KOA Achievement Award
Program Director

Prof. Sunil Kumar Dhar, NJ (2016 onwards)

Professor and Statistics Program Director, Department of Mathematical Sciences at New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ. Volunteer Teacher, for over fifteen years, at Vivekananda Vidyapith (http://www.vidyapith.org/) – a school that provides character building education to children ages 5 to 18.

He will be assisted by the two following “outside the community” individuals who have agreed to serve as members of KOA scholarship committee:
Professor Mahendra Jani –
http://www.wpunj.edu/cosh/departments/math/faculty/jani-mahendra.dot
Founder of Vivekananda Vidyapith: http://vidyapith.org
Professor Somenath Mitra –
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vAyHuHsdPU
http://chemistry.njit.edu/people/mitra.php
For Kashmiri Pandit College bound students living in USA

Each year KOA grants a one-time achievement award to Kashmiri Pandit College-bound student(s) living in the USA. Any high school senior student meeting the following requirements qualifies to apply for this award:

High school GPA of at least 3.5 (out of a maximum of 4.0, i.e., GPA of B+ and above).

- SAT score of at least 1985 out of 2400 or an ACT composite score of at least 30 out of 36.
- A two-page essay about Kashmiri Pandit heritage that address at a minimum the following:
  - How is the Kashmiri Pandit heritage helping you strengthen your character?
  - How will you be able to inspire the next generation to carry on this heritage?
  - What are you doing to learn Kashmiri language and/or culture?
- Some evidence of community service.
- **Parents should be KOA members with membership dues paid in the year 2016** (http://koausa.org/koa/join/)

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Previous Winners

2016
- Vivek Pandit, Colleyville, TX
- Arnav Kak, Bellaire, TX
- Mira Wattal, Hillsborough, NJ
- Arman Koul, Andover, MA
- Megha Koul, Mansfield, MA
- Neha Kaul, Potomac, MD
- Ankit Raina, West Chester, PA
- Nikhil Kaul, Cary, NC

2015
- Akriti Jalla, Oklahoma City, OK
- Sonali Razdan, Shrewsbury, MA
- Rishab Kaul, Bethpage, NY
- Niteka Raina, Austin, TX
- Smriti Ganjoo, Plainsboro, NJ

2014
- Sheena Ganju, Duluth, GA
- Meghna Kaul, Plymouth, MN
- Raj K Raina, Novi, MI
- Sagar Tikoo, West Windsor, NJ

2013
- None

2012
- Brinal Kaul, Katy, Texas
- Neel Bhan, Katy, Texas

2011
- None
Previous Winners

2010
Akansha Ganju, Dublin, OH
Iha Kaul, Andover, MA
Sidanth Sapru, Naperville, IL

2009
Aditi Jalla, Oklahoma City, OK
Isha Kaul, The Woodlands, TX
Rudra Koul, Tallahasee, FL

2008
Sankalp Bhan (Washington University at St. Louis), Katy, TX
Akshay Chaku (University of Michigan), Troy, MI
Yatin Mirakhur (University of Pennsylvania), Hudson, OH

2007
Rohit Ganju (Georgia Tech), Duluth, GA
Eisha Wali (Northwestern University), Darien, IL
Ankush Zutshi (University of Miami, FL), Port Saint Lucie, FL

2006
Meghana Dhar, Sunnyvale, CA

2005
Sandhya Nakhasi, Potomac, MD

2004
Simmi Bhatt, Nanuet, NY
Akshay Ganju, Brookline, MA
Zitsi Mirakhur, Hudson, OH
Social Media

**YAHOO GROUP:** https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/koahealthcare/info
**TWITTER:** http://twitter.com/KOAorg
**YOUTUBE:** http://www.youtube.com/user/sathyuk

**FACEBOOK PAGES:**
KOA: http://www.facebook.com/groups/koausa
Youth: https://www.facebook.com/groups/koayouth
Healthcare Network: https://www.facebook.com/groups/koahealthcare
Entrepreneurs: https://www.facebook.com/groups/koaentrepreneurs

**LINKEDIN FOCUS GROUPS:**
KOA Healthcare Partners Focus Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559527
KOA Technology Focus Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559541
KOA Entrepreneur Focus Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559545
KOA Executive Committee and Board (Year 2016)

Executive Committee

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Ajay Tikoo
New Jersey

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Sudesh Saraf
Illinois

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New York

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- Maneesha Munshi
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- Piyush Mattoo
  Zone 10 Director