

KOA Achievement Award





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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>



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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



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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](#), Tallahassee, 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



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Social Media

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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>

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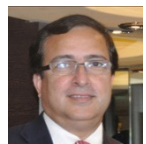
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Zone 4 Director



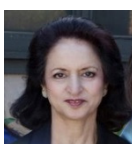
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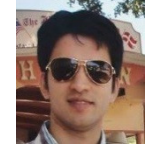
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