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Project of the month-AKADAMICS



BHANUSHREE BAISHYA
AKADAMICS SCHOLAR



AFNA started a project called AKADAMICS (AFNA Sponsored Kaushik Das Memorial College Scholarship) in 2014 - to award educational scholarships and mentoring to students pursuing bachelor's degrees who are financially deprived but have demonstrated promising academics. The scholarships are awarded to students pursuing post-secondary education. The objective is to encourage higher education among financially needy students and eventually making them capable of providing a better life for their families. This project has been a very inspiring initiative by AFNA that we hope to continue for many more years.

For the academic session 2014-2015, we awarded scholarships to 8 needy and deserving candidates last year. We set out to award 4 scholars, but given the quality of the applications, we doubled it. They are assured this scholarship until they complete their bachelor's degree, provided they continue to meet the criteria laid out by our program. We provided them with not just financial support, but also mentorship. Each scholar was assigned a mentor to help him or her with guidance and advice to carve out a bright career.

In the year 2015, we awarded 20 more students from across Assam, taking the total students awarded to 28. What is even more encouraging is that three AKADAMICS scholars completed their Bachelor's degree in the year 2015. In 2015, we received 2258 applications, which is a huge growth for the program as the year 2014 saw only 60 applications. As you can imagine, we are extremely excited with the growth and popularity of the program.

Another significant development with the AKADAMICS project is our partnership with the "1000 Aspirations Fund", a scholarship fund focused on STEM initiated by Leigh and Sid Chowdhary, CEO Credence Management Solutions, LLC. This fund has sponsored 5 scholars to date and we are looking forward to bigger collaboration in the coming years.

The applications for the year 2016 selections have been open since Jan 1st, 2016 and we have received over 1000 applications already. We are hoping to award another 20 scholarship this year. Of course, this cannot happen without your support and contributions. We thank you for your continued support that made this possible and we hope you continue your contributions in the coming years. Please visit AFNA website to donate.



DHANJIT DEKA
AKADAMICS SCHOLAR

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Bharat Bonia

AKADAMICS has been able to help so many deserving students and be part of their incredible journey. Bharat Bonia is one of those bright students who received the scholarship in 2014. Bharat is from the village of Jalbharaia in the North Lakhimpur district. He is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in the North Lakhimpur College majoring in Economics with support from AKADAMICS. He wants to pursue an MBA and hope to have a successful career to support his three sisters and brother. Bharat was nominated by North Lakhimpur College Principal, who admitted Bharat to the college free of cost before receiving ADADAMICS, as he had no financial ability of his own. Bharat's dad is a rickshaw puller and his family doesn't have the financial ability to send Bharat to college. Bharat is a brilliant student who needed the financial help to continue his college education and follow his dream of having a successful career that can help him support his family. AFNA looks forward to Bharat's successful completion of his Bachelor's degree and follow his dreams.

Join us at 37th Assam Convention, 2016 in Seattle, July 1-3



AFNA joins AANA, ASSNA and the Convention Host Committee to invite you to Assam Convention 2016 to be held at Seattle, Washington from July 1-3. AFNA is planning for exciting activities during the convention for your direct involvement. The annual General Body meeting of AFNA will be held during the convention, possibly along with an invited guest, where AFNA will share the progress of key projects and future plans for charitable activities. AFNA looks forward for your participation and continued support. More information about AFNA's role and events in the convention will be published in subsequent issues of this Newsletter. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

We encourage you register and book your hotel for the convention early using this link:

<http://aanahome.org/assam-convention/convention-2016>

AFNA membership

Become AFNA member, as your membership is what pays for our administrative expenses. As member you will have the opportunity to be a voting member of the organization, you also become one of the insiders who help to make 0% overhead to our donors possible. AFNA requests all current members to renew your membership by going to AFNA website if you already haven't done it. We value your participation.

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