

NSF-IANH Education Bee Contests Complete Eight Successful Years

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The 2010 Education Bee set an all time attendance record when we registered three hundred and five contestants. Seven contests from Essay Writing to Science Bee were held on April 17 and May 1. It was like managing a mini city when there were over two hundred filled in various areas of Manchester Community College. There were over fifty volunteers each day helping in different areas from administration to tabulation. All tasks were executed with perfection and in a professional manner. We have been raising the bar each year, making improvements to the process. This year is no exception when our volunteers were faced with a monumental task completing registration for one hundred and twenty contestants on day one to meet a demanding schedule. Children of our community are the ultimate winners as we helped them to move ahead.

I express my sincere thanks to Shishubarati for the nice breakfast and snacks for children and volunteers, and Kumon Center of Nashua for sponsoring. Kumon center was also used for hosting workshops to prepare contestants for the Math contests.

Preparations for the 2010 season started in early October when Vani, Lasya, and Anish Thilagar hosted the workshop to prepare children for the mid-level Math contests. This was soon followed by online training in Advanced Math by Murali Thiagarajan. Archana and Shashank Dubey hosted Math workshop for Level-one ne students in January.

I thank the core team Tej Dhakar, Murali Thiagarajan, Vani Thilagar, Balaji Krishnan, Archana Dubey, and Prasad Dabbi for participating in preparation activities. I express my sincere thanks to Vandana Dhakar

who worked closely with the core team and the Manchester Community College staff in us getting the class rooms and tabulation area.

Kudos to Administration and Math Bee teams for their diligent work in completing the registration and contestants seating on day one while minimizing the impact to schedule. I commend the manner in which the Spelling and Vocabulary teams carried on their duties to meet the demanding schedule while maintaining the quality of service. The work performed by the Tabulation team is commendable especially in getting the paperwork ready on time for the award ceremony. We achieved 'Error Free' scoring for three years in row.

Work done by the Science, Essay, and Geography team in meeting the schedule deserves special mention. Thanks to Geography team who worked well without the projection equipment. Finally, the Public Speaking team concluded the contests in a professional manner. The Tabulation team as usual kept up to the demands in getting the paperwork ready for award ceremony. Overall, our team demonstrated well coordinated team work.

All volunteers especially those IANH youth group volunteers deserve special mention. Every contribution made the difference. I also thank Rita Shah, Barinder Ahluwalia and the Shaheli team for organizing seminar on day one.

It is time for a change; I will be relinquishing my Chapter Coordinator responsibilities after eight years during which I learnt a lot. We are now faced with a challenge to meet the growth, especially when the three-hundred mark was crossed. A new team will be taking over the Administration and Technical areas under the leadership of Balaji Krishnan and Prasad Dabbi. I will be helping the new team in transition. But, for now the curtains are drawn for the 2010 Bee season.