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2016-2017 scholarships awarded by AKADAMICS

The AKADAMICS program added 20 more scholars this year taking the total awardees to date to 47. 16 awardees have successfully graduated of which 13 graduated with B.A. degrees, 1 with B.Sc. degree and 2 with MBBS degrees. Of the 31 awardees that are currently being awarded the scholarships, 22 are pursuing B.A., 4 are pursuing B.Sc. 1 is pursuing Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine, 2 are pursuing Bachelor of Pharmacy and 2 are pursuing MBBS. Of the 47 winners to date, 38% are females. All the awardees are below the poverty line, however they have excellent academic results as 96% of the awardees have secured over 70% in their 12th grade exam and all of them have secured over 60% in their 12th grade exam. This year, AKADAMICS initiated a partnership with Xomidhan to mentor the awardees. We are very excited about this partnership and we would like to improve our support to the awardees beyond financial help.

The program is taking initiatives to connect with the 16 AKADAMICS alumni to understand what can be improved about the scholarship program and how they can partner with the program to make it more effective. The applications for the session 2017-2018 will open on Jan 1st, 2017. Among other improvements to the program, updates to the online application will also to be rolled out.

The AKADAMICS program and AFNA would like to thank Atma Nirbhar, its partner in Assam, for the help with disbursing the scholarships to the awardees. AFNA is also very thankful to the AKADAMICS stewards who are Someshwar and Srilekha (Rinti) of California, USA, Gautam of Chennai, India and Parvez and Sarfaraz of Minnesota, USA.

2016-2017 Scholarship Awardees

Chandan Sarma	Amdadul Islam	Parismita Kalita	Himanjyoti Das	Bhaswati Talukdar
Rahul Saha	Anupam Saikia	Prakash Saikia	Leena Bharali	Dolee Deka
Sadiqul Alam	Priyanka Saha	Laxmirekha Nath	Pamisun Mili	Arohon Dutta
Kalpana Saha	Dipamoni Nath	Sanjay Deka	Pritam Das	Sanjibon Sinha

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Bridgewater Township Tree Planting Ceremony, 2016

The Bridgewater Township Shade Tree Board (Team Arbor), NJ and the Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA) hosted the “Tree 4 All” Autumn Festival for the second year. The festival was held on Saturday 15th October from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Chimney Rock Park, NJ. The festival celebrated the achievement of Bridgewater Township as a recognized Tree City USA community for the 20th consecutive year. It honored the community of Bridgewater for their commitment to urban forestry besides honoring the efforts of our very own prolific tree planter man of Assam, Jadav Payeng. The Mayoral Proclamation acknowledged the benefit of having trees in the community not only from the perspective of aesthetics but also from the perspective of physical and mental wellbeing of citizens. It reckoned the effect of the presence of urban community forests on communities and that such communities are usually known to excel in health, diversity, sustainability and success. The Mayoral proclamation also acknowledged the effort of Assam Foundation of North America in the establishment of the “Tree 4 All Autumn Festival” and declared October as the Urban and Community Forestry Month.

The main tree-planting event was celebrated with the Mayor of Bridgewater, Mr. Dan Hayes. The celebrations also included activities such as, job fair, tree plantation by children, lesson on tree plantation and care during winter, medical assistance session from RWJ and community doctors, yoga, bird watching tour, animal care, baking competition, education institution presentation and an eclectic multicultural program.

This proclamation by the Mayor of Bridgewater Township on behalf of the Bridgewater community adds a feather to AFNA’s untiring efforts in the field of sustainable initiatives. Kudos to the foundation for bringing laurels to the Assamese diaspora in North America. We hope the efforts of the foundation bears more fruit in the years to come.



2017 AFNA Calendar is on its way! AFNA is happy to announce that our 2017 New Year calendar is being printed as you read this newsletter. AFNA volunteers will work hard to get the calendars to your door before the New Year arrives. Please order your copy of the calendar at

<https://goo.gl/forms/jAHqXfPH934AGAox1> and stay tuned for updates and emails about this from our volunteers! Calendar Drive is one of AFNA’s year-end fundraising campaigns; please support our projects by buying a calendar or more. Almost 100% of the money raised from the calendar drive goes to our projects.



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