I knew that education had the potential to change lives and break the cycle of poverty. Through careful planning and execution, we successfully raised tens of thousands of dollars. The funds collected were channeled into building schools, providing scholarships, and supporting educational resources for underprivileged children. The impact of our collective efforts was not only evident in the amount raised but also in the tangible change it brought to the lives of those children.

My journey with the NorthSouth Foundation and Rangila at Georgetown University served as a powerful testament to the transformative power of education and the immense potential of collective action. The lessons I learned through NorthSouth - the importance of education, the value of community support, and the significance of determination - were instrumental in driving the success of our fundraising endeavors. I am proud to have played a part in using my experiences to contribute to this meaningful cause and make a positive impact on the lives of underprivileged children in India.



Sanjana Malla

Nurturing a Village of Spellers with NorthSouth San Antonio Chapter

It's no secret that the Scripps National Spelling Bee championship was the result of Harini's almost seven years of consistent effort. Her passion for reading and curiosity about words and spelling were compelling reasons for her to pursue this long journey in spelling. During her champion speech at the 2022 Scripps Awards Ceremony, Harini mentioned 'It takes a village to raise a speller' and by village she meant the long list of mentors, spelling organizations, friends, family including parents of fellow spellers and ex-spellers. They all enabled, supported, cheered her throughout this journey and wanted to see her as THE champion. Each one of them saw in her the potential to win it all one day at some point or another! And as a mom, I am ever grateful to all of those who believed in her! There were many moments when a fellow speller's mom or dad would walk up to me and say, "we want Harini to win" and for a parent to say that in spite of his/her kid participating is a very big deal. I am always moved by such gestures and those were the moments that brought the biggest joy when I look back at Harini's spelling journey. She won the hearts of people, and she has this great community, which she has always enjoyed being a part of!

Harini began her spelling journey at the regional spelling bee conducted by North-South San Antonio Chapter at the age of 8. Truly, that opened our eyes to the world of spelling and start building our community! Since then, she had competed in several bees across several organizations such as Geospell, SpellPundit, WishWin, MastiSpell, NorthSouth, Canada Spelling Bee, and others and each one of them shaped Harini into a better speller and a better person! A big SHOUT OUT to all these organizations who strive hard to conduct those competitions and provide that avenue for students to pursue their passion over the years!

While the outcome of Harini's whole spelling journey ended up with her winning the prestigious Scripps cup, the journey itself was a life experience teaching several life skills of organization, perseverance, dealing with failures, consistency, empathizing with fellow spellers and teamwork. It is now an eternal part of her which she carries forward in all of her other passions in high school.

Hence, we are grateful for that first opportunity and want to create similar opportunities for other kids in our community as well. Having been an active NorthSouth family ever since Harini started this journey, we wanted to give back, so Harini and I are now an active part of the NorthSouth workshops, events, and leading the NorthSouth Foundation efforts as the regional Chapter Director for the NorthSouth San Antonio Chapter. She is also involved in volunteering at other spelling events. We are greatly looking forward to being part of this wonderful organization, being a part of its continued growth and helping it grow and inspire other kids creating more opportunities for the future generations to come. Wish you all good luck in building, nurturing and giving back to your village!!

Priya Logan
2022 Scripps National
Spelling Bee Champion
Harini's mom



My Journey Leading a History Coaching Program & Empowering Students in Academic Competitions

I first heard about NorthSouth when I was in 2nd grade (in 2012) when my elder brother (then in 6th grade) and my elder cousin (then in 5th grade) participated in my local chapter (San Jose, CA). They influenced me to participate the next year, so I did participate the next year (in 2013, I was in 3rd grade) in math, spelling, and geography. However, I came home disappointed that I didn't win an award.

I improved in math, and I came back in 5th grade, and I won 2nd place in MB2 in 5th grade (2015) and qualified for nationals all 4 years from 5th to 8th grade (2015-2018).

Then, because of my interest in math competitions, I joined a competitive STEM-focused private high school in San Jose. The chapter director was a math teacher at my high school's associated middle school campus, so I got in touch with her and volunteered at my local NorthSouth chapter in 9th grade (2019). I really enjoyed the experience as I was the only volunteer that stayed the entire 10 hours. This encouraged the CD to ask if I wanted to help out as one of the lead organizers the next year, but it got canceled due to COVID (2020).

However, I reached out to her again in 2021, and she made me the ACD. I really enjoyed the experience, but I felt I could do better. Thus, I asked her if I could be the CD, and I did tons of marketing and outreach to eventually grow our registrations from 60 to 150. I enjoyed this experience because I felt that as a student myself, I could better connect with the contestants and share with them my personal stories with NorthSouth and academic competitions in general, especially with the history bee contestants. I hope that other students can also take initiative to lead their local chapters.

Meanwhile, in my 10th grade AP World History Class, I deeply enjoyed the curriculum, especially when I learned about the history of many places I had traveled to when I was younger, such as Greece, China, and India. My peers in class recognized this new passion

of mine, and as they started to ask me for help in the class, I started hosting "crash course" review sessions to help them prepare for their exams. Eventually, more people in our class heard about these "crash courses" and wanted to join, which inspired me to create a website (nalandaguides.com) with resources for AP-level history courses. I also launched an Instagram page (@harshil.the.historian) to share any interesting history topics I encounter on my journey pursuing history.

As I launched the website, I continued to host these "crash courses" for my peers in the grades below me, but they only started to really become big in my 12th-grade year (2021-22) when we had in-person school, allowing news about my "crash courses" to spread throughout the school very quickly. Eventually, I sometimes had over 50 students in my crash courses. Additionally, I got the unique opportunity to help a history professor at Yale publish her new edition of her world history textbook, "Voyages in World History," which gave me more legitimacy in helping other students.

I then realized that NorthSouth has recently added its history bee, yet it does not have an associated coaching program. I realized that just like I've been helping my peers at school, so many more students at NorthSouth could use my help, so I started NorthSouth's history coaching program. This experience was very different from my "crash courses" at school because many of the students had participated in history bees unlike me, and they had much more factual knowledge than me. Thus, my role was mostly helping them connect the dots between their factual knowledge by providing a thematic overview of our world's history.

Overall, I feel very proud to become NorthSouth's youngest chapter director and start their history coaching program, and I encourage all other high-school students to take the initiative to lead certain aspects of their local chapters. From my experience, the contestants feel they have a better learning experience and are likely to come back if they can connect with their volunteers, which is why I recommend high-school students to run their local competitions.

Thanks,

Harshil Garg



A Journey of Educational Equity & Empowerment

Ananya Vinay is a passionate writer, poet & podcaster. She is a social entrepreneur and advocates for educational equity. As the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion, she founded SpellGenius, an organization that mentors aspiring spellers. Using her coaching income, she founded Project Ignite, an educational equity initiative to ignite the passion for early learning in rural Fresno. She is a member of the first-ever Student Advisory Team at PBS NewsHour. Ananya is the author of the poetry collection "Dewdrops on the Mind." She is the science editor for The Iris. Ananya is a 2-time USABO Semifinalist as well as a 3-time Chemistry Olympiad & Science Bowl National Finalist. Ananya also received the \$20,000 Coca-Cola Scholarship in 2023. She has been participating in NorthSouth Foundation activities since 1st grade as a competitor first and then as a coach. She plans to major in neuroscience and public policy as an aspiring physician – here is her story:

This year, I was honored to receive the 2023 Coca-Cola Scholarship. This was made possible through my social entrepreneurship in the area of educational equity. I firmly believe in the value of achieving equity for all regardless of socioeconomic status. After all, every person is capable of dreaming about a better future, yet the achievement of those dreams is often limited by access to education. In Five Points, CA, for example, families cannot access the Internet, simply because there are no towers. Telecommunication companies don't consider investment in rural immigrant towns as financially savvy. This unjust disparity inspired me to start an equity initiative to bring technology to those who most need it.

With \$15,000 I earned from years of coaching spelling, I launched Project Ignite with the vision of providing a new approach to mentoring that emphasizes creativity and bridges the digital divide. Our first effort was to provide Kindles to students to fill the need for access to literacy in school as the only source of books was a weekly book-mobile. Having daily access to books can be

a simple first step in surmounting the inequalities of our society. Literacy from a young age impacts nearly every aspect of critical thinking, which is why it is fundamental to overcoming socioeconomic barriers. Internet access can facilitate literacy in a tremendously practical manner. Creative mentoring that utilizes technology like this is one grassroots way of making an impact on communities, and through Project Ignite, I have had the opportunity to grow as a teacher and a community member.

During weekly mentoring sessions, we see the deep need and hunger for technological access, but our small-scale efforts need investment to make a larger-scale impact. Technology is a gateway to inspiration, as children see, oftentimes for the first time, their potential in the world. Leading this effort challenged me to implement educational strategies that engage children in new ways. In the process of mentoring, I have learned to connect with students through engaging stories and meaningful use of culture and language.

Meaningful social change has many obstacles, but change begins with leaders willing to take small steps. Balancing the foundations of educational infrastructure through Internet access and digital libraries can propel schools and students toward an equal playing field, where dreams can become reality.



Ananya Vinay
Scripps National Spelling Bee
2017 Champion



STAY CONNECTED TO THE ORGANIZATION & LET THE VALUES SHAPE YOUR LIFE

NorthSouth Foundation is a hugely important part of my life - I competed from first through twelfth grade, placing nationally in two events in high school; I volunteered at my chapter contest ever year from seventh grade onwards; I taught Python coaching classes; I briefly helped develop the computer science contest; and I am the daughter of a former chapter and now regional director as well as a member of the national team. Even though currently, as a result of the constraints of college, I am no longer as involved and simply come back to volunteer every year, the values of this organization - excellence, education, empathy, and social entrepreneurship - have been ingrained in me for life. These values form the outlook with which I look at the world, my future, and our collective potential - an intense hope for a better tomorrow accessible to all.

Take for instance a new venture of mine in college. I was on the founding team of the chapter of an organization called Hack4Impact at my university. Many nonprofits have core operations issues that could be solved with good software, but lack the resources to build that for themselves. H4I is a national organization that connects these nonprofits to college chapters made of student developers, designers, and nonprofit liaisons who can build that software solution.

My involvement in this is entirely motivated by the role NorthSouth and its values have in my life.

Excellence: As the president of my university chapter for this upcoming year, I will lead my chapter to finish two large nonprofit projects, thus traNorthSouth Foundationorming the way these nonprofits operate and serve their communities for the better.

Education: Our first project is with a nonprofit that connects book drive



organizers in the US to public schools and libraries in countries across Africa, thus promoting sustainability and the democratization of educational resources. I also help develop and lead bootcamps to teach new members our tech stack and design principles.

Empathy: These projects are entirely voluntary, yet members still commit the same amount of hours per week as a part-time job, while doing their classes and other activities, to the organizations' causes.

Social Entrepreneurship: We hope that the social impact guided view of our work shapes the career goals of our members. We also plan to hold a "tech for good" career fair that brings companies that work in this space to our campus and puts them on the radar of the university community.

So what should you, a student competing at finals, take away from this? Well, that the value of NorthSouth has never been about how many competitions you've won. From how many competitions I've failed at before, I've learned how to strive for excellence. From being involved on both sides of volunteering and coaching, I've both learned about and furthered the important positive effects of education access. From supporting students and hearing scholarship recipients' stories, I've practiced empathy. And finally, from applying these values to my life in college, I am involved in work that could advance social entrepreneurship opportunities for others. So, stay connected to NorthSouth - the values you learn will truly shape your life.



Suhani Balachandran
Princeton 2025



Junior Spelling Bee

Aadyant Duvvuru

Fremont, CA

Aarav Konagari

Atlanta, GA

Aarhan Manish

Omaha, NE

Abhay Vemuri

San Jose, CA

Abhinav Manikandan

Seattle, WA

Adhyut Siyalsh

Bentonville, AR

Adyuth Nithin

Austin, TX

Akshaj Pradeep

Edison, NJ

Amrith Jathin

Orange County, CA

Anay Gupta

San Diego, CA

Anvee Das

Cherry Hill, NJ

Aprameyan Ramanujan

Fairfax, VA

Ashira Gujju

Albany, NY

Avyukt Aravindh

Cleveland, OH

Ayansh Sahu

Salt Lake City, UT

Divaansh Maruboyina

Worcester, MA

Aakash Mishra

Seattle, WA

Aaravv Kiran

Worcester, MA

Aarushi Pranavan

Pittsburgh, PA

Abhinav Chander

Peoria, IL

Abhinav Nambudiri

Worcester, MA

Aditya Balaji

Marlboro, NJ

Akshaj Chidananda

Quad Cities, IL

Akshara Thummala

San Jose, CA

Ananya Srivastava

St. Louis, MO

Anjali Agarwal

Harrisburg, PA

Anwita Mishra

Kansas City, KS

Arianna Sinha

Seattle, WA

Ava Premkumar

Atlanta, GA

Ayan Reddy

Indianapolis, IN

Dhriti Kashyap

Worcester, MA

Gauri Deshpande

Palo Alto, CA

Ishaan Nair
Dallas, TX

Ishita Narala
Indianapolis, IN

Krishiv Shah
Charlotte, NC

Logan Bailey
Houston, TX

Mauryavardhanreddy Kudumula
Mountain House, CA

Mohith Goteti
Dallas, TX

Navilan Guhan
Edison, NJ

Nived Madathil
Iowa City, IA

Paranika Ethakota
Houston, TX

Rajanya Paul
Portland, OR

Richa Camty
Omaha, NE

Saharsh Nagendra
Las Vegas, NV

Sanaya Karim
Pittsburgh, PA

Shaurya Tatineni
Houston, TX

Simran Adnani
Ann Arbor, MI

Smruti Mudumbi
Edison, NJ

Sophie Singh
Orange County, CA

Sumedh Kulkarni
Ashburn, VA

Ishika Rao
Las Vegas, NV

Khesav Prabhu
San Jose, CA

Laasya Soma
Tampa, FL

Manvi Kolasani
Dallas, TX

Meenakshi Vodela
Cincinnati, OH

Naksh Jain
Fremont, CA

Neil Kashyap
Fremont, CA

Nivritti Ravi
Dallas, TX

Prudhvi Gandham
Los Angeles, CA

Reya Manda
Houston, TX

Rishik Madhamsetty
San Ramon, CA

Sairachana Tallapareddy
Cleveland, OH

Saneesh Nagane
Louisville, KY

Shrihan Varanasi
Houston, TX

Siniksha Chockalingam
San Antonio, TX

Snigdha Pati
Atlanta, GA

Sruthi Chirravuri
Princeton, NJ

Tanush Reddy Mukku
Phoenix, AZ

Tej Yadav
Naperville, IL

Thevaan Butani
Austin, TX

Vaibhav Menedal
Harrisburg, PA

Vardhan Panda
Lansing, MI

Vihaan Ram
Ft Lauderdale, FL

Vikyath Tanamala
Ashburn, VA

Tejas Nayak
Fremont, CA

Tohan Vinay Kumar
Louisville, KY

Vanya Govila
Edison, NJ

Vayu Kakkad
Seattle, WA

Vikrant Sonaji
Indianapolis, IN

Vivaan Ruparel
Houston, TX





Senior Spelling Bee

Aadhav Sriram

Barrington, IL

Advait Krishnan

Seattle, WA

Anandita Vyas

Las Vegas, NV

Anne Fei

Cleveland, OH

Aryan Durgam

Marlboro, NJ

Atiksh Sinha

Quad Cities, IL

Bheeshma Chakravarthy Mallivamala

Ft Lauderdale, FL

Bruhat Soma

Tampa, FL

Dhruv Subramanian

Fremont, CA

Ishaan Nirmal

San Jose, CA

Jay Jadhav

Madison, WI

Jiya Bhavsar

Kansas City, KS

Keya Shah

Sacramento, CA

Kushi Gottimukkala

Raleigh, NC

Nihar Shibu

Ann Arbor, MI

Niranth Bhumireddy

Dallas, TX

Aaradhya Srisailam

Jacksonville, FL

Advait Balakrishnan

Barrington, IL

Anjali Chauhan

Edison, NJ

Anush Andi

Cleveland, OH

Aryan Khedkar

Detroit, MI

Avyay Kodali

Dallas, TX

Bhoomika Pulela

San Ramon, CA

Dhruv Soundarapandian

Las Vegas, NV

Inika Tare

Fremont, CA

Ishaan Venkatesan

Los Angeles, CA

Jazl Jalin

San Jose, CA

Kashvi Arunprakash

Jacksonville, FL

Krishna Karody

Milwaukee, WI

Mihir Konkapaka

San Diego, CA

Nikhil Sha

Kansas City, KS

Nithika Rangan

Sacramento, CA

Pradyun Guju
Albany, NY

Rananjay Parmar
Jacksonville, FL

Saisurya Lakkimsetti
Birmingham, AL

Shourya Sodhani
San Jose, CA

Shrey Parikh
Los Angeles, CA

Siya Hanjagi
Virginia Beach, VA

Sree Vidya Siliveri
Jacksonville, FL

Srinidhi Rao
Naperville, IL

Sristi Vaidya
San Jose, CA

Tarini Nandakumar
Austin, TX

Varun Chirravuri
Princeton, NJ

Veda Ramachander
Seattle, WA

Purvik Byregowda
Kansas City, KS

Rian Camty
Omaha, NE

Shourya Mogulothu
Princeton, NJ

Shradha Rachamreddy
Palo Alto, CA

Shreyansh Medatati
Pittsburgh, PA

Sonia Kulkarni
St. Louis, MO

Sreeya Lakkimsetti
Birmingham, AL

Srinidhi Sripada
St. Louis, MO

Tanmaya Muthuswamy
Ashburn, VA

Tejas Ganesh
Raleigh, NC

Vasudha Madhusudhan
Worcester, MA

Vishruth Vignesh
Philadelphia, PA

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“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”



- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Junior Science Bee

Aarav Konagari

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Abhay Bodapati

Seattle, WA

Abhinav Chander

Peoria, IL

Adhyut Siyalsh

Bentonville, AR

Advith Padmanabhan

San Jose, CA

Amay Anup

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Daanya Sankar

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Dyuthi Thammaneni

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Ishaan Palanivel

Austin, TX

Kabir Bhargava

Atlanta, GA

Kiran Durai Murugan

Ashburn, VA

Mohith Goteti

Dallas, TX

Aayu Prasad Goudar

Cleveland, OH

Abhi Ruddaraju

Princeton, NJ

Abhinav Nambudiri

Worcester, MA

Advait Parikh

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Akshaj Therattil

Omaha, NE

Amulya Ponakanti

San Jose, CA

Anwita Mishra

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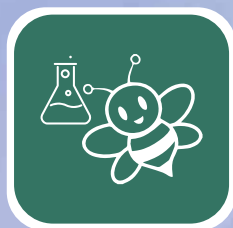
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Vikrant Sonaji
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Vivaan Ruparel
Houston, TX



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Aditya Bhatia

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Advik Dumpala

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Aishwarya Chander

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Akshay Chintamaneni

Houston, TX

Anvita Sista

Milwaukee, WI

Arahanth Kurup

Rockville, MD

Ashwath Arunachalam

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Devansh Gupta

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Eshan Balaji

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Hetaksh Thota

Rockville, MD

Idhant Gupta

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Kavin Vignesh

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Minneapolis, MN

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Omaha, NE

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Harika Appalla

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Jiya Bhavsar

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Kavin Kumarappan

Edison, NJ

Kushi Gottimukkala

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Pittsburgh, PA

Madhava Kurella

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Manchester, NH

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Fremont, CA

Rishabh Rajesh
Barrington, IL

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Seattle, WA

Ryan Rency
Palo Alto, CA

Saivinayak Kodeeswaran
Lansing, MI

Shourya Mogulothu
Princeton, NJ

Srimanyu Chegondi
Des Moines, IA

Sriya Dasariraju
Princeton, NJ

Vaishnav Maddikeri
Cincinnati, OH

Vihaan Vaddi
Libertyville, IL

Yusra Syeda
San Ramon, CA

Navika Joseph
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Nidhish Kumar Thalapaneni
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Rehan Shaikh
Parsippany, NJ

Rithesh Rajagopal
Seattle, WA

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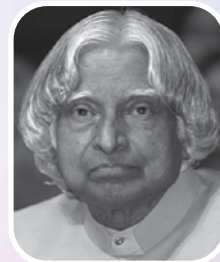
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Dallas, TX

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Real education enhances the dignity of a human being and increases his or her self-respect. If only the real sense of education could be realized by each individual and carried forward in every field of human activity, the world will be so much a better place to live in.”



- A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



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Mohita Chepeni

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Niketa Pati

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Mahwah Rockland, NJ

Saahil Dugar

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Avinesh Saravana

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Ashburn, VA

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Moukthika Veturi

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Neil Dutta

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Pooja Udayakumar

Manchester, NH

Rajarshi Mandal

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Shivam Chowdhary
Seattle, WA

Soham Pattnaik
Virginia Beach, VA

Sudhanva Belur
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Saharsh Bangaru
Edison, NJ

Samaha Das
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Sanjay Seshadri
Fremont, CA

Siddarth Sankar
Philadelphia, PA

Sudeep Vadderaju
St. Louis, MO

Tanish Kolhe
Palo Alto, CA

Varyan Jain
Phoenix, AZ

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“Education is not just about learning facts and figures; it is about nurturing the curiosity within us, encouraging critical thinking, and fostering a lifelong love for learning.”



- Shashi Tharoor



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Aurelian Basu

MahwahRockland, NJ

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San Jose, CA

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Prudhvi Gandham

Los Angeles, CA

Reya Manda

Houston, TX

Sara Shashidhar

Marlboro, NJ

Sumedh Kulkarni

Ashburn, VA

Tej Yadav

Naperville, IL

Vallabh Vijayaraj

Princeton, NJ

Vikyath Tanamala

Ashburn, VA

Viyat Madhyastha

Orange County, CA



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San Jose, CA

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Anvi Taada

Austin, TX

Bruhat Soma

Tampa, FL

Divya Choudhary

Detroit, MI

Jazl Jalin

San Jose, CA

Julianne Manickam

Edison, NJ

Navika Joseph

Fremont, CA

Rananjay Parmar

Jacksonville, FL

Sarvesh Sabarinath

Raleigh, NC

Siddharth Nathan

Fresno, CA

Srinidhi Sripada

St. Louis, MO

Tarini Nandakumar

Austin, TX

Vihaan Kamasamudram

Princeton, NJ

Adhithya Siva

Princeton, NJ

Ananya Hariprasad

Worcester, MA

Anne Fei

Cleveland, OH

Avyay Kodali

Dallas, TX

Chaitanya Govind

Harrisburg, PA

Jay Jadhav

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Edison, NJ

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Sahishn Bangaru

Edison, NJ

Shourya Mogulothu

Princeton, NJ

Sree Vidya Siliveri

Jacksonville, FL

Sthanu Ganesh

Edison, NJ

Varun Chirravuri

Princeton, NJ

Yash Mittal

Peoria, IL



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Aakash Mishra
Seattle, WA

Aarush Edula
Mountain House, CA

Aayu Prasad Goudar
Cleveland, OH

Abhinav Chander
Peoria, IL

Advik Kumar
San Jose, CA

Agniv Das
San Diego, CA

Akshaya Ramprasad
Seattle, WA

Amrith Jathin
Orange County, CA

Aniv Karthikeyan
Dallas, TX

Anvi Babu
Orange County, CA

Arjun Banda
Austin, TX

Aurora Ghows
Austin, TX

Avyaan Jain
Los Angeles, CA

Ayan Reddy
Indianapolis, IN

Dhaiwik Madupu
Phoenix, AZ

Gagan Paladugu
Atlanta, GA

Aariv Shanbhag
San Ramon, CA

Aarush Karupannan
Harrisburg, PA

Abhi Ruddaraju
Princeton, NJ

Aditya Vanka
San Diego, CA

Advith Mudduluru
Lansing, MI

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Quad Cities, IL

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Columbus, IN

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Detroit, MI

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Dallas, TX

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Manchester, NH

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Phoenix, AZ

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Rochester, NY

Shaurya Tatineni

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Dallas, TX

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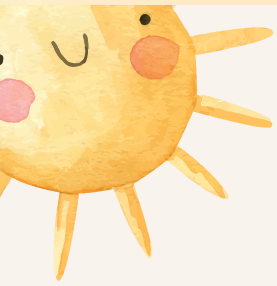
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NorthSouth Foundation



VISION

Empower every child to achieve their maximum potential

MISSION

Provide education scholarships & resources to needy children

Empower every child to excel in education & to be an empathetic & holistic leader

Provide a platform for volunteers to support the community

BELIEFS

No child should fall behind for lack of opportunity to learn. Learning propels all children to reach extraordinary levels. Creative learners build progressive and harmonious communities.

VALUES

Honesty | Empathy | Accountability | Respect | Transparency



Math Bee Level 2

Aadi Dixit

San Ramon, CA

Abhijay Gangarapu

Austin, TX

Advay Anup

Columbus, IN

Akshay Vemuri

San Jose, CA

Anoushka Agarwal

Seattle, WA

Arahanth Kurup

Rockville, MD

Arjun Sengar

Austin, TX

Aum Karra

Austin, TX

Avnika Arekkattil

San Diego, CA

Bheeshma Chakravarthy Mallivamala

Ft Lauderdale, FL

Dhrithi Balan

Palo Alto, CA

Harika Appalla

San Jose, CA

Jacob Paret

Jacksonville, FL

Jiyan Singh

Milwaukee, WI

Kushi Gottimukkala

Raleigh, NC

Nithara Aring

Cleveland, OH

Aarush Tadepalli

San Jose, CA

Abinash Paupoo

Omaha, NE

Advik Krishnan

Seattle, WA

Aneesh Malyavanatham

Portland, OR

Ansh Garg

Portland, OR

Arjun Mamillapalli

Orange County, CA

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Seattle, WA

Avik Dutta

Worcester, MA

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Seattle, WA

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Detroit, MI

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San Jose, CA

Jiya Bhavsar

Kansas City, KS

Kavin Kumarappan

Edison, NJ

Max Desaikov

Raleigh, NC

Parth Gupta

Seattle, WA

Pranav Krishna Somayajula

Austin, TX

Rithesh Rajagopal

Seattle, WA

Robin Kim

Edison, NJ

Sahana Dinakaran

Quad Cities, IL

Sanjana Ganga

Cincinnati, OH

Sanskriti Bukkapatnam

Naperville, IL

Srimekha Kodela

Las Vegas, NV

Veer Garg

Philadelphia, PA

Vihaan Kumaravel

Detroit, MI

Vikyath Munagala

Ashburn, VA

Yusra Syeda

San Ramon, CA

Rishabh Rajesh

Barrington, IL

Ritwin Sathish

Seattle, WA

Ryan Santosh

San Jose, CA

Sahishn Bangaru

Edison, NJ

Sanjeev Ganga

Cincinnati, OH

Shaurya Kushwaha

Kalamazoo, MI

Surya Palacherla

Denver, CO

Vihaan Dongarekar

San Mateo, CA

Vikyath Kotagiri

Tampa, FL

Yogesh Somani

Detroit, MI

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“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”



- Dr. Seuss



Math Bee Level 3

Aadhav Sriram

Barrington, IL

Aashita Mandiwal

Salt Lake City, UT

Aditya Chengalva

Cincinnati, OH

Adwita Mandiwal

Salt Lake City, UT

Aksh Juneja

Mahwah Rockland, NJ

Alden Raymond

Sacramento, CA

Angad Dulai

Fresno, CA

Anirudh Katta

Cleveland, OH

Anirudh Thodupunuri

Portland, OR

Armaan Syed

San Ramon, CA

Atiksh Sinha

Quad Cities, IL

Avyay Kodali

Dallas, TX

Ekantika Chaudhuri

Wilmington, DE

Girish Prasad

Worcester, MA

Hemanth Samayamantri

Libertyville, IL

Kaustubh Bukkapatnam

Naperville, IL

Aarush Goradia

Denver, CO

Abhinav Medi

Philadelphia, PA

Advik Kishore

Dallas, TX

Aisvarya Palaniappan

San Diego, CA

Akulnand Sreelesh

Raleigh, NC

Anagha Ramprasad

Seattle, WA

Anika Malyavanatham

Portland, OR

Anirudh Pulugurtha

Manchester, NH

Anshul Mantri

Portland, OR

Ashmit Arasada

San Jose, CA

Atreya Naik

Seattle, WA

Dheeraj Garg

Philadelphia, PA

George Paret

Jacksonville, FL

Gopal Deshpande

Palo Alto, CA

Jay Jadhav

Madison, WI

Kesav Kalanidhi

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Sagnik Das Raleigh, NC
Shreyansh Medatati Pittsburgh, PA
Sitar Eswar San Mateo, CA
Srijith Abhyuday Sathyanarayanan San Jose, CA
Surya Raghavan Parsippany, NJ
Tarun Rapaka Houston, TX
Vayun Shekhar San Diego, CA
Vikram Goudar Virginia Beach, VA
Yash Mittal Peoria, IL

Kishore Nair Raleigh, NC
Meera Iyer Rochester, NY
Neil Dutta Worcester, MA
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Rahul Thatikonda Raleigh, NC
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Suhas Devarakonda Fairfax, VA
Tanish Kolhe Palo Alto, CA
Varyan Jain Phoenix, AZ
Vibhu Konduru Ashburn, VA
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Lasya Sudarshan

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Nihal Vivek

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Nivedh Joseph

Fremont, CA

Reyyan Hanifa

Raleigh, NC

Roneel Sharma

Columbus, OH

Aahan Prakash

Seattle, WA

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Vayu Kakkad
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Vishnu Vinay
San Jose, CA

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”



- Nelson Mandela



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Gaia Santosh Atlanta, GA
Jiyan Singh Milwaukee, WI
Keshav Karur Ann Arbor, MI
Moukthika Veturi San Jose, CA
Pranav Kuchibhotla Raleigh, NC
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Aryan Khedkar Detroit, MI
Ayan Biswal Baltimore, MD
Diyan Vora Worcester, MA
Jind Kaur Milwaukee, WI
Kedar Athreya Houston, TX
Madhava Kurella Portland, OR
Nirmal Melam Barrington, IL
Rohit Aute Seattle, WA
Sai Tejas Chilukuri San Ramon, CA
Shreecharan Shreekumar Libertyville, IL
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Sudhanva Belur Palo Alto, CA

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Manchester, NH

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Fremont, CA

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Tampa, FL

Van Zander Ng
Fremont, CA

Vibhu Konduru
Ashburn, VA

Sashank Ganapathiraju is sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, studying neuroscience, computer science, and Hindi-Urdu. A competitor in NorthSouth contests from kindergarten through high school, he recently completed his first year as Chapter Director of the Raleigh, NC chapter.

Sashank got involved early with academic competitions, social projects, and community initiatives. In addition to competing at the national level consistently in NorthSouth contests, he started and captained his middle school's National Science Bowl team, winning multiple state championships. In high school, recognizing the impact that participating in academic competitions had on him, Sashank decided to coach his middle school's Science Bowl team, while also creating a charity tutoring organization, the Vidhya Rights Foundation, to easily spread his love for learning to others in the community. He continues to manage both of these to this day, coaching the Science Bowl team to 4 more state championships and raising over \$35,000 in donations through the Vidhya Rights Foundation to donate towards the education of orphans in India. He believes that, as he benefited from the society that gave him so much growing up, it is his (and everyone's) responsibility to give back to pass on the generosity.

While he was involved in activities like these throughout his childhood, Sashank never did them at the expense of having fun. He placed an emphasis on being well-rounded as a person, which involved doing his best to excel in academics, but also maintaining strong social connections. Through team competitions and team sports, he was able to use his personal passions to develop strong group skills. He is an avid sports player and fan, playing lacrosse and ultimate frisbee for his high school teams and playing soccer, football, and basketball with friends almost every day. Additionally, he plays multiple instruments, including the mridangam, viola, piano, and drumset. He performs the mridangam in multiple areas across the state of NC with other Carnatic musicians, and was a part of his school orchestra for 7 years. Sashank fervently believes that he has learned equally valuable lessons through his experiences in the athletic, musical, and social fields of life as he did in the academic environment.

Through his work as CD, VRF, Science Bowl, hobbies, and more, he hopes to make an impact on the youth in his community. In 2022, Sashank was awarded the Morehead-Cain scholarship, a full-ride merit-based scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill, and he hopes to utilize their resources to continue that mission. This background has motivated Sashank to continue to embody the pillars of NorthSouth in his life today.

A Model of Excellence in All Areas of Life



Sashank Ganapathiraju



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Cherry Hill, NJ

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Cherry Hill, NJ

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Maya Sriram
Palo Alto, CA

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Samhita Pasumarthy
Raleigh, NC

Yashila Rajagopal
Cherry Hill, NJ

Anish Gowda
Milwaukee, WI

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Atlanta, GA

Harshaa Rajarajan
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Seattle, WA

Rihalya Sivakumar
Rockville, MD

Saketha Venkata Vijaya Kedarsetty
Edison, NJ

Srihan Poludasu
Dallas, TX



"In some corner of your life, you know more about something than anyone else on earth. The true measure of your education is not what you know, but how you share what you know with others."



– Kent Nerburn



Computer Science

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Jayani Srinivasan

Orange County, CA

Rajit Joshi

Seattle, WA

Rohan Singh

Columbus, OH

Sai Lalitha Kodukula

Ft Lauderdale, FL

Shivam Singh

Austin, TX

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“The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible.”



- Joel Brown



Senior Essay Writing

Adhya Duggal
Cincinnati, OH

Armaan Gupta
Cherry Hill, NJ

Charvi Th
Atlanta, GA

Harshaa Rajarajan
Atlanta, GA

Jayani Srinivasan
Orange County, CA

Kashish Arora
Princeton, NJ

Minal Gowda
Seattle, WA

Priyanshu Jha
Tampa, FL

Sai Lalitha Kodukula
Ft Lauderdale, FL

Shravan Chengalva
Cincinnati, OH

Tejas Patnaik
Naperville, IL

Anish Gowda
Milwaukee, WI

Atman Balakrishnan
Barrington, IL

Gia Gupta
Cherry Hill, NJ

Ishya Bhavsar
Kansas City, KS

Karina Gupta
Cherry Hill, NJ

Maya Sriram
Palo Alto, CA

Poojitha Medi
Philadelphia, PA

Rihalya Sivakumar
Rockville, MD

Samhita Pasumarthy
Raleigh, NC

Srihan Poludasu
Dallas, TX

Yashila Rajagopal
Cherry Hill, NJ



Intermediate Brain Bee

Agam Nanda
Barrington, IL

Armaan Syed
San Ramon, CA

Dhanvi Sheth
Virginia Beach, VA

Jind Kaur
Milwaukee, WI

Meera Iyer
Rochester, NY

Rananjay Parmar
Jacksonville, FL

Sanjana Avvaru
Seattle, WA

Varyan Jain
Phoenix, AZ

Archith Venkat
Ft Lauderdale, FL

Aryan Khedkar
Detroit, MI

Hemanth Samayamantri
Libertyville, IL

Mahima Wuppalapati
Orange County, CA

Meghana Wuppalapati
Orange County, CA

Rohan Chellapilla
Mahwah Rockland, NJ

Tarun Reddy
San Jose, CA

Vishakha Rao
Houston, TX

“

“Education is not the amount of information that is put into your brain and runs riot there, undigested, all your life.”



- Swami Vivekananda



Senior Brain Bee

Ishya Bhavsar
Kansas City, KS

Havisha Kalpatthi
Pittsburgh, PA

Nakshatra Mohan
Cleveland, OH

Maya Sriram
Palo Alto, CA

Adhya Duggal
Cincinnati, OH

Thrisha Kalpatthi
Pittsburgh, PA

Aadhya Shenoy
Orange County, CA

Kanishk Yankarla
Dallas, TX

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“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”



- Rabindranath Tagore

EMPOWERING YOUTH LEADERSHIP

When you think of a NorthSouth Chapter Director, the first thing that comes to mind for many kids is a competition run by adults, but there is one chapter that was successfully run by a high-school student.

Harshil Garg, a current rising sophomore at Brown University, first attended NorthSouth's math bee in 2013 when he was in 3rd grade, yet he came home distraught after placing nearly last. However, his unstoppable spirit kept him going and ultimately allowed him to win 2nd place in MB2 at his chapter in 2015 and qualify for the nationals 4 times from 2015-18. Yet his NorthSouth Foundation journey didn't end there.

When called to volunteer at his chapter in 9th grade, he felt a deep connection to the younger students as they reminded him of his own experiences attending these competitions. Thus, his chapter director, Ms. Vandana Kadam, offered her role to him in his 11th and 12th grade years (2021 & 2022). During both years, Harshil not only perfectly ran the competitions, but he also realized that his young age allowed him to closely bond with the students and share his own experiences through NorthSouth and other academic competitions.

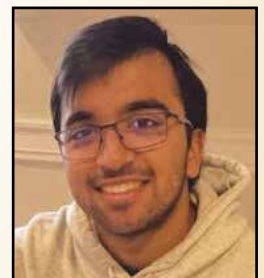
Furthermore, Harshil experienced the organization's other side, its coaching program, while serving as a math coach in 11th grade. Yet he also developed a deep passion for history and started hosting "crash

course" review sessions for his peers at school to help them with their AP-level history courses. With this passion, he realized that NorthSouth does not yet have a coaching program to supplement its newly-established history bee, so he started it himself, a pilot run in Spring 2022 with 28 students!

Through his unique journey through NorthSouth, Harshil realized that the best people to help our younger generation are the people who have gone through those experiences themselves. Thus, he hopes to inspire more high-school students to take the initiative to volunteer or even lead their local chapters and share their own stories to inspire younger children. Even after high school, even if you're not affiliated with NorthSouth anymore, Harshil wants you to keep in mind that there will always be people looking up to you, which is why you should fulfill your responsibility to give back to the younger generation.



Harshil Garg





Aadyant Duvvuru

Grade: 2
Fremont, CA

JGB, JSB, JVB

Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : Geography Bee Simplified
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Basketball

Role Models:
My dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
By studying atlas, geography now videos, books to learn vocabulary

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My brother



Aahan Prakash

Grade: 3
Bellevue, WA

JGB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Soccer, Basketball, Chess

Role Models:
Lionel Messi

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I am preparing by reading books. One tip is have fun while learning

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My brother Aarav Prakash who also participated in NorthSouth Foundation nationals



Aarav Kiran

Grade: 3
Shrewsbury, MA

JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Heroes of Olympus
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Guitar, Carnatic Music

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice makes perfect.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love words and am inspired to win.





Aarhan Manish

Grade: 2
Omaha, NE

JGB, JSB

Favorite Subject : Math, Writing
Favorite Book : Heat of the Lava Dragon
Other Languages : Bengali
Hobbies : Solving Puzzles, Reading Books, Traveling

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I read a lot of books and asked a lot of questions about Geography

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My parents thought I could test myself with other students



Aarush Edula

Grade: 3
Mountain House, CA

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Dog Man
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Sports, Piano, Legos

Role Models:
Elon Musk

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Going through all the basics per test level

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Dad



Aarushi Pranavan

Grade: 2
Mcdonald, PA

JSB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Wings of Fire
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Reading Books, Tennis

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practicing the words

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Inspired by Scripps National Spelling Bee winners





Aayu Prasad Goudar

Grade: 1
Wooster, OH

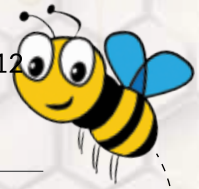
MB1, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : I Survived Sinking of the Titanic 1912
Other Languages : Kannada
Hobbies : Reading Fiction Novels

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Abhay Bodapati

Grade: 3
Renton, WA

JGB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : Ramayana
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Drawing Maps, Reading Books

Role Models:
My mom and dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I read geography books and I did some online geography quizzes.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Abhay Vemuri

Grade: 2
Saratoga, CA

JGB, JSB, JVB

Favorite Subject : Sports, Science
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : N/A

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A





Abhinav Chander

Grade: 3
Normal, IL

MB1, JSB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Reading
Favorite Book : Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Other Languages : Tamil, Telugu
Hobbies : Reading, Cricket, Basketball, Chess

Role Models:
Nikola Tesla

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I spelled all the words in the Spelling Bee list, practiced Singapore Math, and read science books.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I wanted to participate in the NorthSouth event because it sounded like fun.



Abhinav Manikandan

Grade: 1
Snohomish, WA

JSB

Favorite Subject : English, Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Gardening, Singing, Painting, Philately

Role Models:
Craig Foster, marine biologists

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared almost daily learning 50 to 100 words. My mom says the pronunciation and meaning to me from the dictionary. We both study the words together and then she quizzes me.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Enjoy reading books and discovering new words, share with parents. Happy to learn new things. Interested in animals. Spelling bees help improve vocabulary. Enjoying preparation for spelling bees!



Abhinav Nambudiri

Grade: 3
Newton, MA

JSB, JVB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Science, Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
Other Languages : Malayalam, Spanish
Hobbies : Reading, Playing with Brother

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I had a lot of fun!

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
It sounded like a great opportunity to challenge myself.





Abhiraj Majumder

Grade: 3

Edwards, IL

JGB

Favorite Subject : Art
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Bengali
Hobbies : Reading Books

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practicing Geography on my tablet

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I want to participate in various events.



Adhithya Siva

Grade: 7

Pennington, NJ

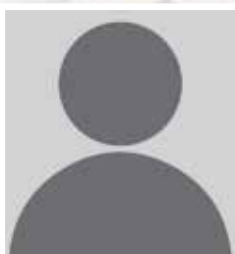
IVB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Many
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Reading, Legos, Chess, Video Games

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Organized schedule to learn words daily from word list and resources, played vocabulary game. Reading a book or two daily is beneficial.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love participating in competitions to gain more knowledge



Adhyut Siyalsh

Grade: 3

Bentonville, AR

JSB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Dogman
Other Languages : Telugu, Tamil
Hobbies : Reading Books, Soccer, Pokemon

Role Models:
Ronaldo?, Warren Buffet

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice regularly, seriously

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Spelling Bee Show on TV. Also it is fun to learn new things.





Advait Krishnan

Grade: 7

Redmond, WA

SSB

Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: Open by Andre Agassi
Other Languages	: Tamil
Hobbies	: Chess, Spelling Bee, Singing, Violin, Tennis, Cubing

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practiced the word list and went over general word lists

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
To get more spelling bee experience



Advik Dumpala

Grade: 5

Austin, TX

JSC

Favorite Subject	: Science
Favorite Book	: Chess
Other Languages	: Telugu
Hobbies	: Chess, Electric Guitar, Soccer

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I had interest in science since i was 4 years old

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Advith Mudduluru

Grade: 4

Okemos, MI

MB1

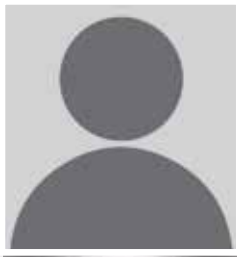
Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: Dragon Masters
Other Languages	: Telugu
Hobbies	: Sports

Role Models:
Mo Salah

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practicing Math almost everyday

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I always wanted to be a Mathematician





Adyah Addagulla

Grade: 6
Fremont, CA

ISC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : The Candy Shop War
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Reading, Skateboarding, Writing Stories, Coding



Role Models:
Steve Jobs, Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Reading books

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I like science a lot



Akash Deshmukh

Grade: 5
Austin, TX

SGB

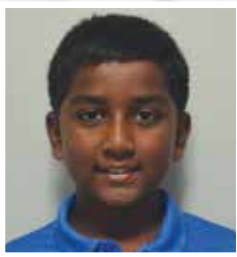
Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : Duet by Elise Broach
Other Languages : Hindi, Punjabi
Hobbies : Drawing, Painting, Basketball, Music



Role Models:
My dad, Jarnail Singh, Nick DeGiovanni

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Sporcle, Q&A with public, reading Wikipedia

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My love and passion for Geography and a lifelong desire to participate in a Geography Bee because I think I can do really well in it



**Akhshar Laxsmanan
Vijayakumar**

Grade: 4
Byron, MN

ISC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Wings of Fire
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Lego, Robotics, Chess



Role Models:
Elon Musk

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared with help of books recommended by NorthSouth Foundation..

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Friend participation



Akshaj K Pradeep

Grade: 4
Edison, NJ

JSB

Favorite Subject : Maths
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Tamil, Sanskrit, Spanish
Hobbies : Piano, Tennis, Basketball



Role Models:
My parents and close friends

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I studied the word list and used the word app provided by scripps for preparing for the competition. My tip to spellers is dont rush while spelling and practice every day

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
NorthSouth gave a platform for most of the Scripps Spelling Bee participants. I want to be like one of them and become a Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion



**Amulya Reddy
Ponakanti**

Grade: 3
Cupertino, CA

JSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Percy Jackson
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Swimming, Piano, Dancing



Role Models:
Indra Nooyi

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Attended NorthSouth Foundation science class and then studied all Science books mentioned in the NorthSouth Foundation website.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love how all the coaches made the learning so much fun which inspires me as well to become one like them.



Anandita Vyas

Grade: 4
Henderson, NV

SSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Cat+Gamer
Other Languages : Gujarati, Spanish
Hobbies : Painting, Piano



Role Models:
My Mom and Dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Mom picks an alphabet, I spell words without looking. If wrong, I study and retry. Tips: Study one alphabet at a time, know definitions, ask origin. You can reach the finals someday!

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My mom always knew that I was talented in spelling, but never knew how I could compete. She found the NorthSouth Foundation, and my first time, I won a few trophies. I figured that if I was good at it, why not practice again?



Ananya Srivastava

Grade: 3

Chesterfield, MO

JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Reading, Music

Role Models:
Albert Einstein

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practiced memorizing spellings everyday for one hour

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My mother asked me to participate.



Anay Gupta

Grade: 3

San Diego, CA

MB1, JSB

Favorite Subject : Math, Reading, Science
Favorite Book : Space
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Guitar, Chess, Martial Arts

Role Models:
Thomas Alva Edison

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
My mom taught me.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
To get better and better



Aneesh Malyavanatham

Grade: 4

Hillsboro, OR

MB2, ISC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Wings of Fire
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Soccer, Music, Statistics

Role Models:
My sister

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A





Anika Malyavanatham

Grade: 7
Hillsboro, OR

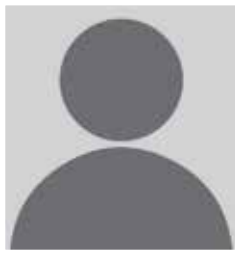
MB3, SSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Telugu, Spanish
Hobbies : Tennis, Music

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Anirudh Thodupunuri

Grade: 7
Portland, OR

MB3

Favorite Subject : N/A
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : N/A

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Anoushka Agarwal

Grade: 5
Redmond, WA

MB2

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Reading

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A





Ansh Garg
Grade: 4
Wilsonville, Oregon

MB2

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Tenali Raman
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Basketball, Drums, Guitar

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Singapore Maths, Khan Academy and Creative Problem Solving Books.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Anshul Mantri
Grade: 8
Portland, OR

MB3

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : N/A

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Anush Andi
Grade: 4
Willoughby Hills, OH

SSB

Favorite Subject : Science, Math
Favorite Book : Because of Winn-Dixie
Other Languages : Tamil, Spanish
Hobbies : Chess

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
When I read books and find new words, I try to explore the meaning, root of those words. This helps me build up my spelling.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My participation in my school spell bee.





Anvee Das
Grade: 3
Mount Laurel, NJ

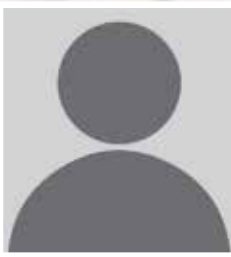
JGB, MB1, JSB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : The Phantom Tollbooth
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Reading, Piano

Role Models:
Gitanjali Rao, Jane Goodall

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Mostly NorthSouth Foundation suggested Materials on the website and Singapore Math books.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Anvi Babu
Grade: 1
Cerritos, CA

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : Gymnastics

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Anvi Taada
Grade: 8
Leander, TX

IVB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Show Choir, Singing, Debate, Reading, Traveling

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared using vocabulary.com and the random quiz in Merriam webster. I would also use quizlet to memorize the words for long time use, especially with there new AI bot.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I've participated in NorthSouth Foundation events since I was in 3rd grade attending several classes ranging from math to english. Attending these competitions were my steps towards self improvement.



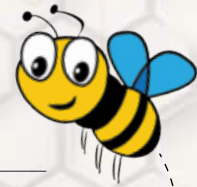


Anvita Sista

Grade: 5
Sussex, WI

ISC

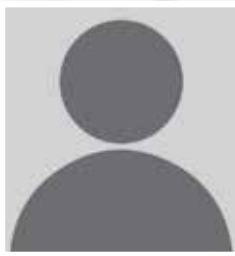
Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Proud by Ibtihaj Muhammad
Other Languages : Telugu, French
Hobbies : Swimming, Bhartanatyam



Role Models:
Katie Ledecky, one of my dance peers

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Read NorthSouth Foundation-recommended books, did practice quizzes for test feel. Believe, work hard, use test-taking strategies to finish quickly. Don't doubt or underestimate yourself.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
At first I didn't want to go but I went because of my family's support and stories of when they did tests like this.



Anwita Mishra

Grade: 3
Leawood, KS

JSB, ISC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Maithili, Hindi
Hobbies : Reading Books



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Aprameyan Ramanujan

Grade: 2
McLean, VA

JGB, JSB, JVB, JSC

Favorite Subject : History, Geography, Science, Math
Favorite Book : Nathan Hale
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Reading, Traveling, Video Games



Role Models:
Julius Caesar

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Travel the world and learn new things.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Good competitions



Arahanth Kurup

Grade: 5
Rockville, MD

MB2, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math, Writing
Favorite Book : Spy School
Other Languages : Some Spanish, Hindi, Malayalam
Hobbies : Reading, Chess, Piano, Flute

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
For things you've learned, focus on speed, for things you haven't learned, focus on accuracy.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My friend winning third in the national math bee



Arjun Mamillapalli

Grade: 4
Irvine, CA

MB2

Favorite Subject : N/A
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : N/A

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Arjun Sengar

Grade: 5
Round Rock, TX

SGB, MB2, SSB

Favorite Subject : Math, Geography
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Hindi, German
Hobbies : Soccer, Cricket, Video Games

Role Models:
Lionel Messi, Virat Kohli

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I would recommend using the NorthSouth Foundation links and sample papers to prepare for these competitions.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
In first grade, my interest in geography and maths grew a lot and I started going into competitions. including NorthSouth Foundation.





Arnav Sudarshan

Grade: 5
Portland, OR

SGB

Favorite Subject : Writing
Favorite Book : Concise World Atlas
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Mridangam, Singing Carnatic Music, Soccer, Swimming



Role Models:
My mom

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Read and study a lot and don't worry about the competition too much. Just gain the knowledge for the sake of gaining it.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love geography because it is fun. I also finished fourth in the Nationals (JGB) last year which has inspired me to continue this journey.



Aryan Khedkar

Grade: 7
Rochester Hills, MI

IBB, SGB, SSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Marathi
Hobbies : Bass Clarinet, Piano, Singing, Chess, Basketball, Reading.



Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Some tips I have are to be focused and I would also say that repetition is key.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My mom inspired me to participate in these contests.



Atharv Gupta

Grade: 3
Fremont, CA

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : A-Z Mysteries
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Reading, Chess, Soccer, Learning World History



Role Models:
Albert Einstein

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Math is super interesting, keep challenging yourself to do better everyday. Solve many tricky questions and don't forget to double check your answers before submitting.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love math and numbers since before kindergarten and was very excited to participate and challenge myself when I learnt about Math-bee.



Atiksh Sinha
Grade: 8
Bettendorf, IA

SGB, MB3, SSB

Favorite Subject : Math, Science
Favorite Book : World War II Books
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Typing, Cricket, Tennis

Role Models:
My mama and dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Read the list, write definitions and review words. Khan academy for Math and quizzing website Sporcle for Geography.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Opportunity to indulge in Math & Science, advance, and compete.
Aimed for nationals to travel to California, aligning with interests.



Aurelian Basu
Grade: 1
Lagrangeville, NY

JVB

Favorite Subject : N/A
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Bengali
Hobbies : Piano, Karate, Coding Games,
Writing Comics, Singing

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My mom



Ava Premkumar
Grade: 2
Marietta, GA

JSB

Favorite Subject : All
Favorite Book : Keeper of the Lost Cities
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Literature, Drawing, Gaming, Piano,
Singing

Role Models:
JoJo Siwa, R.L.Stine, Albert Einstein

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
1.I prepared by using the 1000 word list .2.I read a lot.3.Spelling words with my mom.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Love for spelling and learning unique words.





Avanthika Krishna

Grade: 6
Cupertino, CA

SSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Divergent
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Basketball, Art



Role Models:
Marie Curie

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I watched a lot of educational science videos (such as the Khan Academy ones). I also kept revising to make sure I never forgot any facts.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Interested in science since young. School focused on math & language arts, so mom encouraged extracurriculars for knowledge & competition. Joined NorthSouth Science Bees from childhood.



Avighna Kalyankar

Grade: 2
Canton, MI

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Puzzles



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice and perseverance

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My sister



Avyukt Aravindh

Grade: 3
Aurora, OH

MB1, JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Going Home By Nicholasa Mohr
Other Languages : Mandarin, Hindi, Tamil
Hobbies : Biking, Competitive Running, Board Games



Role Models:
Neil Armstrong

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I practiced various languages, took mock tests and worked through multiple word lists. Hard work and also smart work is necessary for every competition.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
To meet different kids of my same age and to learn from everyone.



Bheeshma Mallivamala

Grade: 4

Pembroke Pines, FL

MB2, SSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Telugu, Spanish
Hobbies : Reading, Drawing, Playing

Role Models:
Steve Jobs

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I am spending my valuable time to prepare for these valuable contests.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
NorthSouth Foundation has an extra learning curriculum which inspired me to join this awesome foundation.



Chetan Somysetty

Grade: 4

Valencia, CA

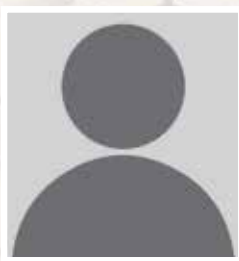
MB2

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Dog Man
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Chess

Role Models:
Magnus Carlsen

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice Math problems regularly

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
To get inspiration from other students



Devansh Gupta

Grade: 5

Toms River, NJ

ISC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Percy Jackson
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Lego, Cricket, Tennis

Role Models:
My dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
NorthSouth Foundation material

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
It is challenging.





Dhanvi Sheth
Grade: 8
Chesapeake, VA

IBB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Heartless
Other Languages : Gujarati
Hobbies : Figure Skating, Painting, Writing, Reading



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
For preparing for this competition, I read and annotated textbooks about the brain, specifically Brain Facts. I also reviewed different study guides and flashcards.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I was inspired to participate in this event because it allows me to expand my knowledge on the brain and prepare me for future competitions.



Dhriti Balan
Grade: 5
Cupertino, CA

MB2, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Mockingbird
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Drawing, Music, Dance



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Start studying in bits and pace it over time

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
The learning experience



Dhriti Kashyap
Grade: 3
Ashland, MA

JSB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : The 13-Story Treehouse
Other Languages : Kannada
Hobbies : Painting, Track, Playing w/ Friends



Role Models:
My mom

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I looked at the practice words, played the NorthSouth Foundation online word game and hoped I remember the words

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
One of my friends won trophies from NorthSouth Foundation and I wanted them too when I saw them



Gauri Deshpande

Grade: 2
Saratoga, CA

JSB

Favorite Subject : Art
Favorite Book : Geronimo Stilton
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Arts, Crafts

Role Models:
My Parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared daily for some months

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I like spelling words



George Paret

Grade: 7
Tallahassee, FL

MB3

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson
Other Languages : None
Hobbies : Badminton, Biking

Role Models:
Po-Shen-Loh, Richard Rusczyk

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice Tests, Work on Specific Skills, AMC

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Its Fun



Gopal Deshpande

Grade: 8
Saratoga, CA

MB3

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Mysterious Benedict Society
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Origami

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practiced Maths regularly.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A





Havish Reddy Rondla

Grade: 3
Carmel, IN

JGB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Basketball, Listening to Music, Chess

Role Models:
Franklin Roosevelt

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Reading books. Spent 2 hour daily after selecting to finals.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Parents and Uncle



Hithav Annamreddy

Grade: 5
Aldie, VA

ISC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Ungifted by Gordon Korman
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Video Games

Role Models:
Steve Jobs

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I used the science a closer look book and some library books / Read the topics in the syllabus and go deeper in those topics

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
The feeling when you win and get the trophy. And to learn science



Hyeonjoon Oh

Grade: 3
Santa Clara, CA

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Greek Mythology
Other Languages : Korean
Hobbies : Soccer

Role Models:
Heung-min Son

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Study hard in school classes

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Friend's recommendation





Idhant Gupta
Grade: 6
New Providence, NJ

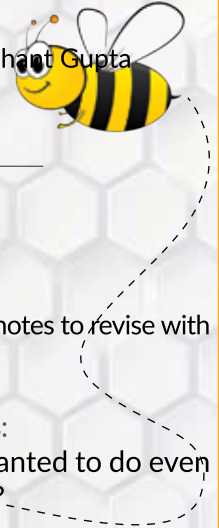
ISC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : The Backyard Buddies by myself, Idhant Gupta
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Writing, Reading

Role Models:
Albert Einstein

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I use Khan Academy and print a lot of worksheets. Also, making notes to revise with is really helpful!

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I came 6th in the Juniors Science Nationals last year. I wanted to do even better! And plus, who doesn't like a good challenge?



Inika Tare
Grade: 4
Fremont, CA

SSB

Favorite Subject : English
Favorite Book : Land of Stories: Worlds Collide
Other Languages : Marathi, Hindi
Hobbies : Reading, Dancing, Drawing

Role Models:
Padmashri Mrs. Sudha Murthy

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepare 30 new words everyday. My mantra is to be consistent & have perseverance.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
NorthSouth gives me a platform to prepare for future spelling bee competitions.



Ishaan Nair
Grade: 3
Irving, TX

JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Piggy: Infected
Other Languages : Malayalam
Hobbies : Soccer, Drawing

Role Models:
Lionel Messi

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I used the NorthSouth foundation resources.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Watching the finalists and champions at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.





Ishidevesh Behera

Grade: 8
Charlotte, NC

SSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Everything You Need To Ace Chemistry
Other Languages : Odia, Hindi
Hobbies : Chess, Programming, Digital Art, Reading

Role Models:
My dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I read a few science books, took NorthSouth Foundation science coaching, and studied on Khan Academy.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I wanted to see how well I could perform in competitive science.



Julianne Manickam

Grade: 6
Edison, NJ

IVB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Drawing, Sewing, Reading

Role Models:
Malala Yousafzai

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
With practice and dedication on a daily basis.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My love of reading has led me to aspire to expand my vocabulary skills.



Kabir Bhargava

Grade: 3
Smyrna, GA

JSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Atom Land
Other Languages : Hindi, French
Hobbies : Cricket, Writing, Doing Trick Shots

Role Models:
Kapil Dev, Stephen Hawking, Dude Perfect

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I read the syllabus book and did its quizzes

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A





Kanishk Yankarla

Grade: 11
Odessa, TX

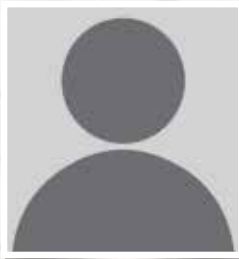
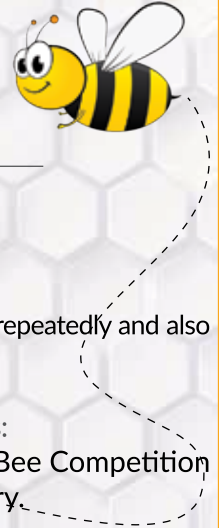
SBB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Hunger Games
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Tennis, Chess, Watching NBA

Role Models:
Hal Elrod

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared for this competition by reading the Brain Facts book repeatedly and also doing many practice questions on each chapter.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I wanted to participate in the NorthSouth Senior Brain Bee Competition to prepare for the International Brain Bee held in January.



Kashvi Arunprakash

Grade: 7
Jacksonville, FL

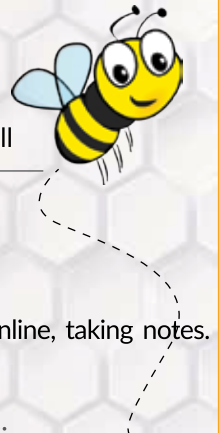
SSB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Percy Jackson
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Art, Robotics, Gymnastics, Volleyball

Role Models:
Jeff Bezos

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I studied words for the competition using Merriam Webster online, taking notes. Mom quizzes, I correct.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I am always looking to learn something new and I grow my vocabulary and general knowledge greatly each time I participate in an NorthSouth Foundation competition.



Keshav Karur

Grade: 4
Troy, MI

SGB

Favorite Subject : Art, Geography
Favorite Book : Robinson Crusoe
Other Languages : Tamil, Kannada, Spanish, French
Hobbies : Art, Tennis, Soccer

Role Models:
My brother, Lionel Messi

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I started from the west side of the world to the east side of the world and ventured to different books while doing so.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My brother who has been a champion many times





Krishiv Shah

Grade: 3
Harrisburg, NC

JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : The Boy Who Never Gave Up
Other Languages : Hindi, Gujarati
Hobbies : Soccer

Role Models:
Lionel Messi

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice, Practice, Practice...

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My Mom



Kushi Gottimukkala

Grade: 4
Morrisville, NC

MB2, SSB, ISC

Favorite Subject : History
Favorite Book : The Wizard of Oz
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Art

Role Models:
All Scripps Participants

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
By going through the syllabuses and finding materials on the web.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
It's fun to compete and I get to learn new things.



Lakshmi Bhat

Grade: 4
Newnan, GA

ISC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Kannada
Hobbies : Karate, Swimming, Reading, Biking

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Read a little everyday. I would encourage everyone to pay attention whenever you hear something new in the subject of interest.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:





Lakshmi Muvvala

Grade: 5

Coraopolis, PA

ISC

Favorite Subject	: Science
Favorite Book	: Wings Of Fire
Other Languages	: Telugu
Hobbies	: Reading

Role Models:
Tui T. Sutherland

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Just One Topic A Day And You Will Succeed

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I Wanted To Be Inspired To Keep On Going.



Logan Bailey

Grade: 3

Houston, TX

JSB

Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: The Bad Guys
Other Languages	: Multiple Languages
Hobbies	: Piano, Coding

Role Models:
My mom

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I played the practice game on the NorthSouth website and used the NorthSouth spelling app.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love spelling! I won my first spelling bee when I was 4 years old.



Madhav Mankad

Grade: 2

Brookfield, WI

MB2

Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: N/A
Other Languages	: None
Hobbies	: Cricket, Chess

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
By a friend





Max Desaikov

Grade: 5

Chapel Hill, NC

MB2

Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: Math With Bad Drawings
Other Languages	: Hindi
Hobbies	: Chess



Role Models:
My dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I solved Olympiad problems

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
The desire to win a trophy.



Meenakshi Vodela

Grade: 1

Mason, OH

MB1, JSB, JSC

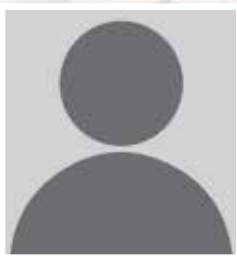
Favorite Subject	: Science
Favorite Book	: The Invisible Man by Seymour Simon
Other Languages	: Telugu, Tamil
Hobbies	: Watching TV, Swimming, Piano, Sports, Chess



Role Models:
My Dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I followed the NorthSouth website Preparation Information and it was very helpful.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I enjoy the learning adventure. Competition brings the best out of me and helps me to achieve my dreams and stay focused.



Mulhar Sule

Grade: 5

Westford, MA

ISC

Favorite Subject	: Math, Science
Favorite Book	: Shadow & Bone
Other Languages	: Marathi
Hobbies	: Drawing, Running, Ice Hockey, Learning



Role Models:
My dad, sister, and teacher

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I would study a deck of slides and quiz myself on them everyday. Every Friday IÆ??d quiz myself on everything that I've learned from past weeks so I would not forget.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I loved science and math and I wanted to go deeper into the subjects, NorthSouth gave me the opportunity and venue to do so.



Nakshatra Mohan
Grade: 10
Broadview Heights, OH

SBB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : When Breath Becomes Air
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Reading, Hiking, Volunteering



Role Models:
My grandmother, Dr. Ben Carson.

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
For the Brain Bee, I repeatedly read the Brain Facts book and practiced with questions. Active recall, like flashcards and practice questions, helped me understand and learn effectively.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love gaining new knowledge and NorthSouth Foundation was the perfect way for me to further understand neuroscience.



Navika Joseph
Grade: 5
Fremont, CA

IVB, ISC

Favorite Subject : English
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : Reading



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N.A



Nayovi Subudhi
Grade: 5
Deerfield, IL

ISC

Favorite Subject : Music
Favorite Book : Alone by Megan E Freeman
Other Languages : Oriya, Hindi
Hobbies : Jigsaw Puzzles, Reading Books



Role Models:
Sally Ride

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Hard work is vital for success, with no substitutes. Guidance from a good coach is crucial. Take notes and revise as needed.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I was inspired to participate in this event by imagining all the great things that could happen if I became a finalist. Learning about my name getting published boosted me on.



Neil Kashyap

Grade: 3
Newark, CA

JSB, JVB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Kannada and some spanish
Hobbies : Writing Comics, Carrom, Chess, Soccer



Role Models:
My mom

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
For spelling -I play the NorthSouth Foundation spelling game , attended spelling naf coaching class. For vocab - I also played the vocab NorthSouth Foundation game . For science , I attended NorthSouth Foundation coaching class .

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I wanted to achieve new standards for myself to beat , wanted to learn more and more and made a lot of friends omg the way during coaching class and during the contests.



Niranth Bhumireddy

Grade: 6
Dallas, TX

SSB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Immune
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Books, Drawing, Coding



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Use wordlist and Merriam Webster dictionary for definition and pronunciation

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I just have some interest in academic competitions



Nithara Aring

Grade: 5
Westlake, OH

MB2

Favorite Subject : All
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : Reading, Math, Choir, Orchestra, Indian Singing



Role Models:
My older brother

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I practiced math on the Beast Academy website.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My mom



Nivriti Sinha

Grade: 8

Bettendorf, IA

SGB, MB3, SSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Tennis

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Used NorthSouth Foundation website tips and tricks and preparation webinars

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Parushi Roy

Grade: 4

Wesley Chapel, FL

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math, Art
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Bengali, Hindi
Hobbies : Painting, Piano

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practicing math every day for 30 mins and solving lots of puzzles.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I wanted to try new challenges.



Pranav Kuchibhotla

Grade: 7

Morrisville, NC

SGB

Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief
Other Languages : Telugu, Samskritam
Hobbies : Soccer, Chess, Geography, Math

Role Models:
My sister

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I used Geography Bee Simplified, Geography Bee Demystified, and Nat Geo Atlas. I suggest the buzzing application game named Protobowl.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My sister and how she was doing extremely well in NorthSouth Foundation.





Pratham Kamin
Grade: 7
Madison, WI

SSC

Favorite Subject : Science, Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Kannada, Hindi
Hobbies : Coding, Chess, Reading, Sports



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Went to NorthSouth Foundation coaching and used Khan academy and other online resources. I would recommend planning ahead of time and keeping extra days at the end.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My passion for science



Purvik Byregowda
Grade: 5
Olathe, KS

SSB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Wings of Fire Legends: Darkstalker
Other Languages : Kannada
Hobbies : Chess, Cricket, Reading Books



Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I am preparing by learning etymology pattern

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Because I like doing spelling bee's so it helps me to improve my vocabulary. Also this helps me to prepare to participate in Scripps National Spelling bee.



Radha Biswas
Grade: 7
Wayland, MA

MB3

Favorite Subject : Math, Music, Art
Favorite Book : Nancy Drew
Other Languages : Hindi, Bengali
Hobbies : Music, Singing, Dance, Art, Rubik's Cube, Cooking.



Role Models:
Jahnvi Harrison, Gopal Goel, Luke Robitaille, Richard Rusczyk

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Mathcounts National, Countdown Round, Mathcounts Trainer, Alcumus

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Meeting new people, having an experience of being in a competitive environment, having fun solving new math problems.



Rajarshi Mandal

Grade: 7

Lexington, MA

MB3, SSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Bengali
Hobbies : N/A

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Studying advanced level books

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Learning more about the topics I am interested in. I have been participating in NorthSouth Bees since I was in Kindergarten.



Rayan Singh

Grade: 2

Lincoln, NE

JVB

Favorite Subject : Math, Social Studies
Favorite Book : Cam Jansen
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Basketball, Soccer, Ice-Skating

Role Models:
Martin Luther King

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Read books and go over the vocabulary list

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I wanted to assess where I stand with respect to my peers



Reyyan Hanifa

Grade: 3

Apex, NC

JGB

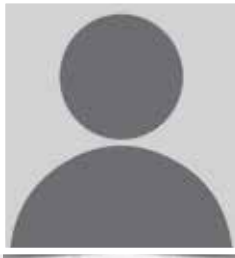
Favorite Subject : Math, Geography
Favorite Book : Children Atlas
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Puzzle Solving, Lego, Cricket

Role Models:
Prophet

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
My Dad & Grandpa will quiz me, YouTube, Geography bee book

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My mom





Riaan Sharma
Grade: 1
Downingtown, PA

JGB

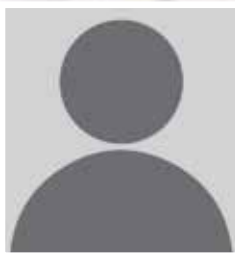
Favorite Subject : Science, Geography
Favorite Book : Smithsonian Knowledge Encyclopedia
Other Languages : Hindi, Spanish
Hobbies : Legos, Reading, Playing With Brothers



Role Models:
Albert Einstein, my brother

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Just Followed some of the links given but watched lot of youtube channel , Riaan also have Smithsonian GK book and Almanac Book of kids geography which he reads everyday.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Riaan loves towards Geography and his natural inclination towards the subject pushed me as a parent.



Rihalya Sivakumar
Grade: 11
Sandy Spring, MD

EW3, PS3, CS3

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : If We Were Villians
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Writing, Reading, Tennis



Role Models:
My mom, Roshani Chokshi

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I was inspired to participate in these events to challenge myself and gain new knowledge/develop my public speaking and writing skills.



Rishik Madhamsetty
Grade: 2
Dublin, CA

JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : The Bad Guys: The Others?
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Basketball, Reading Books, Gaming



Role Models:
My dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
i have been practicing everyday with the resources given by my teacher

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I want to win the competition ot atleast be the part of the competition.



Robin Kim

Grade: 5

Bridgewater Township, NJ

MB2

Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: Heroes of Olympus
Other Languages	: Korean
Hobbies	: Ice Hockey, Taekwondo, Basketball, Badminton

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Math Workbook and Khan academy

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Rohan Sagar

Grade: 8

Virginia Beach, VA

SSC

Favorite Subject	: Science
Favorite Book	: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
Other Languages	: Telugu
Hobbies	: Board Games, Traveling, Minecraft, Clarinet

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Science textbook

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Participating in past NorthSouth events



Rohan Singh

Grade: 12

Marysville, OH

CS3

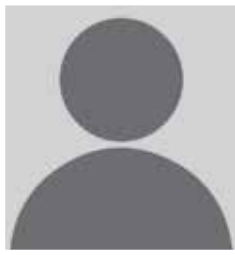
Favorite Subject	: Computer Science
Favorite Book	: Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind
Other Languages	: Hindi, Japanese
Hobbies	: Chess, Coding, Badminton

Role Models:
Bill Gates

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice solving algorithms within a minute

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Seeing others participate and achieve their goals





Rohin Kudeti
Grade: 8
East Brunswick, NJ

MB3

Favorite Subject : Science, Math
Favorite Book : And Then There Were None
Other Languages : Telugu, Spanish
Hobbies : Reading, Playing Outside



Role Models:
My dad, Elon Musk

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice as much as you can

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Roneel Sharma
Grade: 2
Lewis Center, OH

JGB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Piggy
Other Languages : Assamese
Hobbies : Swimming, Basketball



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My passion for Geography



Rushil Yeole
Grade: 8
Novi, MI

SGB

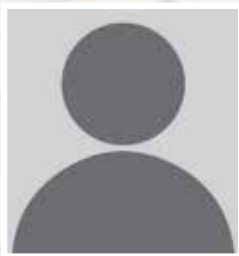
Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : Wings of Fire by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
Other Languages : Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit, Spanish
Hobbies : Tabla, Geography, Badminton, Cricket



Role Models:
Pt. Zakir Hussain, APJ Abdul Kalam, Albert Einstein

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Reading Dewey 901-920 books, Googling extensively, exploring "People also ask," playing geography games, and watching YouTube videos to learn about all topics, including geopolitics.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Fascinated by geography, I participated in various contests. NorthSouth Foundation's Geography contest kept my interest alive, especially after National Geographic's Bee ended.



Saanvi Gupta
Grade: 3
Toms River, NJ

MB1, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math, Science
Favorite Book : Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Other Languages : Hindi, Spanish
Hobbies : Bracelet Making, Painting

Role Models:
My dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
NorthSouth Foundation material & classes

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
It helps me learn more about different subjects.



Saanvi Gutala
Grade: 6
Lutz, FL

SSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter 2
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Reading Books

Role Models:
My Parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Read books, done quizzes

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I have been going here since 1st grade, so I developed the interest--



Saharsh Nagendra
Grade: 2
Las Vegas, NV

JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Reading Books, Gaming, Legos

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A





Sai Nikhil Reddy Yeluru

Grade: 3
Bettendorf, IA

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : The Last Firehawk
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Basketball

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Sairachana Tallapareddy

Grade: 3
Richfield, OH

JSB

Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Reading

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My mom



Saketh Sai Vasala

Grade: 3
Portland, OR

JSC

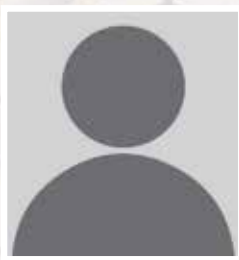
Favorite Subject : Art
Favorite Book : Squished by Megan Wagner Lloyd
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Art, Reading, Biking, Singing

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
By Reading lots of books

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A





Sanjana Avvaru

Grade: 7
Olympia, WA

IBB, SSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : N/A

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Sarvesh Sabarinath

Grade: 8
Apex, NC

IVB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Masterminds By Gordon Korman
Other Languages : Spanish
Hobbies : Chess, Guitar, Basketball, Reading

Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared for this competition by reviewing and practicing the words. I also reviewed common prefixes, suffixes, and roots of words.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I was inspired to participate in this NorthSouth event because I love reading, writing poems, and words in general. I was fascinated by the sheer amount of words and how they can make my writing more concise and streamlined.



Shaurya

Grade: 5
Portage, MI

MB2

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : A Whole New Ballgame
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : Coding, YouTubing, Biking

Role Models:
Barack Obama

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I actually didn't go with books instead I used a website called KhanAcademy. It helped me a lot with its videos and practice exercises and I was able to understand really well.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Loved numbers since age 3, joined NorthSouth competitions at 6. Progressed year by year, now enjoy math competitions too.





Shrevin Mirpuri

Grade: 3
Bellevue, WA

MB1, JVB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Hindi, Sindhi
Hobbies : Chess, Taekwondo, Reading

Role Models:
My mom and dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Shrey Parikh

Grade: 5
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

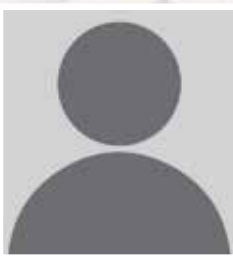
SSB

Favorite Subject : Reading
Favorite Book : Treasure Island
Other Languages : Gujarati, Hindi
Hobbies : Tennis, Math, Spelling, Video Games

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Shreya Andey

Grade: 7
Vancouver, WA

SGB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Words on Fire
Other Languages : Telgu
Hobbies : Tennis, Art

Role Models:
Serena Williams

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared for this competition by reading geography quiz books.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I grew up seeing my brother participate in NorthSouth geography bee, and I really enjoy learning about cool places to visit in each country.





Shrihan Kuchibhotla

Grade: 2
Little Elm, TX

JGB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Reading, Soccer, Tennis, Swimming

Role Models:
Michael Phelps

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
My mom asked me questions and help me prepare. Read a lot to gain knowledge.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I want to become a winner and host the next competition and that inspired me



Shrihan Pattnaik

Grade: 3
Virginia Beach, VA

MB1, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math, Science
Favorite Book : Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief
Other Languages : Hindi, Odiya
Hobbies : Chess, Speed Cubing, Arts

Role Models:
My brother and parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practiced Math from books & online, learned fast techniques from brother, took NorthSouth Foundation coaching. "Practice, Practice, Practice" like Tiger Woods advised. Work hard, join NorthSouth Foundation Study Groups.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
NorthSouth offers challenging competitions and coaching in my favorite subjects. Seeing my brother and other kids succeed inspires confidence in my own abilities.



Siddhanth Kumar

Grade: 6
Westport, CT

SGB

Favorite Subject : Social Studies
Favorite Book : World Atlas
Other Languages : Spanish, French
Hobbies : Collecting International Currencies

Role Models:
My dad, Sam Chui

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I watch various you tube videos on geography and travel

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
NorthSouth Foundation was the platform that allowed me to take part in my first ever geography competition in 2019 and since then I have always had an love for the NorthSouth Foundation contests.





Siddharth Verma

Grade: 7
Troy, MI

SGB

Favorite Subject	: Social Studies
Favorite Book	: Animal Farm
Other Languages	: Hindi
Hobbies	: Badminton, Learning History, Sketching



Role Models:
My father, Mahatma Gandhi, Sun Tzu, Napoleon

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I created a spreadsheet of different Geographic terms and looked through each category on QBreeder. I also read books on geography and researched about what I learnt.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My passion for Geography and meeting people who have similar interests as me.



Siddharth Vikram

Grade: 4
Carlisle, MA

ISC

Favorite Subject	: Science
Favorite Book	: Wings of Fire
Other Languages	: Tamil, Kannada
Hobbies	: Gaming, Reading Books, Coding



Role Models:
Neil deGrasse Tyson, Elon Musk

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Understanding the content, constantly reminding myself that I want to really do this..... practice as much as possible.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I love science and NorthSouth's event has a great a platform to test my skills.



Siddhu Nagarajan

Grade: 7
Hillsborough, NJ

SGB

Favorite Subject	: Geography, History
Favorite Book	: N/A
Other Languages	: Tamil
Hobbies	: Keyboard, Karate, Tennis



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Simran Adnani

Grade: 3
Troy, MI

JGB, MB1, JSB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Punjabi, Hindi, Spanish, French
Hobbies : Reading, Logic, Math, STEM Club.

Role Models:
My grandmother, Malala, Gandhi, Martin Luther King

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Reading everyday. Be persistent and practice everyday.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
It was a great way to support underserved students in India so I decided to help by participating.



Siniksha Chockalingam

Grade: 1
San Antonio, TX

JSB

Favorite Subject : Art
Favorite Book : The Magical Fairy Ball
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Drawing, Coloring

Role Models:
My art teacher

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I prepared with the help of my parents

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My father



Siya Hanjagi

Grade: 5
Yorktown, VA

SSB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Geronimo Stilton
Other Languages : Marathi
Hobbies : Drawing, Crafting, Swimming,
Singing, Piano & games.

Role Models:
My family

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practiced roots, prefixes, and suffixes, used SpellPundit & SSB 1000 word list. Tips:
Read advanced books, learn rules for different sounds, and practice more words consistently.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I liked the experience of the regional contest and I also enjoy spelling so I want to participate in more NorthSouth events as I get older before I am not eligible to compete in them anymore.





Siyona Avalaskar

Grade: 2
Union, KY

JSC

Favorite Subject : Science, Math, Music, Art
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Marathi
Hobbies : Reading, Piano, Kalimba, Biking, Swimming, Instruments.



Role Models:
Hermione Granger

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I had joined NorthSouth Foundation coaching class and studied material provided by them.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Akash Vukoti's Documentary on Netflix inspired me.



Soham Pattnaik

Grade: 8
Virginia Beach, VA

MB3, SSC

Favorite Subject : Science, Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Spanish, Hindi, Odiya
Hobbies : Chess, Speed Cubing, Stargazing



Role Models:
My parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Improve for competitions: Practice timed problem-solving, develop critical thinking with challenging math problems, and do regular practice for improvement.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Inspired by North-South Foundation's academic competitions and scholarships. A unique platform to learn, grow, and aid underprivileged kids. Challenging curriculum motivates me to excel, nurturing talents for a positive impact on future generations.



Sophie Singh

Grade: 3
Irvine, CA

JSB

Favorite Subject : Creative Writing
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Video Games



Role Models:
Kamala Harris

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Study every day

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My parents



Sourish Poliseti

Grade: 3

Mountain House, CA

JSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : N/A

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



Sri Vaishnavi Thurpu

Grade: 2

Gilbert, AZ

MB1

Favorite Subject : Music
Favorite Book : Diary of a Wimpy kid
Other Languages : Telugu, Spanish
Hobbies : Dancing, Singing, Gaming, Painting

Role Models:
My auntie

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Math Kangaroo papers

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I want to get a trophy



Srihaas Mallajosyula

Grade: 1

Portland, OR

MB1

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Who Would Win?
Other Languages : Telugu, Spanish
Hobbies : Reading, Writing, Origami

Role Models:
My teachers and parents

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Math kangaroo practice tests

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My Parents





Sudhanva Belur
Grade: 8
Santa Clara, CA

SGB, SSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : The Way of Kings
Other Languages : Kannada, Spanish
Hobbies : Reading, Basketball, Speech/Debate Competitions



Role Models:
Stephen Hawking

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Prepared by studying all topics, repeating previous questions. Tips: Practice extensively, refresh knowledge constantly for better chances at NorthSouth Nationals.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Inspired by my passion for geography and science, I joined NorthSouth events from 2nd grade. NorthSouth Foundation's focus on education and helping kids inspired me further. Having fun while making a difference.



Surya Doddapaneni
Grade: 3
Omaha, NE

MB1

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : My Weird School
Other Languages : None
Hobbies : Cricket, Reading Books



Role Models:
My Dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practiced on Singapore math books. Doing math is like playing a game, enjoy it.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My sister Sraavya, cousins Siri and Sindhu



Surya Palacherla
Grade: 4
Highlands Ranch, CO

MB2

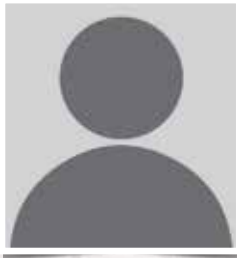
Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Percy Jackson
Other Languages : N/A
Hobbies : Basketball, American Football, Drawing, Reading



Role Models:
Stephen Curry

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Singapore Math, School Curriculum, Mathcounts with my sister.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
A chance to travel for finals.



Tanvi Agrawal

Grade: 3

Redmond, WA

MB1, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Many
Other Languages : Hindi
Hobbies : Reading, Listening to Music

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Books and trivia.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My aunt and uncle



Tarini Nandakumar

Grade: 7

Round Rock, TX

SSB, IVB

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Playing w/ Pets, Legos, Reading

Role Models:
My brother

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I go by the language rules and roots. I work on few lists and make sure I master those words by understanding the rules and root rather than memorizing them.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My brother Pranav Nandakumar is the inspiration for me. I'm following his foot steps.



Tarun Reddy

Grade: 8

San Jose, CA

SBB, SSC

Favorite Subject : Science
Favorite Book : And Then There Were None
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Basketball, Swimming

Role Models:
Stephen Hawking, Sigmund Freud

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
It's easier to remember information when it's connected to something fun. After reading material, I like testing myself using a small game

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
These are my favorite subjects, so I chose them





Tejas Ganesh
Grade: 5
Morrisville, NC

SSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Harry Potter
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Sports, Spelling, Guitar, Mridhangam, Legos, Art



Role Models:
Sundar Pichai, my parents & grandparents.

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Prepared for spelling finals by typing words in notes app and saying them three times. Tested by parents after each letter list and at the end.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I wanted to improve and challenge myself, so my parents introduced me to NorthSouth Foundation. I eagerly awaited the competition and felt happy participating. The events laid a valuable foundation for kids as they grow older.



Tejas Gattu
Grade: 5
Valrico, FL

SGB

Favorite Subject : History, Geography, Math
Favorite Book : Diper Överlöde
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Soccer, Ping Pong, Watching TV



Role Models:
Rishi Nair, Nihar Janga, My Mom

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Reading Geography books & online resources. Study at least one hour everyday.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Seeing my friends like Bruhat Soma in NorthSouth Foundation spelling finals & Shreyas Penugonda.



Tejus Karadi
Grade: 6
Milpitas, CA

SGB

Favorite Subject : Geography
Favorite Book : Diary of a wimpy kid
Other Languages : Kannada
Hobbies : Playing Pokemon Cards



Role Models:
My mom

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Participate in more events - Helps expand your knowledge.. I recently competed in buzzer based Interaction Academic Competition (IAC)

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Mom signed me up :-). Also, I like NorthSouth Foundation mission - Help most needy students in India entering colleges



Tohan Vinay Kumar

Grade: 2
Louisville, KY

JSB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Big Nate
Other Languages : Tamil, Telugu
Hobbies : Chess, Piano, Soccer, Reading, Cross Country, Legos

Role Models:
Elon Musk, Isaac Newton

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My parents



Vaibhav Menedal

Grade: 3
Hershey, PA

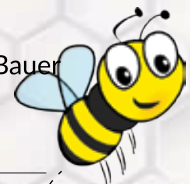
JGB, JSB, JVB, JSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Story of the World by Susan Wise Bauer
Other Languages : None
Hobbies : Piano, Swimming, Violin

Role Models:
Mark Rober

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
My love for Math, Science and Geography



Vallabh Vijayaraj

Grade: 3
Hillsborough, NJ

JGB, JVB

Favorite Subject : Math, Science
Favorite Book : Aviation, Mouse, Motorcycle Books
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Violin, Drums, Programming, Tennis

Role Models:
My dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Studied words using dictionary and the word list

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
NorthSouth Teachers and my parents inspired me





Vardhan Panda

Grade: 3

Okemos, MI

JSB

Favorite Subject	: Math, Science
Favorite Book	: N/A
Other Languages	: Odia
Hobbies	: Origami

Role Models:
My Dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
My Mother helped me to prepare

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Testimony my skill



Vayun Shekhar

Grade: 6

San Diego, CA

MB3

Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: Harry Potter
Other Languages	: Hindi
Hobbies	: Piano, Jazz, Violin, Basketball. VR Games

Role Models:
Stephen Hawking, Albert Einstein

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I studied the AoPS math books and practiced problems on different topics. I also solved Warm-up and Workout problems from past MATHCOUNTS workbooks.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I was inspired to participate in NorthSouth event because it gives me an opportunity to compete with the best students and helps me improve my math skills.



Vedant Chintanaboina

Grade: 4

Fresno, CA

SGB

Favorite Subject	: Social Studies
Favorite Book	: A Long Walk to Water
Other Languages	: Telugu
Hobbies	: Swimming, Soccer, Basketball

Role Models:
Abraham Lincoln

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
I used Anki flash cards.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
I am really interested in learning geography.





Vedha Selvan
Grade: 4
Bettendorf, IA

ISC

Favorite Subject : Writing
Favorite Book : Historical Fiction Books
Other Languages : Tamil
Hobbies : Soccer, Reading, Art, Dance, Theatre

Role Models:
My Mom and Dad

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Reading and taking notes as well as taking practice tests

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Keeps me busy and engaged as well as helping me learn new things.



Vihaan Dongarekar
Grade: 4
Pleasanton, CA

MB2

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee
Other Languages : Kannada
Hobbies : Cricket, Chess, Piano

Role Models:
Shubman Gill

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practice, Practice and more Practice

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Just want to compete in any math competition as I like math a lot! :-)



Vihaan Kumaravel
Grade: 6
Northville, MI

MB2

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : One Million Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica
Other Languages : None
Hobbies : Art, Basketball

Role Models:
LeBron James

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Practiced Singapore math and other competition math book.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
To become better at competing in math tournaments





Vihaan Ram

Grade: 1

Weston, FL

JSB

Favorite Subject	: Math, Geography
Favorite Book	: Dog Man
Other Languages	: Kannada, Telugu
Hobbies	: Reading Books, Chess



Role Models:
My family

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
My mother helped me to prepare for the competition

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Provides me to show kids talent



Vikrant Sonaji

Grade: 3

Carmel, IN

JSB, JSC

Favorite Subject	: English
Favorite Book	: Harry Potter and the Goblet Of Fire
Other Languages	: Telugu
Hobbies	: Writing, Reading, Basketball



Role Models:
J.K Rowling

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Prepared with spelling bee syllabus on Google Docs, practiced with mock quizzes from mom/brother. For science bee, brother teaches me.

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Watching the Nationals on Television and I thought that I could be on Nationals.



Vikyath Munagala

Grade: 5

Ashburn, VA

MB2

Favorite Subject	: Math
Favorite Book	: Heroes of Olympus
Other Languages	: Telugu
Hobbies	: Chess, Piano, Video Games



Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Math workbooks

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Interest in Math



Vikyath Tanamala

Grade: 3
Leesburg, VA

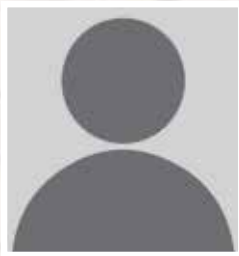
MB1, JSB, JVB

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Telugu
Hobbies : Swimming

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
Learning words & revising

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
Learning and challenging the knowledge



Vishnu Shivakumar

Grade: 7
Weston, FL

SSC

Favorite Subject : Math
Favorite Book : N/A
Other Languages : Kannada
Hobbies : Dance, Tennis, Martial Arts

Role Models:
N/A

How did you prepare for the competition? Any preparation tips?
N/A

Inspiration to participate in NorthSouth Foundation events:
N/A



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★ Lead for the Senior Spelling Program NorthSouth Foundation ★

Once every week, my brother and I went to stay at our grandparents' house. Sometimes, we went through old albums together. I clearly remember the album labeled "1985". As I flipped through the thick pages, I found one that contained a picture of a young teenager hoisting a golden trophy with a bright beaming smile on his face.

I asked my grandmother, "Paati, who is this?"
"That's your Appa."

I knew I recognized that smile. Ever since I saw that faded album photo of my own father hoisting that 1st place trophy in 1985 at the age of thirteen, I knew I wanted a similar picture of myself. My grandmother explained to me that he won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. At five years of age, I didn't really understand what that meant. All I knew is that I wanted a picture of myself doing the same.

Luckily enough, when I reached third grade, one of the mothers in my neighborhood established an official Spelling Bee in my elementary school. After studying the 450 words from the published list for the school spelling bee, I confidently won it. My trophy, though, wasn't the big one I aspired towards. I advanced to the district bee that year and the next, failing to make it to my regional bee, the last step before Nationals, both times.

★ My father, who had assisted me in my studies in the past couple years, enrolled me in my first spelling bee

with the NorthSouth Foundation. I was eliminated in the written test after misspelling multiple words, including the word "paprika".

Once I transitioned into middle school, I got into a routine of waking up at 4 or 5AM, and studying for 4 hours every day. I qualified for the Scripps National Spelling Bee for the first time in 2018, when I was in 6th grade. Unfortunately, however, the preliminary written test proved very difficult for me to tackle, because I had almost never touched vocabulary in my many hours of studying. Because of this, I pivoted my strategy to account for my vocabulary deficiency, and enrolled in NorthSouth Foundation vocabulary competitions as well. As a result, at the 2019 National Bee, I made it past the preliminary rounds, and into the semifinals, placing 41st nationally! In the moment however, I was still hard on myself, and this time, not in a motivating or healthy way. I complained about getting a word I didn't know even though I knew almost every other word that round given to other contestants. Recovering from my defeat in the first round of the semifinals was a struggle, and I didn't deal with it in the right way, often lashing out at how unfair the competition was. Eventually, however, I refocused on the goal I had in mind at the very beginning, and how much I had grown in the years since, and I pushed onward.

Unfortunately, in 8th grade, the Bee was completely canceled due to COVID-19, and even though I had



qualified, I, and dozens of others, never received our final chance at the trophy. On April 21st, 2020, I was midway through my spelling class, diligently recording every word I misspelled, all the etymological information I learned, and every definition I didn't understand. My teacher and I saw the online announcement, and the heart-wrenching reality set in, that after more than 5,000 hours of combined studying between 3rd grade and the end of middle school, my dreams never had the chance to come to fruition.

However, this wasn't the end of my spelling journey. Studying to compete in spelling bees had already given me a strong work ethic and the ability to make decisions quickly in a pressurized situation. Given my tendency of methodical, calculated, and deliberate decision-making, competing in Spelling Bees only augmented my skills and personality.

Succeeding in Spelling Bees also gave me another opportunity. Even though my journey in competition has been over for three years, I am still participating in the tightly knit community of spelling through teaching. Since my freshman year, I have been teaching six, seven, and eight year olds the fundamentals of spelling and vocabulary. My forgiving and compassionate nature has been a blessing, but to keep my students engaged, I need to be a creative volunteer. As my hours of teaching accumulated, I mastered the Foundation's materials and used them as a base instead of a script to create more interactive and unique activities, such as Kahoots and breakout room activities. As I shared more of my experience with incoming teachers, I became a leader in the Spelling Bee coaching community of the foundation. I worked with spelling bee legends such as Nihar Janga and Navneeth Murali, from whom I took inspiration to help students be curious about what they were learning. Maybe one day, just as they helped me, I will train 2023 National Champion Dev Shah to be a coach.

This summer, I was appointed as the lead for the Senior Spelling Bee program. It was official! I now create spreadsheets and curriculum slides and check in on other coaches. They learn from me and I learn from them. I love to teach, and it is one of the things I look forward to most in my week!

From becoming the SSB lead and working on the curriculum, I realized that I still had much more to learn, not only about leadership, but also about spelling. Only now do I realize how deep-rooted the connections between language and human history are. Only now do I realize that the dictionary doesn't shape speech and language, but that speech and language shape the dictionary. Even though I have ended my spelling journey as a competitor, I am still a lifelong learner as a leader and volunteer.



Atman Balakrishnan



A person is holding a cream-colored tote bag with the word "Vintage" in a large, elegant cursive font. Below it, in a smaller sans-serif font, are the words "Fashion Artist" and "EST. 1992". The background of the top half of the page is a lush green plant with large, dark leaves.

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In this heartwarming snapshot, meet Aurelian Basu, an exuberant young first-grader, tightly holding his well-earned trophy and certificate. His smile lights up the room, having just achieved a 2nd place victory in the Junior Vocabulary Bee during the North South Foundation's regional competition in Mahwah, New Jersey this year. With confidence & joy, he strikes a pose, proudly displaying the fruits of his incredible achievement

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