

## **2010 SARAS – PARENT’S FEEDBACK**

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IT’S PROBABLY JUST A TOUCH LESS HECTIC FOR YOU NOW THAT THE SARAS PROGRAM IS DONE FOR THE SUMMER 2010. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES AT THE STONY BROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER ON KEEPING OUR DAUGHTER, SONIA, AND ALL OTHER (ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN OR SO) PARTICIPANTS INTERESTED AND ENGAGED IN INTRODUCTORY LEARNING OF VARIOUS HEALTH SCIENCES TOPICS FOR THREE WEEKS! NOT AN EASY TASK BY ANY MEANS!

FROM SONIA’S COMMENTS TO US, WE LEARNED THAT SHE FOUND THE PROGRAM VERY USEFUL PARTICULARLY IN LEARNING WHAT A RANGE OF MEDICAL SPECIALTY SUBJECTS/FIELDS WERE ALL ABOUT, FROM THEORETICAL POINT OF VIEW, AND SOMETIMES, FROM HANDS-ON POINT OF VIEW, THRU THE LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. PERHAPS, MORE IMPORTANTLY (AND AS A PARENT OF A TEENAGER YOU YOURSELF WILL RELATE TO THIS AS WELL), SHE ALSO FOUND THE PROGRAM VERY EFFECTIVE IN SOCIAL LEARNING – CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS AND MAKING SOME NEW FRIENDS! AND OF COURSE, SHE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE LUNCH EACH DAY!

AS PARENTS OF A TEENAGER (WHO IS TRYING TO FIND HER APTITUDE FOR COLLEGE EDUCATION), WE THINK A PROGRAM LIKE SARAS IS OF GREAT VALUE FOR THE BROAD FIELD OF MEDICINE/HEALTH SCIENCES. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY OTHER PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES THE BASIC TOOLS AND EXPOSURE TO PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE STUDENTS TO BEGIN TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER OR NOT THE FIELD OF MEDICINE IS FOR THEM. TOWARDS THAT END, WE COMMEND YOU, DR. SRINIVAS, AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, AND THE HIGHER UP ADMINISTRATORS FOR CREATING AND CONTINUING WITH THIS PROGRAM EACH SUMMER!

**WE ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SUGGESTION TO TAKE THE SARAS CONCEPT ONE STEP FURTHER.** WE APPEAL TO YOUR COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER DISCIPLINES/SCHOOLS UNDER THE STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY UMBRELLA, AND THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS TO CREATE AND OFFER SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN OTHER DISCIPLINES AS WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING COULD OFFER A SIMILAR INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM THAT WOULD INTRODUCE THE BASICS OF VARIOUS ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES (SUCH AS CIVIL ENGG., CHEMICAL ENGG., MECHANICAL ENGG., ELECTRICAL ENGG., METALLURGICAL ENGG., COMPUTER ENGG., ETC.) SUCH THAT THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE BASICS OF SUCH DISCIPLINES AND BEGIN TO MAKE SENSE WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD PURSUE IT AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND SCHOOL OF LAW COULD HAVE SIMILAR PROGRAMS (OR A JOINT PROGRAM) AS WELL.

**WE URGE YOU TO SHARE THIS IDEA/REQUEST WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FOR THEIR ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.** WE STRONGLY BELIEVE ADDITION OF SUCH PROGRAMS TO SARAS WILL GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING HIGH SCHOOLERS TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE OF DISCIPLINE FOR THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATELY PREPARE FOR IT IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS BY SELECTING THE CORRESPONDINGLY APPLICABLE ELECTIVE COURSES. AVAILABILITY OF SUCH SUMMER PROGRAMS AT STONY BROOK (IN ADDITION TO SARAS) WILL BENEFIT STONY BROOK BY ATTRACTING MORE AND BETTER PREPARED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO CAN ACHIEVE BETTER SUCCESS FOR THEMSELVES AT COLLEGE LEVEL, MAKE THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES PROUD, AND IN TURN CONTRIBUTE TO STONY BROOK’S SUCCESS AS WELL! **IT’S A WIN-WIN-WIN FOR ALL!**

IN CLOSING, OUR SINCERE THANKS TO YOU, DR. SRINIVAS, AND TO ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES, FOR MAKING SARAS 2010 A WONDERFUL AND ENJOYABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR SONIA. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, EFFORT AND CARE. WE WILL APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD TAKE THE TROUBLE TO SHARE OUR ABOVE SUGGESTION WITH APPROPRIATE COLLEAGUES AND ASK FOR THEIR STRONG CONSIDERATION.

WITH KIND REGARDS,  
MUKUND & JYOTSNA JOSHI  
PARENTS OF SONIA JOSHI, SARAS 2010 PARTICIPANT

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I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOUR STUDENTS AGAIN THIS YEAR. ONCE AGAIN, I WAS AMAZED TO SEE HOW YOU MANAGED THE GROUP OF STUDENTS SO EFFICIENTLY, AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO ASK QUESTIONS. THEIR WILLINGNESS TO LEARN WAS FASCINATING.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH THIS PROGRAM! BEST WISHES FOR MORE!

SINCERELY,  
FARZANA Z. ALI  
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER BLOOD BANK

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I REALIZED THAT IT WAS A VERY INTERESTING AND EDUCATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN OF THIS AGE. I SEE MY DAUGHTER SHOWING LOTS OF INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE PROGRAM. SHE DIDN'T WANT TO MISS A SINGLE DAY. SHE SHARED THE EVENTS OF THE PROGRAM WITH ENTHUSIASM EVERYDAY WITH ME. I BELIEVE IT IS A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN.

-SAROJA

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PARENTS OF ASHAY MEHTA

HELLO MR. PENTYALA, OUR SON TELLS ME MANY GOOD THINGS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND WE REALLY THINK YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB WITH THE KIDS. IT IS GOOD TO KEEP THEM OCCUPIED OVER THE SUMMER AND ALSO IT WAS A BENEFIT FOR THEIR FUTURE BECAUSE THEY CAN LEARN ABOUT MANY DIFFERENT PROFESSIONS AND ALL THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF MEDICINE. WE REALLY THINK YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB WITH THIS PROGRAM SO KEEP IT UP. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS PLEASE INFORM US, AND STAY IN TOUCH. THANK YOU.

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To SARAS ORGANIZERS;

THIS IS MERIT GEORGE'S MOM! I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR CREATING SUCH A GREAT PROGRAM FOR THESE KIDS. MY SON ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT THE DIFFERENT FIELDS IN MEDICINE, SUCH AS CARDIOLOGY, GERIATRICS, ETC. HE TALKED ABOUT EACH DAY'S LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS DURING EVERY CAR RIDE HOME. I REMEMBER LOOKING AT THE SCHEDULE WHEN IT WAS FIRST POSTED SOME TIME BACK, AND I AM STILL AMAZED THAT ALL THESE EXPERTS WERE WILLING TO TAKE TIME OFF TO SPEAK TO HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDERGRAD STUDENTS. I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN RUNNING THIS GREAT PROGRAM FOR FUTURE STUDENTS. THANKS AGAIN!

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I HAD RECEIVED SOME VERY POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM KYLE REGARDING YOUR PROGRAM. HE ENJOYED HIS GROUP AND HE DID FEEL THAT HE GAINED KNOWLEDGE REGARDING SOME CAREERS THAT HE WASN'T NECESSARILY CONSIDERING UNTIL ATTENDING YOUR PROGRAM. I BELIEVE HE HAD A VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. I WOULD RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM TO ANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING A DEGREE IN SCIENCE OR MEDICINE.

DIANE DEAK (MOTHER OF KYLE)

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EVERYTIME I CALLED MY SON TO ASK ABOUT THE PROGRAM, HE ALWAYS GAVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE, ALWAYS SAYING HE LEARNED SOMETHING NEW. IT HAS CREATED MORE AVENUES FOR HIM IN SCIENCE AND HE CAN NOW PURSUE WHAT HE ENJOYS. BY THE WAY HE TALKS ABOUT THE PROGRAM, I RECOMMEND IT FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES. THANK YOU  
TAHERA HYDER

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OUR DAUGHTER HAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THIS PROGRAM; ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A LONG COMMUTE FOR HER, IT WAS A WISE DECISION TO LET HER ATTEND. SHE SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE COORDINATORS AND MISSES THAT THE 3 WEEK PROGRAM WENT BY SO FAST. THIS OPPORTUNITY ALLOWED HER TO BE EXPOSED TO THE MEDICAL CAREER AND WHAT IT ENTAILS. —  
SINCERELY, CHATTERPAUL RAMHIT AND ROSALIE RAMHIT

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YOUR PROGRAM WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. MY SON HAS BECOME SO INTERESTED IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE DUE TO YOUR SPECTACULAR PROGRAM. HE WOULD COME HOME AND DISCUSS WITH ME WHAT HE HAD LEARNED EACH DAY. I AM VERY GLAD THAT I PLACED MY SON IN THIS EXCELLENT PROGRAM BECAUSE I CAN SEE HOW IT HAS POSITIVELY AFFECTED HIM AND ALSO HELP HIM IN MAKING HIS PLANS FOR HIS FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PUTTING THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER AND FOR SHINING SOME LIGHT IN MY SON'S FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

SINCERELY,  
MANZUR & TABASSUM ANSARI  
PARENTS OF FAROOQ ANSARI, #93

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MY LOVE FOR S.A.R.A.S. WAS SO GREAT,  
ALL MY FLASHBACKS ARE ABOUT THE PROGRAM 'TIL THE DUSK OF DAY.  
EACH NIGHT INSPIRED ME AFTER A DAY OF SARAS WENT AWAY,  
BECAUSE IT EDUCATED ME, FED ME, AND MOTIVATED ME EVERYDAY.

ITS LECTURES WERE GREAT,  
WONDERING ABOUT THE MANY ROLE MODELS WHO SPOKE,  
AND DR. PENTYALA ENTERTAINING US WITH A MEDICAL JOKE,  
SO FINALLY I CAN SAY S.A.R.A.S. IS THE BEST!

THE ABOVE POEM EXPLAINED OUR DAUGHTER'S APPRECIATION ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM. YOU REALLY CHANGED OUR DAUGHTER'S PERCEPTION REGARDING MEDICAL FIELD AND SHE IS HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO WORK ON GETTING INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL. ALL CREDIT GOES TO YOU AND YOUR PROGRAM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTINUING NEXT LEVEL PROGRAMS IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE ADD OUR DAUGHTER IN IT.

RESPECTFULLY,  
**MOUMITA'S PARENTS**

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As I sit at my desk to write this letter, I am unsure of how to begin. I write this letter not as a science-major all- "A's" kind of person, but as someone with a completely different background. I am in my third year of architectural studies. You asked me if I wanted this job entailing helping "science-geeks," learn more about science. I wasn't too sure about this, as the only science I know helps my building not fall down the instance someone steps foot inside, but I decided to give it a shot, anyway. If I was not so sure of what I want to do when I "grow up," after going through this program, I would defiantly consider some sort of science major. You might think, "Why is this architecture-kid telling me SARAS is a good program?". I have to admit, making sure high school students didn't misbehave was kind of boring my first day of SARAS. But then, I started to listen to these lectures that experts were giving. Heck, no high school professor ever gave me such detailed information on saving someone's life when they choke, or what exactly goes on in your brains when we think. True, I understood about half of that brain-lecture, but I realized that SARAS was really making these science-geeks think, especially when the students started asking detailed questions that sounded awfully like my architecture professor grilling me on my design. Nowhere else are these kids going to be able to ask a true master of the field these questions, because as much as a high school professor studies, they generally know just as much as the text book.

-ANDREW DILGER

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I am the parent of one of the SARAS participants this summer. I just want to say thank you for organizing such wonderful program for the children. As you said in one of your emails, they are the next generation and the future. It was wonderful to see that so many young people wanted to learn new things over the summer, that they wanted their summer be productive and enriched for their future. I am sure that this program was very beneficial to my son; introduced him to different medical fields, introduced him to new friends, and, perhaps, different points on view on some things. Thank you and all those (professors, sponsors) who made this program possible to exist.

Mrs. SWIECZKOWSKI

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From what my son has told me, he liked going to the SARAS program. He kept bringing home toys, hats, and other small things and always shared his positive feedback with me. He has always been interested in science and I was happy when he asked me if he could enroll in the program. He did say that he could not eat too many things but he did buy some food from the hospital. At one point during the program, he came home talking about Twilight instead of science which was weird to me, but otherwise I think that the program was beneficial to him.

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THE SARAS PROGRAM HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR MY SON AKASH GUPTE. IT ENABLED HIM TO GET A PERSPECTIVE OF MANY DIVERSE HEALTHCARE FIELDS. YOUR PROGRAM PROVIDES A CRITICAL LINK FROM THE SCHOOL STUDIES TO WHAT THE STUDENTS CAN ACHIEVE FROM THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION. IT INSPIRES THE STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT THE VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM AND PROVIDES THEM WITH THE MOTIVATION TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS. THANK YOU FOR ORGANIZING SUCH AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM.

- NILISH GUPTE

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING KAVITA TO BE PART OF THE PROGRAM. I AM SURE KAVITA WOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE INFORMATION SHE GATHERED THERE. WITHOUT KNOWING MUCH ABOUT MEDICAL FIELD AND SPECIALIZATIONS, THIS WAS PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO GET HER STARTED. SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A DOCTOR AND WE HOPE THAT SHE WOULD HAVE GOT ENOUGH INSIGHT NOW TO PURSUE A CAREER IN THIS FIELD.

WE JUST WANTED TO SEE IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU AND OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS TO BE CONTACTED BY HER VIA E-MAIL IF SHE NEEDS ANY GUIDANCE LATER.

THANKS AGAIN

SANDEEP AND NILIMA  
KAVITA'S PARENT #23

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THE SARAS PROGRAM WAS GREAT FOR MY SON ALEX. IT WAS LIKE HE HAD A JOB. HE HAD A PURPOSE EVERY MORNING TO GET UP AND CATCH THE TRAIN WITH HIS FRIENDS TO HEAD TO STONY BROOK TO ATTEND SARAS. HE SEEMED TO ENJOY MANY OF THE LECTURE TOPICS. HE TOLD ME HE WAS A TEAM LEADER. IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE PROGRAM TO LAST LONGER. THE PROGRAM WAS GREAT.

AMY ISRAEL

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MY DAUGHTER, RUCHA ACHARYA PARTICIPATED IN A PROGRAM AT STONY BROOK THIS SUMMER. SHE TRAVELED BY TRAIN EVERY MORNING AND CAME HOME BY TRAIN. EVERY DAY WHEN SHE CAME BACK WE USED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT SHE DID DURING THE DAY. FROM WHAT SHE SAID, I THINK SHE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AND MADE SOME VERY GOOD FRIENDS AT THE PROGRAM. SHE TOLD ME HOW EXCITED SHE WAS ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS SHE DID TOWARDS THE END OF THE DAY AND HOW THIS PROGRAM INSPIRED HER TO CONTINUE HER LOVE AND PASSION FOR MEDICINE. I THINK THIS PROGRAM HAS HAD A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON HER LIFE, AND HAS GIVEN HER SOMETHING TO DO OVER THE SUMMER.

THANK YOU,  
BHADRESH ACHARYA

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HELLO, MY NAME IS VARSHA PATEL AND I'M SHWETA PATEL'S (44) MOTHER. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SETTING UP A PROGRAM WHERE STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS IN SCIENCE. SARAS ALLOWED SHWETA TO ENHANCE HER EDUCATION IN SCIENCE IN A FUN WAY. IT GAVE HER A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND IT KEEP HER INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM WITH THE DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES. THANK YOU.

VARSHA PATEL

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MY HUSBAND AND I WERE SO PLEASED WITH THE SARAS COURSE. THE DAILY SCHEDULES OF LECTURES EXPOSED THE CHILDREN TO A MYRIAD OF MEDICAL AND RESEARCH TOPICS. THE HANDS ON EXPERIENCE, AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE WILL SERVE TO MOTIVATE THEM TO PURSUE THEIR CAREER INTERESTS.

ALEXANDRA ENJOYED THE PROFESSORS AND PHYSICIANS AND APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT THEY TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY DAY TO LECTURE TO HER CLASS.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND WE WILL CERTAINLY RECOMMEND THE CLASS TO OTHERS.

SINCERELY

DEBRA CORITSIDIS

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR MY DAUGHTER, MARYAM. SHE HAS REALLY GROWN THROUGH THIS PROGRAM AND ACQUIRED A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE. EACH DAY SHE WOULD COME HOME AND TELL ME WHAT SHE LEARNED, AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH THIS PROGRAM HAS TAUGHT HER, IT WAS REALLY UNBELIEVEABLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING HER BACK NEXT YEAR.

THANKS, SHANA.

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I THINK MY DAUGHTER : SRESHTA HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT SARAS. THOUGH THE COMMUTE WAS QUITE HECTIC AND SHE HARDLY HAD ENOUGH REST :SHE DID NOT SEEM TO COMPLAIN! SHE ALSO LEARNED A LOT FROM THE ON HANDS WORKSHOP. SHE SAID THAT SHE BECAME AWARE OF SO MANY OPTIONS SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF. THAT WAS MY PURPOSE OF ME TAKING THIS TROUBLE OF WAKING HER UP EVERYDAY AT 4.45A.M FOR THE WORKSHOP (PRETTY MUCH!). SHE LOVED VISITING THE VETERAN'S HOME AND ALSO SEEMED TO BE TOUCHED BY THE CEREBRAL PALSY DOCUMENTARY YOU SHOWED.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND WARMTH. SHE FELT VERY WELCOME THERE AND DID NOT HAVE ANY APPREHENSIONS.

APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HELP :DR. PENTYALA

SINCERELY

SADHANA PARANJI

(MOTHER OF SRESHTA PARANJI)

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MY SON, ERIC HIRSCH YELLOW 64, COMPLETED YOUR PROGRAM WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM. HE WAS UNSURE BEFORE THE PROGRAM OF CHOOSING A CAREER IN THE SCIENCE FIELD. HE ALSO WAS UNSURE OF WHETHER TO DO RESEARCH NEXT SUMMER IN THE FIELD. HE HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO FIND A CAREER IN THE SCIENCE FIELD AND HE WOULD LIKE TO FIND A RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE FIELD. YOUR PROGRAM HAS BEEN VERY INSIGHTFUL INTO THE DIFFERENT FIELDS AVAILABLE AND HE FOUND CERTAIN ONES TO BE VERY INTERESTING. I HAVE ALREADY RECOMMENDED YOUR PROGRAM TO MANY OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE SCIENCE FIELD AND I HOPE THAT SOME OF ERIC'S SIBLINGS WILL ALSO ATTEND YOUR PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING MY SON AN INSIGHT INTO A POSSIBLE FUTURE IN THE SCIENCE FIELD.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
DEBRA HIRSCH

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THIS IS THE ONLY TIME IN THE RECENT PAST HAVE WE BEEN PESTERED ABOUT DOING SOMETHING IF ONE DOES NOT COUNT "BUY ME THIS..." STATEMENTS. OBVIOUSLY THE PROGRAM HAS HAD AN IMPACT - A STRONG IMPACT ON OUR SON. HE HAS NOT ONLY BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE DAY'S EVENTS BUT HAS BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT AND LOOKING IT UP ONLINE AS WELL. HE REACHED OUT TO FACULTY ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND HAS HEARD BACK FROM THEM AS WELL. BOTH OF US ARE NOT FROM MEDICAL/BIOTECHNOLOGY BACKGROUND (MY HUSBAND IS A CPA AND I RUN A BUSINESS) AND IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT SARAS HAS SPARKED HIS IMAGINATION IN THIS FIELD. YOUR TIME AND EFFORT ARE REALLY APPRECIATED AND HAVE PAID OFF IN OUR CASE.

THANK YOU!

REGARDS

SHARVANI AND SRINIVAS MANEPALLI

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MY NAME IS DEEPA PANCHAL AND I AM ROSHNI'S MOM. FIRST OF ALL LET ME START BY THANKING AND CONGRATULATING YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING. I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY BUT YOUR INTENTION TO HELP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND BECAUSE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THE PROCESS CLOSELY WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND EXPERIENCED HOW COMPETITIVE IT GETS EACH YEAR. WHAT I ENJOYED MOST WAS THE FACT THAT FROM DAY ONE, ALL OF YOUR E-MAIL WENT OUT AND ALWAYS HAD FUNNY COMMENTS. I AM NOT SURE IF THE STUDENTS LEARNED FROM IT OR NOT, BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY NEED TO LEARN FIRST. NO MATTER WHAT PROFESSION THEY CHOOSE, THEY SHOULD BE HAPPY AND MAKE OTHERS HAPPY AS WELL. ESPECIALLY IN MEDICAL PROFESSIONS, THINGS CAN BE CURED NOT JUST WITH MEDICINE BUT YOU NEED HAVE THAT FACE AND ATTITUDE, WHERE THE PATIENTS OR PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE INTERACTING WITH FORGET THEIR PAIN WHEN THEY SEE OR TALK TO YOU.

ROSHNI FOR SURE ENJOYED MOST OF THE TOPICS. HER FAVORITE WAS THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST. THE ONLY CRITICISM SHE HAD WAS THE LENGTHY POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS. KIDS AT THIS AGE ENJOY MORE HANDS ON ACTIVITIES. PLEASE TAKE IT AS CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK. OVERALL IT'S A VERY NICE PROGRAM AND WE SURE WILL BLAB ABOUT IT AMONGST FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

DEEPA

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FIRST OF ALL , I HAVE TO SAY THAT MANY THANKS TO ALL FACULTY MEMBERS AT SARAS PROGRAM. THE SARAS PROGRAM REALLY OPENED MY SON'S EYES TO A LARGER WORLD. I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE MY SON'S ATTITUDE IS GOING TO THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

YOU GUYS DID A WONDERFUL JOB, AND YOU'LL SEE MY SECOND SON IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT SARAS TOO.

THANKS AND BEST REGARDS,

YOUNGYOON CHO - FATHER OF DANIEL CHO



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A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR COORDINATING SARAS! IT HAS BEEN AN ENJOYABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR MY DAUGHTER, AND TRULY EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS. IN JUST THREE WEEKS, SHE HAS GAINED SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHT, AND HAS A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESENTED BIOMEDICAL CAREERS.

REBECCA WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE PRESENTATIONS AND WAS PARTICULARLY INSPIRED BY YOU. MANY THANKS AGAIN TO YOU AND EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE SARAS POSSIBLE!

SINCERELY,  
DINA MONASTERO

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I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING MY DAUGHTER SHAINA AILAWADI (ID # 39) IN YOUR SARAS PROGRAM 2010. SHE REALLY ENJOYED THE 3 WEEKS SESSION WHICH I REALLY WISH IT WAS LONGER. I THINK IT WAS REALLY WELL STRUCTURED AND KIDS WERE EXPOSED TO DIFFERENT AREAS BY THE EXPERTS. THIS EDUCATED THEM AS WAS PRESENTED IN AN INTERESTING MANNER.

I THINK THE FOOD MENU WAS GOOD AS WELL ITS QUALITY SPECIALLY COMING FROM CURRY CLUB YUMMY.....

REGARDS,

NEERU AILAWADI

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THIS PROGRAM WAS WONDERFUL! ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT GOT THE KIDS OUT OF THE HOUSE TO DO SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE. EVERYDAY MY DAUGHTER WOULD COME HOME AND TELL ME ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS SHE PARTICIPATED IN AND THE DOCTORS SHE GOT TO HEAR. IT WAS A GOOD IDEA HOW YOU ENCOURAGED THE STUDENTS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND THEN REWARDED THEM. I FEEL LIKE THAT WAS MOTIVATIONAL IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PAY ATTENTION. GOOD STRATEGY ! OVERALL I'M HAPPY BECAUSE EVERYTHING WENT WELL AND BASED ON THE FEEDBACK I RECEIVED FROM MY DAUGHTER IT WAS ALL POSITIVES AND NO NEGATIVES. THANK YOU ONE LAST TIME FOR HAVING THE SARAS PROGRAM .

BY THE WAY GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FUTURE PROJECTS AND INVESTMENTS. :)

-VICTORIA PARENT OF GRACE VALLEJO #100

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GOOD MORNING. MY SON MATTHEW, ATTENDED YOUR PROGRAM. I HAVE TO SAY, EVERY FRIDAY HE CAME HOME COMPLETELY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ALL THE THINGS HE HAD LEARNED THAT PAST WEEK, INCLUDING APPARENTLY CAUSING A DUMMY TO BLEED OUT. HE HAD A GREAT TIME! I THINK THE PROGRAM REALLY GAVE HIM A SENSE OF HOW MUCH MORE COMPLICATED THE WORLD OF MEDICINE IS THAN HE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT AND GAVE HIM THE DESIRE TO WORK HARDER TO OBTAIN HIS GOALS. THE EXPERIENCE WAS ON A COLLEGE LEVEL AND I HAVE TO SAY IT FASCINATED HIM TO FIGURE OUT HOW LITTLE HE KNEW AND HOW INTRICATE MEDICINE IS. I ALSO WANTED TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF HIM AND KEEPING ME INFORMED ON THE DAILY ACTIVITIES ETC. IT GAVE ME PEACE OF MIND. I WILL DEFINITELY RECOMMEND YOUR PROGRAM TO OTHER PARENTS.

CAROLYN

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TODAY, MY CHILD IS EXPERIENCING A VOID. I ASSUMED NOT HAVING SARAS TO ATTEND TODAY OFFERED HIM EASE OF WHICH TO CRUISE THRU A FEW TEENAGE SUMMER DAYS BEFORE BOREDOM IS REALIZED. WRONG!

SARAS WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT FOR MY CHILD AND OUR FAMILY. LIVING NEARBY, UPON PICK UP, WE SPENT TIME IN THE CAR, DRIVEWAY, AND HANGING OUT COMMUNICATING ABOUT THE SARAS EXPERIENCE.....SARAS SOUND BITES ECHOED THRU THE EVENING, WEEKENDS AND TIME SPENT WITH OTHERS!

I ONLY WISH IT COULD BE CONTINUED ON A MONTHLY BASIS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE CHILDREN TO INSPIRE AND SHARE ALL THEIR GOING ON'S POST SARAS. THANKS FOR YOUR DAILY ACCESSIBILITY IN THE CLASS AS WELL AS ON LINE.....I REALIZE THE CHILDREN KNOW YOU DO BELIEVE IN THEM AND THUS OUR FUTURE!

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING GREAT THINGS ABOUT SARAS GRADS. THANKS FOR OFFERING AN OUTSTANDING AND MEMORABLE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE...TRULY OUT OF THE BOX AND WORTH EVERY SECOND!

STACY REBELLO

PARENT OF BLUE 92 (GAGE MAGIDSON) AND TWO GIVEAWAY DOLLS!

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**THIS IS TO THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT PROGRAM YOU OFFERED. MY DAUGHTER( IRVIND BUTTAR) IS MISSING IT ALREADY. SARAS HAS WIDEN HER VISION ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES SHE CAN EXPECT IN HER FUTURE. THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS PROGRAM HAVE REALLY PUT THEIR BEST EFFORT TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS, ESPECIALLY ALL THE E-MAIL INFORMATION TO KEEP PARENTS INFORMED ABOUT THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. MY DAUGHTER WHO WAS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO WAKE UP EARLY AND TRAVEL AN HOUR TO LISTEN TO LECTURES ABOUT SCIENCE DURING HER VACATION, HAS MADE MANY GOOD FRIENDS. THE SOCIAL ASPECT OF THIS PROGRAM IS AS IMPORTANT AS EDUCATIONAL. PLEASE CONVEY MY THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH SARAS, ALL THE COUNSELORS AND EXPERTS. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE FOOD VENDORS NOT ONLY FOR THE DELICIOUS FOOD THEY PROVIDED TO A LARGE GROUP OF TEENS,BUT THEY HAVE SAVED ME A FEW HOURS IN THE KITCHEN AND TRIPS TO THE FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS. I DECIDED TO WRITE THIS E-MAIL AT LUNCH TIME BECAUSE I COULD NOT DECIDE WHAT TO FEED HER FOR LUNCH.**

**THANKS AGAIN AND DR. SPENTYALA, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A SARAS-II SOON COMING TO STONYBROOK UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE. IF THIS HAPPENS, MY DAUGHTER IS THE FIRST ONE TO REGISTER ALONG WITH HER FRIENDS. PLEASE ADVISE ME WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN AS MY DAUGHTER IS GOING TO 10TH GRADE THIS FALL.**

**THANK YOU!**

**JASPINDER BUTTAR**

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I HAVE HEARD MANY GREAT REVIEWS ABOUT SARAS AND THIS YEAR I DECIDED TO ENROLL MY SON, CHRISTOPHER KIANG INTO THE PROGRAM. HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SCIENCE AND I THOUGHT THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE GREAT FOR HIM TO LEARN EVEN MORE ABOUT SCIENCE. HE REALLY ENJOYED IT AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR CREATING SUCH AN AWESOME PROGRAM.

AFTER THESE 3 WEEKS, MY SON TOLD ME HE WANTED TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR AND THAT HIS INTEREST IN THE MEDICAL FIELD HAS INCREASED EVEN MORE. I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE CREATORS OF THIS PROGRAM FOR GIVING STUDENTS AN OPPURTUNITY TO WORK AND LEARN ABOUT SCIENCE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY HELP THEM DECIDE ON POSSIBLE MAJORS AND CAREER CHOICES.

THANKS,

MR. AND MRS. KIANG.

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SARAS WAS A VERY VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR SATYA. EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT MEDICAL FIELDS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO UNDERSTAND THEM BETTER. IT WAS EFFECTIVE USE OF HER SUMMER VACATION. MEETING STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS WAS A PLUS. MY SON IS ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO ATTEND SARAS NEXT YEAR.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND VERY EFFECTIVE PLANNING OF THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM FROM WHICH SATYA AND ALL OTHER ATTENDING STUDENTS BENEFITED.

MRS. MAKADIA

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THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL PROGRAM YOU AND YOUR FACULTY ORGANIZED.

TYLER AND ASHLEY HAS DIFFERENT OPINION BUT I THINK IT WAS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MY KIDS TO EXPLORE THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS IN HEALTH PROFESSION AND HEALTH SCIENCE. ESPECIALLY FOR MY DAUGHTER ASHLEY, SHE LOVED IT. SHE HAD VAGUE IDEA THAT SHE WANTED TO HAVE FUTURE IN HEALTH SCIENCE RELATED JOBS BUT THROUGH THIS PROGRAM SHE FOUND OUT WHAT IS OUT THERE AND WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BEING IN THIS KIND OF PROFESSION. SHE DIDN'T WANT THIS PROGRAM TO END.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING MY KIDS CHANCE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT IS INVOLVED IN HEALTH SCIENCE.

KATHERINE KI

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WOW!! THREE WEEKS JUST FLEW BY. WE HAD HEARD A LOT OF GOOD THINGS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM BUT WERE NOT SURE HOW THIS WILL TURN OUT TO BE UNTIL NAKUL STARTED ATTENDING THIS PROGRAM. NAKUL MADE OUR WEEKENDS LITTLE DIFFICULT STARTING FRIDAY EVENING AS HE COULD NOT WAIT TO GO BACK TO SARAS.

IN ADDITION TO GREAT LEARNING, NETWORKING, AND BEING RESPONSIBLE, NAKUL LEARNED TO TRAVEL ON HIS OWN. INITIALLY, WE WERE VERY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT HIS COMMUTE BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE NO ISSUE AT ALL.

DR PENTYALA, THANKS FOR INSPIRING KIDS AND MAKING IT FUN FOR ALL. WE ALSO ENJOYED READING YOUR EMAILS AS WE FOUND THEM VERY INTERESTING AND AT THE SAME TIME FUNNY.

THANKS AND BEST REGARDS,

NAKUL'S PARENTS

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IT WAS A GOOD CHOICE TO PICK THIS PROGRAM FOR OUR SON. THOUGH HE WAS RESISTANT AT THE BEGINING, HE HAD A CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE AND STARTED

TO ENJOY THIS PROGRAM. HE SEEMED THAT HE ENJOYED IT AND LEARNED A LOT. THE KNOWLEDGE HE LEARNED ESPECIALLY THE ONES CONSIDERING HEALTH CARE WILL HELP HIM FOR HIS PURSUIT IN THIS FIELD.

EUGENE & JACKIE BYUN

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WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION WITH THE SARAS PROGRAM. OUR SON, GEORGE LAMBADIS, #80 (GREEN TEAM) HAS TRULY ENJOYED THE LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, HANDS ON WORKSHOPS, AND THE VISIT AT THE LONG ISLAND STATE VETERANS HOME. EVERY DAY HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH US OVER DINNER ABOUT HIS DAY AT STONY BROOK. HE WAS SO ENTHUSED AND INTRIGUED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD AND SCIENCES AT STONY BROOK. THIS PROGRAM MADE HIM REALIZE THAT HE TRULY BELONGS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD AND WANTS TO PURSUE HIS DREAM OF BECOMING A NEUROSURGEON AND ATTEND STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY. HIS JOURNEY IN LIFE IS TO BECOME A DOCTOR AND SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. THANK YOU FOR GIVING GEORGE THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF SUCH AN EXCITING AND SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM!

WITH OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION,  
GEORGINA AND NICK LAMBADIS

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HELLO, I AM THE PARENT OF EVE BYINGTON WHO ATTENDED THE SARAS PROGRAM THIS SUMMER. WOW! WHAT A GREAT PROGRAM. IT WAS EVERYTHING I HOPED IT WOULD BE FOR HER. SHE HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.

FIRST, SHE STAYED IN THE DORM FOR A TASTE OF COLLEGE LIFE. SHE MET SOME NICE GIRLS FROM DIFFERENT STATES AND REALLY ENJOYED HERSELF.

SECOND, YOUR LECTURERS WERE FANTASTIC. THE OVERALL SCOPE AND RANGE OF SUBJECTS WERE WONDERFUL. IT DEFINITELY HELPED TO DEVELOP HER AREAS OF INTEREST. IN FACT SHE REALIZED THAT RESEARCH {PARTICULARLY MOLECULAR BIOLOGY} WAS WHERE SHE WANTED TO DIRECT HER ATTENTION. BESIDE THE FOOD BEING FABULOUS --SHE LOVED YOUR INSPIRING SPEECHES. SHE ALSO TOLD ME THAT THE LAST FILM MADE HER REALIZE HOW FORTUNATE SHE WAS TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND THAT THROUGH RESEARCH SHE COULD FIND CURES FOR DISEASES.

THIRD, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR RUNNING THIS FANTASTIC PROGRAM. I WAS SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING FOR MY DAUGHTER AND THIS WAS PERFECT. I WANTED HER TO BE EXPOSED TO ALL THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF MEDICINE AND ALL THE POSSIBILITIES THAT WENT WITH IT AND YOUR PROGRAM DID THAT. MY SISTER (WHO IS AN RN AND A COLLEGE PROFESSOR) AND I WISHED WE HAD SUCH A PROGRAM TO ENROLL IN WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER. SHE PROBABLY WOULD BE A DOCTOR RIGHT NOW AND MAYBE SO WOULD I.

THANKS AGAIN! KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM WHOLE-HEARTILY TO ANYONE THINKING OF A CAREER IN SCIENCE AND/OR MEDICINE.

SINCERELY,

GRACE BYINGTON

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I AM PLEASED TO STATE THAT THE SARAS PROGRAM IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN AS IT PROVIDES THEM ORIENTATION TO THE VARIOUS MEDICAL PROFESSIONS/ BRANCHES IN A VERY ENGAGING AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

THE PROGRAM IS WELL RUN AND WELL PLANNED. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME COMMITMENT TO THIS AND THE FACT THAT YOU INVOLVE THE PARENTS BY KEEPING THEM IN THE INFORMATION LOOP FROM THE VERY START. PRANAV REALLY ENJOYED HIS PARTICIPATION IN IT FOR A TOTAL OF TWO YEARS AND HAS EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. HE IS ALSO CONSIDERING VOLUNTEERING FOR THE VETERANS HOME. I ATTRIBUTE THIS TO THE VISIT YOU HAD ORGANIZED TO THE VETERANS HOME. IN CASE YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR PRANAV WE WILL WELCOME THOSE AND ALSO FEEL FREE TO CALL UPON HIM FOR ANY VOLUNTEER WORK WITH YOU. THANKS. VIBHAKAR KARAMBELKAR.

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MY APOLOGIES FIRST FOR A DELAYED REPLY. I JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO CHICAGO YESTERDAY. I MUST COMMEND YOU ON ARRANGING SUCH A WONDERFUL SUMMER PROGRAM FOR THE KIDS. I AM SURE AN EXPOSURE INTO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MEDICINE AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE WILL HELP THESE KIDS IN MAKING UP THEIR MIND REGARDING MAKING A DECISION TO CHOOSE A CAREER. HARSHIL, LIKE MANY OTHER KIDS ENJOYED THE PROGRAM VERY MUCH. HE HAS EXPRESSED TO ME A DESIRE TO PURSUE SOME PATH IN BIOTECHNOLOGY. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR ARRANGING SUCH A WONDERFUL PROGRAM FOR THE KIDS.

WITH REGARDS,  
ANIL MATTOO. M.D.

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ORGANIZING THE SARAS PROGRAM. MY DAUGHTER, KIRTI PARMAR, WAS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND SHE LOVED EVERYDAY OF IT. BEFORE THE PROGRAM, SHE WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE WANTS TO PURSUE IN HER FUTURE AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THIS PROGRAM HAS OPENED HER EYES TO MANY DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. SHE ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE PATIENT CARE WORKSHOPS. ONCE AGAIN, MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES AND ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR MAKING THIS A PRODUCTIVE AND BENEFICIAL LEARNING PROGRAM. WE ARE PLANNING TO SEND OUR YOUNGER SON TO THE PROGRAM AS WELL.

SINCERELY,  
UMESH AND DAXA PARMAR

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I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE THIS SARAS 2010 A SUCCESS. YOU HAVE MADE AN IMPACT IN MY DAUGHTER MAYRA'S LIFE. BEFORE SARAS 2010 SHE DID NOT HAVE A CLUE WHAT SHE WANTED TO DO IN THE MEDICAL

FIELD. NOW AFTER SARAS 2010 SHE IS HIGHLY CONSIDERING TO BE A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST & ALSO CONSIDERING STONY BROOK AS ONE OF HER UNIVERSITY OPTIONS.

M. VILLATORO

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MY REFLECTIONS ON THE PROGRAM ARE BASED SOLELY UPON MY DAUGHTER'S ATTITUDE WHEN I PICKED HER UP AT THE END OF EACH DAY. SHE WAS ALWAYS UPBEAT AND HAPPY. ON THE 45 MINUTE DRIVE HOME SHE WOULD FILL ME IN ON THE DAY'S EVENTS. THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE DAY THAT SHE WAS NOT ABSOLUTELY THRILLED WITH BEING A PART OF THE PROGRAM. SO FROM A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE, THE PROGRAM WAS VERY WORTHWHILE AND I WOULD SAY THAT MEGHAN WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A SIMILAR PROGRAM NEXT SUMMER. SO I THANK YOU FOR PUTTING TOGETHER SUCH A STIMULATING PROGRAM AND ALLOWING MY DAUGHTER TO BE A PART OF IT.

THEODORE DAVIS

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MY DAUGHTER, JULIA MULLOKANDOVA, IS USUALLY A VERY SHY CHILD WHO NEVER PARTICIPATES IN ANY DISCUSSION EVEN SHE KNOWS THE ANSWERS ON ALL QUESTIONS. BUT SARAS PROGRAM CHANGE MY DAUGHTER. EVERYDAY SHE CAME FROM SARAS WITH THE DIFFERENT EXCITED STORIES ABOUT NEW STUDENTS SHE MET OR PROFESSORS SHE TALKED. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR ORGANIZING THIS PROGRAM AND BIG OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR KIDS TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND MEDICINE. IT WILL BENEFIT HER FUTURE PLANS. MY DAUGHTER HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT SARAS.

ZHANNA MULLOKANDOVA

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WHEN MY WIFE FOUND OUT ABOUT SARAS PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE STONY BROOK DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY I DID SOME RESEARCH ABOUT THE PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY PARENTS AS WELL AS STUDENTS FEEDBACK FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS. I IMMEDIATELY APPLIED FOR THIS PROGRAM. WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE THAT OUR SON JOSHUA ABRAHAM WAS ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM (SARAS ID#1).

FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR.SRINIVAS PENTİYALA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH FOR HIS HARD WORK IN COORDINATING THESE OUTSTANDING LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO INCREASE AWARENESS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH. THIS ONE OF A KIND PROGRAM HELPED MY SON INCREASED HIS APPRECIATION TOWARDS RESEARCH IN THE BIO-MEDICAL FIELD.

WE ARE REALLY THANKFUL AND APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY 2010 SARAS PROVIDED TO MY SON JOSHUA ABRAHAM THIS SUMMER. WE THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY FOR OFFERING THIS EXCELLENT PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY ALL THE PROFESSORS AND DOCTORS AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS PROGRAM. THEIR LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS INSPIRED MORE FOCUS FOR HIM IN THE BIO-MEDICAL FIELD OF STUDY.

THANK YOU,  
VINOD GEORGE ABRAHAM

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FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SETTING UP THE SARAS PROGRAM AND THE DEDICATION IT TAKES TO RUN THE PROGRAM YEAR AFTER YEAR WITH THE WILLINGNESS TO EXPAND THE ENROLLMENT. MY HUSBAND AND I BOTH VOLUNTEER AS WELL AND KNOW THAT THE EVENTS ARE REWARDING BUT THERE IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK TO BRING IT TO FRUITION; SO AGAIN, THANK YOU. MY DAUGHTER, CHRISTINA, THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE LECTURES AND THE CROSS SECTION OF THE MEDICAL FIELD THAT IT REPRESENTED. SHE HAS WANTED TO BE A DOCTOR SINCE SHE INJURED AT 7 YEARS OLD, AND SHE NOW HAS AN ADDED INTEREST IN GENETICS AND NEURO-BIOLOGY. HER FAVORITE LECTURES WERE THE ONES ON STEM CELLS, GENOME AND NANO-TECHNOLOGY AND NOW SHE'S TRYING TO CONVINCE HER BROTHER TO GO INTO BIO-ENGINEERING.

I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR UP LOADING THE PICTURES OF THE GROUP. MY HUSBAND AND I ENJOYED LOOKING THROUGH THEM AND OF COURSE, LIT UP WHEN WE SAW OUR DAUGHTER. CHRISTINA ALSO ENJOYED THE RECAP, POINTED OUT YOUR DAUGHTER TO US, AND SHE HAS SAVED THE RESCUE DUMMY PHOTO TO HER PHONE.

ENJOY WHAT'S LEFT OF THE SUMMER,

LAURA SMIROS

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE PROVIDED FOR MY DAUGHTER, KAITLYNNE CUNNINGHAM. THE EXTRAORDINARY CALIBER OF SPEAKERS AND RANGE OF TOPICS WAS QUITE IMPRESSIVE. I KNOW THAT IT SOLIDIFIED MY DAUGHTER'S DECISION TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MEDICINE AND HAS OPENED HER UP TO DIFFERENT SPECIALTIES THAT SHE WOULD NOT HAVE FORMERLY CONSIDERED. IN ADDITION, IT HAS INSPIRED HER IN HER QUEST FOR RESEARCH TOPICS. AS A PHYSICIAN MYSELF, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM TO ANYONE CONSIDERING A CAREER IN THE MEDICAL FIELD.

REGARDS,  
ROBIN CUNNINGHAM, MD

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MY NAME IS AJAY GANDHI & I AM FATHER OF PRIYA GANDHI. I HAD HEARD WONDERFUL THINGS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM FROM OUR FRIENDS BUT WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE PRIYA GANDHI, OUR DAUGHTER, PART OF THE PROGRAM IN JULY 2010.

IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR HER AND EXCELLENT EXPOSURE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. IT GIVES HER NEW INSIGHT OF THIS FIELD THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF. FACULTY AND STAFF WERE EXCELLENT. SHE GAINED TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE IN 3 WEEKS PERIOD AND IT WILL ALLOW HER TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISION OF HER LIFE IN MORE INTELLIGENT MANNER.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVE OUR DAUGHTER, BE PART OF ANY PROGRAM THAT YOU MAY OFFER IN NEAR FUTURE IN SPIITE OF SOME TRAVELLING CONSTRAINS.

RESPECTFULLY,

AJAY & SONAL GANDHI

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THE SARAS PROGRAM WAS INTERESTING TO JORDAN BECAUSE HE HAD AN INTEREST IN THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD BUT DID NOT HAVE A CERTAIN PATH BY WHICH HE FELT HE COULD FOLLOW. THROUGH THE SARAS PROGRAM JORDAN EXPECTED TO FIND THIS PATH BUT FROM WHAT HE HAD DESCRIBED TO ME AND HIS FATHER, IT SEEMS THAT THIS WAS NOT ALL HE FOUND. JORDAN WAS ABLE TO FIND HIS PATH IN THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD AFTER A SERIES OF DOUBTS AND CONFUSION HAD PLAGUED HIM FOR SO LONG. THE SARAS PROGRAM EXPOSED JORDAN TO DIFFERENT FIELDS AND GAVE HIM SOME SORT OF VARIETY AS TO THE MEANS FOR WHICH HE FELT HE SHOULD FULFILL HIS PASSIONS. HE WAS CONFUSED FOR QUITE SOME TIME; HOWEVER, HE WAS ABLE TO FIND A PROFESSION THAT HE FELT WOULD FILL HIS PASSION IN THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD TO THE FULLEST AND WANTS TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN. HE DESCRIBED THE PROGRAM TO US AS "A PROGRAM OF SELF DISCOVERY" AND I FEEL THAT JORDAN FOUND WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR ALONG WITH A SENSE OF AWE AT THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO HIM. EVERY WEEKEND, UPON RETURNING HOME FROM STONY BROOK, JORDAN WOULD READ FROM HIS NOTES MUCH OF WHAT HE HAD LEARNED IN THE SARAS PROGRAM. IT WAS NICE TO SEE HIS PASSION CULTIVATED AND MATURED THROUGH THE PROGRAM THROUGH A SENSE OF AWE AT WHAT HE WAS LEARNING. MOST IMPORTANTLY, JORDAN HAD FOUND THE PROGRAM USEFUL, INSIGHTFUL, AND INSPIRATIONAL, AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVING HIS PASSIONS IN THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD AND THIS HAS MADE HIS "SELF DISCOVERY" ALL THE WORTHWHILE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP THAT WAS GIVEN TO JORDAN.

SINCERELY,

MRS. ROSA ROGA

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MY DAUGHTER, VARSHA KATARI, WAS A PARTICIPANT OF SARAS THIS YEAR. SHE REALLY ENJOYED IT, FOR SHE WOULD ALWAYS COME HOME WITH NEW INTERESTING FACTS. SHE ENJOYED THE LECTURES AND SPECIALLY THE HANDS ON WORKSHOP, THANK YOU FOR COVERING MOST OF THE TOPICS BRIEFLY IN MEDICAL SCIENCE. SHE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER KIDS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS.

MY DAUGHTER WOULD TALK ABOUT THE LECTURES WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM, IT SEEMED THAT THREE WEEKS WAS TOO SHORT, BUT OVERALL SHE HAD GREAT FUN, THE SAT TEST TAKERS WAS ALSO HELPFUL. IT WAS A GOOD START. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS EXCITING PROGRAM, WHICH REALLY MOTIVATED MY CHILD TO GO INTO THE MEDICAL FIELD.

SINCERELY

VANDANA KATARI

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SANAM (ID #111) VERY MUCH ENJOYED HER TIME WITH THE PROGRAM THIS SUMMER. SHE IS MORE DEFINITE WITH WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO WITH HER FUTURE AND HAS COME UP WITH MANY PLANS. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR HER.

SINCERELY,

SUMAN JAIN

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HELLO DR. PENTYALA. THIS IS JOHN BYINGTON. MY DAUGHTER, EVE BYINGTON, WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THIS YEAR'S SARAS PROGRAM. WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE SHE HAD! THANKS AGAIN FOR PUTTING TOGETHER SUCH A WONDERFUL PROGRAM! I HAVE RECOMMENDED THE SARAS PROGRAM TO A NUMBER TO FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.



BEST REGARDS,

JOHN H. BYINGTON III

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I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COORDINATING SUCH A FABULOUS SUMMER PROGRAM. MY SON MATTHEW RANFTLE CAME OUT OF THE PROGRAM WITH SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEDICAL/SCIENCE RESEARCH FIELD. HE **LOVED** THE PROGRAM AND ALSO ENJOYED THE STONY BROOK CAMPUS VERY MUCH. WITNESSING ROBOTIC SURGERY WAS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING MOMENTS FOR HIM...AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME :-)) HE NEVER REALIZED WHAT A WONDERFUL UNIVERSITY EXISTS IN OUR 'OWN BACKYARD'. AS FAR AS THE FOOD, IT IS AMAZING THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO GET SO MANY BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT YOUR PROGRAM. WE HAVE PERSONALLY THANKED THE OWNERS OF O'SOLE MIO SINCE THEY LIVE CLOSE TO US HERE IN DIX HILLS.

THANK YOU, TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF, FOR TAKING SUCH AN INTEREST IN OUR CHILDREN AND EXPOSING THEM TO YOUR WORLD. I KNOW MATT'S ONLY REGRET IS THAT THE PROGRAM WAS ONLY THREE WEEKS LONG. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING MORE TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY NEXT SUMMER.

ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER!

SINCERELY,  
CHRISTINE RANFTLE

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THANK YOU AND THE MANY PROFESSIONALS THAT CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE TO MENTOR AND ENCOURAGE ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SARAS 2010 SUMMER PROGRAM. IT WAS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SON (MATTHEW MAYERS) AND A WONDERFUL REMINDER HOW FORTUNATE HE WAS TO HAVE THESE GIFTED AND TALENTED PEOPLE SHARE THEIR LOVE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE WITH HIM. IT WAS MATTHEW'S SECOND TIME PARTICIPATING IN SARAS, AND HE STATES "THAT IS WAS EVEN BETTER THE SECOND TIME AROUND". THIS PROGRAM HAS REALLY HAD A IMPACT ON THE DIRECTION HE WILL TAKE IN HIS ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS AND CAREER PATHWAY.

ONCE AGAIN, MANY THANKS AND BLESSINGS TO DR. SRINIVAS PENTYALA, SARAS STAFF, PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS, MENTORS, CATERING AND ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS AN ENRICHING, EDUCATIONAL AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR SON MATTHEW.

WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OTHERS.

RESPECTFULLY,  
ANTHONY AND PANSY MAYERS.

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MY SON, ALEX ISRAEL, MENTIONED THE FEEDBACK. I'M NOT SURE IF MY WIFE RESPONDED OR NOT - STILL BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY...

FROM WHAT I CAN TELL THE COURSE SEEMED BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND ENGAGING. ALEX OFTEN SPOKE AT LENGTH OF THE DAYS EVENTS/LESSONS. THE MIX OF SESSIONS/SKILLS PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EXPERIENCE.

IT SEEMED VERY WELL ORGANIZED, AND I APPRECIATED THAT YOU DEVOTED A LOT OF THOUGHT TOWARDS EASING IN KIDS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN IN SIMILAR PROGRAMS BEFORE. JUST DEALING WITH THE COMMUTE AND A STRANGE CAMPUS CAN BE A LOT FOR SOME.

I HAVE NO SENSE IF SIMILAR PROGRAMS EXIST AT STONY BROOK AND ELSEWHERE (WE FOUND OUT ABOUT SARAS THROUGH ALEX'S FRIENDS). IS SARAS UNIQUE EVEN IN THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, OR ARE THERE MORE ADVANCED VERSIONS FOR OLDER HS KIDS?

JASON

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***THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO DESIGN SUCH A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. SARAS PRESENT LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS ABOUT BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE TO HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WAS FANTASTIC AGAIN THIS YEAR. THE SESSIONS ON LAB SAFETY LEADING TO CERTIFICATION TO WORK IN A RESEARCH LAB WAS A GREAT ADDITION TO THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE EXAM PREP SESSIONS TO GET READY FOR SAT/ACT/MCAT.***

***I SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU SPENT RECOMMENDING STRATEGIES AND NETWORKING RESOURCES FOR ACHIEVING THEM. YOUR ADVICE WAS VERY HELPFUL AND DAVID HAS A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES. I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER TO CONNECT HIM TO OTHERS IN YOUR NETWORK. HE PLANS ON FOLLOWING UP WITH THE CONTACTS IN THE FUTURE.***

***I'LL BE CERTAIN KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND UPDATE ON DAVID'S FUTURE PROGRESS. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE PROVIDED MY SON.***

***BEST REGARDS,***

***MARY BERKOWITZ PIRRAGLIA***

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HELLO, I AM ESPERANCE, FRIDOLIN'S MOM. I AM SO SORRY IT TOOK THIS LONG TO GET BACK TO YOU. AS YOU CAN EXPECT OF COURSE MY SON AND I COULDN'T THANK THE PROGRAM AND YOURSELF ENOUGH FOR THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY! FRIDOLIN WAS EXCITED EVERY SINGLE DAY AND WHENEVER HE GOT HOME HE WAS LIKE "WOW MOMMY, IT WAS INTERESTING AND AMAZING TODAY" THEN HE WOULD TRY TO EXPLAIN TO ME ABOUT WHAT HE WAS TAUGHT THAT DAY. BEING IN THE MEDICAL FIELD MYSELF I CAN IMAGINE AND UNDERSTAND THE EXCITEMENT AND INTEREST. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THOSE THREE WEEKS WERE WELL SPENT AND REWARDING FOR ALL THOSE YOUNGTERS. YOU SHOULD GIVE YOURSELF A PAT AND BE PROUD OF THE WHOLE CREW. AGAIN, THANK YOU MUCH FOR GIVING FRIDOLIN A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN SARAS.

YOURS,

ESPERANCE NDAYISHIMIYE

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WE ARE VERY MUCH IMPRESSED WITH THE SARAS PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH DR. SRINI AND YOUR TEAM FOR ALL YOUR DEDICATION AND NOBLE EFFORT. WE'RE GLAD THAT WE SENT OUR DAUGHTER TO THIS PROGRAM. SHE HAD AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE AND GOT AWARENESS WITH MANY THINGS. WE INITIALLY HESITATED TO SEND OUR DAUGHTER BECAUSE WE LIVE AWAY IN NJ BUT WE PAT EACH OTHER NOW FOR MAKING SUCH A GREAT DECISION. IT'S WORTH MANY TIMES THAT WHAT WE DROVE AND PAID. HER PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM HAS STRENGTHENED HER DESIRE TO PURSUE A 'RESEARCH ORIENTED MEDICAL CAREER'. SHE IS SO EXCITED TO SEE THE RESEARCH INVENTIONS THAT DR. SRINI AND HIS TEAM DID. SHE NOT ONLY HAD FUN BUT ALSO MADE FRIENDS DURING THOSE THREE WEEKS. SHE GOT AN

OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW HOW THE DORM LIFE IS AND EXPLORE THE STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY. WE'RE PLEASED THAT THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM MADE A MEMORABLE SUMMER FOR HER.

REGARDS,  
SURESH & RADHIKA

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A SINCERE THANK YOU TO YOU AND THE OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME TO CREATE THIS VALUABLE AND WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE. MY SON LEARNED A LOT, MADE NEW FRIENDS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WAS EXPOSED TO A WIDE VARIETY OF HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONALS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT HE MIGHT NOT HAVE PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED. YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND THAT OF THE PRESENTERS ENCOURAGED HIS INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AND GAVE HIM A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT IS CARRIED ON WITHIN AN ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION TO THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM!

THERESA TARANOVICH, MOTHER OF NICHOLAS, AGE 17

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**AS A PARENT OF A SARAS PROGRAM PARTICIPANT THIS SUMMER OF 2010, I THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME IN ORGANIZING AND DIRECTING SUCH A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WAS RECOMMENDED TO ME BY THE DIRECTOR OF LI WORKS COALITION, CHERYL DAVIDSON. IT WAS A SUPERB RECOMMENDATION THAT I WILL PASS FORWARD! MY SON TOM WAS ALWAYS EAGER TO ATTEND EACH DAY ALBEIT THE ONE HOUR COMMUTE EACH WAY. TOM HAD AN ENJOYABLE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. HE WAS HAPPY TO BE INTRODUCED TO MANY DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING AREAS OF MEDICINE THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE AS HE BEGINS HIS COLLEGE CAREER IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES/PREMED. THE SARAS PROGRAM ~ THE LECTURES, THE WORKSHOPS, AND THE MEALS ~WERE QUITE VARIED, WELL THOUGHT OUT AND PLANNED. I AM HAPPY THAT TOM ATTENDED AND WILL BE RECOMMENDING THE SARAS PROGRAM TO OTHERS THINKING ABOUT ENTERING THE MEDICAL FIELD. KUDOS AND THANKS TO ALL THE PROFESSIONALS THAT TOOK THE TIME TO MAKE THE THREE WEEKS A MEMORABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.**

**SINCERELY,  
MARIANNE E. QUINN**

THIS WAS WONDERFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR MY SON. HE LEARNED A LOT AND HE WOULD LOVE TO JOIN NEXT SUMMER. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.  
DARSHANA DAVE

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MY DAUGHTER, KHUSHBOO NAGPAL (#55) ABSOLUTELY LOVED THIS PROGRAM! FROM THE BEGINNING SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A PEDIATRICIAN AND THIS PROGRAM OPENED HER EYES TO MORE DIFFERENT CAREERS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. EVERYDAY SHE CAME HOME LEARNING ABOUT

DIFFERENT DOCTORS AND WHAT THEY DO. I APPRECIATED THE FRIDAYS SAT CLASSES THAT WERE OFFERED AT THE SARAS PROGRAM. MY DAUGHTER ALSO LEARNED A LOT FROM IT. THIS PROGRAM IS ABSOLUTELY ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS TO TAKE PART IN. I AM GLAD I JOINED HER FOR THIS PROGRAM AND I APPRECIATE FOR ALL THE PROFESSORS AND COUNSELORS HAVE DONE TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MALTI NAGPAL

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AS A PARENT OF A STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS SUMMER'S SARAS PROGRAM, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING SUCH AN ENRICHING AND REWARDING PROGRAM. ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION SHE CAME HOME EXCITED AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT POTENTIAL TOPICS AND FIELDS TO EXPLORE IN HER FUTURE STUDIES. SHE WAS PARTICULARLY INTRIGUED BY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL PATHS OF WHICH SHE HAD BEEN UNAWARE, THE DOCTORATE OF NURSING PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WHILE INFORMATIVE, THE PROGRAM WAS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO MEET STUDENTS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS WHICH SHARE HER ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SCIENCES AND WITH WHOM SHE WAS ABLE TO EXPAND HER SOCIAL CIRCLE AND MAKE SOME LASTING FRIENDSHIPS. ONE OF THE MORE POIGNANT ELEMENTS WAS THE INCLUSION OF THE VISIT TO THE VETERAN'S HOME, WHICH I KNOW HAS MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION.

SINCERELY,  
MRS. L. BUDD

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SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN PROVIDING THE FEEDBACK. SANJULA HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE SARAS PROGRAM, AS DID OUR OLDER SON, A FEW YEARS AGO. THIS BEING OUR SECOND CHILD IN THE PROGRAM, WE, AS PARENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WITNESS THE VAST IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PROGRAM. THE LECTURES WERE FROM A BIG RANGE OF DEPARTMENTS. WE FEEL THE PROGRAM REALLY HELPS THE HIGH SCHOLARS GET A TASTE OF THE DIFFERENT FIELDS IN SCIENCE AND MEDICINE.

AS OPPOSED TO WHAT GENERAL PERCEPTION MIGHT BE, DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TO THE HOSPITAL WERE A BREEZE. THE ONLY AREA OF IMPROVEMENT THAT WE WOULD SUGGEST ARE THAT THE FOOD PROVIDED BE CLEARLY MARKED, AS WE FEEL THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION REGARDING VEGETARIAN CHOICES.

OTHER THAN THAT, WE FEEL IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM. OUR SON, WHO IS NOW MAJORING IN SCIENCE IS A TESTIMONY TO HOW GOOD THE SARAS PROGRAM IS.

REGARDS,  
M SINGHAL

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I HAVE NOTHING BUT GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR ALLOWING MY SON THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2010 SARAS. HE WAS QUITE CHARGED UP BY MANY OF YOUR PRESENTERS - THE ONLY THING HE DID STATE TO ME, WAS THAT HE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD MORE HANDS ON OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING WITH HIS OWN HANDS. THE LECTURES COULD BE COMPLEMENTED WITH SOME SORT OF RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE KIDS, IF POSSIBLE. BUT OVERALL, HE CAME AWAY WITH A VERY POSITIVE FEELING.

I PERSONALLY ENJOYED YOUR PLAYFUL EMAILS TO THE KIDS !  
THANKS ONCE AGAIN  
GEORGE MATHEW

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FIRST, THANKS FOR ORGANIZING THIS TREMENDOUS EFFORT.

SECOND, I WAS NOT AS INVOLVED AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BE, SO MY FEEDBACK IS LIMITED. I KNOW DANA FELT THAT THE EVENTS WERE OF HETEROGENOUS QUALITY AND INTEREST, AND SHE REPORTED SOME OF THIS TO YOU. MY GENERAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT, AS USUAL, THE KIDS' CAPABILITIES

WERE UNDERESTIMATED AND THEY COULD HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED MORE.  
HOWEVER, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT DANA ENJOYED THIS VERY MUCH, AND  
IT ENHANCED HER APPETITE FOR BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE. AS SUCH, IT WAS VERY  
SUCCESSFUL. MY ONLY OTHER SUGGESTION IS THAT PERHAPS YOU COULD ADD  
SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFTER-HOURS SOCIAL INTERACTION AMONG THE  
STUDENTS, AS WELL AS AMONG THEIR PARENTS.  
THANKS AGAIN,  
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WE HAD NO COMPUTER AT OUR SUMMER LOCATION AND THIS WENT TO SPAM SO SORRY FOR THE  
LATE RESPONSE. WE HAVE ONLY JUST RETURNED FROM THE SUMMER AND JUST FOUND YOUR  
MESSAGE.

ODDLY ENOUGH, MY DAUGHTER LEARNED WHAT BRANCH OF SCIENCE SHE DOES NOT WANT  
TO PURSUE FROM YOUR COURSE. THERE WERE MANY LECTURES ON WHAT HAPPENS IN A LAB  
SETTING. WHILE THAT SOUNDED GREAT IN THEORY, SHE BELIEVES AFTER THE LECTURES THAT  
SHE IS REALLY MORE ATTRACTED TO SURGERY OR THE NEUROSCIENCES. SHE WENT INTO THE  
COURSE REALLY INTERESTED IN LAB TECHNOLOGY, SO THE LECTURES PRODUCED A RESULT!

ALL IN ALL A GREAT PROGRAM, HAMPERED A BIT BY OUR GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING TO THE  
FACILITY AS WE WERE COMING FROM WAY EAST IN WATERMILL AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT. SHE HAD TO MISS A FEW DAYS AS I COULD NOT GET HER THERE ON A FEW  
OCCASIONS.

THANKS FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUTH IN THE SCIENCES.  
LAUREN PEARLSTONE

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MY SON MICHAEL MARCEL HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE DOING THE SARAS PROGRAM THIS SUMMER. EVERYDAY  
HE CAME HOME AND DISCUSSED ALL THE INTERESTING TOPICS THAT WERE PRESENTED BY THE SPEAKERS AND  
WAS ALWAYS EAGER TO RETURN THE NEXT DAY. THIS PROGRAM HAS MADE HIM EVEN MORE INTERESTED IN  
PURSUING A CAREER WITHIN THE MEDICAL FIELD. WE HAVE ALREADY RECOMMENDED THIS PROGRAM TO OTHERS  
AND HOPE YOU HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

SINCERELY, JOSEPHINE MARCEL