

2011-SARAS : Parent's Feedback

I am writing to share my impression of SARAS2011 as the parent of Aumyo.

First of all, we are very excited to see that Aumyo has won the first prize for PowerPoint presentation on his drug research. He spent quite a bit of time and my wife (a physician at NUMC) helped him to polish the presentation - that was a rewarding experience for Aumyo.

We are somewhat unique. My wife works in Long Island and Aumyo lives with me in CA. We go back and forth very regularly. Aumyo was planning to spend this summer in Long Island. We were exploring what Aumyo should do over there. At that time, a family friend talked about SARAS program at SUNY stony brook. They spoke highly of the program. We researched through various sources and were convinced that Aumyo should spend the time with SARAS. Besides, he is planning to apply for his undergrad at SUNY stony brook. SARAS deemed be a good opportunity for Aumyo to get first hand impression of the campus. After three weeks at SARAS, our overall impression is pretty positive. It seems the attendees got exposed to various aspects of medical profession in a very short period of time. Aumyo is very excited to learn that medical research can potentially bring lot of money (through patent and product ..).

I was surprised to learn that the attendance went down towards the end of the program. I am not sure if it is due to mismatch of expectation. But, SARAS program met our expectations.

We would like to thank you and SUNY for coordinating such a wonderful learning opportunity for the high school students.

With regards,
Abu

Thank you for all the time and effort that you put into the SARAS program this summer 2011. Our son, Anthony, who stayed on campus for the duration of the program, thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. This program helped him to look at the whole college experience differently, exposing him to necessary social skills under a great academic environment. The program itself was exciting for him, he looked forward daily to each new experience, being already interested in medicine, he has now expressed extreme interest in 'genetic engineering'.

We are very pleased with the whole program and the personal touch that permeated down through the whole program from you and the instructors to the students. We hope that you are able to continue this program through the years so that others can benefit from such a rewarding experience.

Sincerely,
Nicole & Anthony Sr.

I AM GLAD MY SON PARTICIPATED IN YOUR PROGRAM.I AM SURE HE LEARNED LOTS OF WONDERFUL THINGS. HOWEVER I AM SURE IF YOU WILL HAVE MORE HANDS ON EXPERIMENTS AND LESS LECTURES ,IT WILL ATTRACT THE YOUNG ONES EVEN MORE. OVER ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR PUTTING UP WITH THEM AND YOUR GREAT ATTITUDES THROUGH OUT THE PROGRAM .I HAVE ANOTHER YOUNG ONE FOR YOU NEXT YEAR.AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND PREPARE SOME BIG SURGERIES FOR THE UPCOMING GROUP:).
SINCERELY :
REZO

Wow, it's hard to believe that the SARAS program has come to its conclusion. The three weeks went quick. It was exciting and interesting to hear about each day. We heard some great stories filled with interest, information and insight. We especially enjoyed her perspective and enthusiasm about her SARAS experience.

My daughter, Nicole participated in this year's SARAS program. As a very-soon-to-be junior at Ward Melville High School, Nicole had expressed an interest in the medical field. The SARAS program provided her with a very unique learning opportunity to explore the medical field in a stress-free atmosphere. She was exposed to the many different aspects and professions. She especially enjoyed the hands-on workshops.

I am certain Nicole's SARAS experience will assist in guiding her as she will be making some important decisions about her future soon. Thank you for making such a WONDERFUL program available to my daughter. Learning while having FUN! I could not have asked for more. You have further fueled her medical field interest. Perhaps, you may see her as a SUNY Stony Brook student, in the near future. :) I hope so!

Regards,
Andrea

P.S. Oh, and I must NOT forget to mention the incredible lunches! A BIG THANK YOU to all the wonderful SARAS program food sponsors. As I live in the area, I will be sure to patronize some of these fine establishments. : p

Kyle had an excellent time at this program. He has gained further insight into the various disciplines of the medical field and has identified his interest in orthopedic surgery even though he is a neuroscience major entering sophomore year at USC. He will be meeting with school councilors there to discuss the various disciplines your program has provided to help him narrow his studies. He told me that the SARAS program provided him with information he would not have otherwise had and it was a great experience. He also said the food was good and that you all took care to ensure the students interests for knowledge was met. Thank you.

Anna

Based on what I have heard from Poorni during the course of the program, she has definitely learned a lot, she had exposure to various other fields in Science. She was very excited about the hands on lab experience. In general Poorni has a better understanding of other career options available in the field of Science. She enjoyed doing all the assignments; she also made new friends during the program.

Thanks for organizing the program, it has been a wonderful experience for all of us.

Kind Regards

Arun

I'm really glad my child attended the SARAS program. She learned so much from the lectures of the doctors of the SARAS program. I enjoyed hearing all she learned every day after I picked her up! I also work in the medical field and I liked hearing all the new research that was being done to help provide more for the improvement of the care of patients. Also my daughter always had a great interest in entering the medical field, and the SARAS program really helped show all the different professions that are part of the medical field. She learned that there are so many other professions other than doctors that help take care of patients. I'm very glad there is such a great program being offered, and I'm really happy that my daughter could attend it!

Asha

I want to thank you for running this program. Aatman really enjoyed it and it seems that he learned a lot from SARAS as well. He also told us about how he made new friends. I appreciate the hard work you and your colleagues have put into this program. But it is definitely worthwhile and you will not regret it. I am sure that this program will have a great impact on other students as it has had on our son. With that, I want to wish you a happy summer. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Aatman's parents

Hello, this is the mother of Brittany. I wanted to thank the people who made the SARAS program possible and the sponsors that fed my daughter. Throughout the program my daughter would inform me of at least one new thing she learned that day at the program. It was nice to see her actively learning during the summer time. I'm very happy that she attended this program and that it was a positive experience for her. Thank you so much for all your time.

~Carmela

Thank you and the staff of Stony Brook Medical Center for creating and participating in such a wonderful program. These 3 weeks had been a very enlightening, educational and fun experience for our young minds. Dillan has thoroughly enjoyed learning about the many applications of science. Thank you Dr. Pentyala for bringing humor into your lessons. I will definitely be recommending this science awareness series to other high school children.

Thanking You, Ashika.

I thought that the SARAS program was a wonderful opportunity for my daughter Brianna and I thank you for it. She was happy and enthusiastic to attend the program each week. The program gave her wonderful exposure to many facets of the medical field, which she is interested in exploring as a possible

profession. One weekend, after attending a week at SARAS, she questioned her father and me about our sleep habits and proceeded to tell us that we may have a serious condition (due to snoring) and have it checked out. Now that the program is over, Brianna finds herself a bit bored and wishes it was longer than three weeks. I hope you can continue to give other students the opportunity to attend SARAS.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carmela

My daughter Julia loved your program. She told us everyday what she learned. She said that it isn't a drag to go to a medical camp but a pleasure, which honestly surprised me as a parent. She said that she can't wait for next summer so that she can do it again. So thank you!

- Carmela

Hello,

First off, my husband and I would like to thank you for informing us every important detail before and throughout the SARAS experience. When my son's guidance counselor recommended this program, we knew that SARAS was a program for our son. As we were getting ready to send him off, we were very excited that he would have the chance to experience the college life before everyone else. When the big day finally came, we were so attached that we didn't want to leave him but Daniel finally took a stand and told us to leave and he will see us on Friday. When we saw him on Fridays for the next three weeks, we knew that he was growing and that he was lucky to soak in knowledge that other students his age haven't been able to take in. We were so proud of Daniel because he started to be more independent. Also, through the program, he was able to understand more of how great the medical field is. Finally, seeing him when the program was over, he seemed a little bit more mature and focused thanks to the SARAS program. We couldn't have been more blessed that our son was able to be a part of the 2011 SARAS summer program.

This program was first introduced to me by a friend of mine who was also going send her child to it. So, I decided that my son should go too. He agreed so for the next three weeks, he went to SARAS. Listening to his descriptions of the program, I believe that it was informative and helpful for him. All I can say is thank you very much for the time of everybody and for educating my child.

Christina

Our daughter found your course quite rewarding and made many important contacts with your guest speakers.

Cheers,

Richard

Jake asked that I send you my impression of the program; I was Jake's transportation each day, and the highlight of my days was picking up Jake at 3:30; always with a smile and a wealth of new information and excitement about the day's activities, who he meet and how fascinated he was with so many of the speakers. It was always an engaging and informative ride home. I am so proud of Jake's ambition, and so thrilled that he had this well planned and thoroughly informative program to experience. I will share our experiences with Jake's guidance counselor, and I am certain it will always be the stepping stone for Jake's future and an important part of his focus in medicine.

Jake's Mom

I would like to thank you and all faculty members on successfully conducting SARAS program. Nikunj enjoyed it very much and learned a lot.

I hope that you will continue this program in future for the benefit of students and parents.

Kind Regards,

Devendra

I want to thank you, your staff and your colleagues for your dedication to the SARAS program each year. My daughter had a wonderful experience. It not only gave her introduction to different paths in the science and medical fields but was a great opportunity for her to experience dorm life. She is the second child in our family to attend your program. My son decided to study biomedical engineering after attending SARAS 2 years ago and will be attending a university in Boston with a fellowship to perform undergraduate research. He always says that attending and experiencing your program had a great influence in his decision on what he chose to study and on his future goals.

Warmest Regards,

Diana

Dear SARAS,

Well, all I have to say is thank you. My daughter truly admired this program and I know that she enjoyed herself more than I had thought she would. After picking Serah up after the program at the end of the day, I was somewhat excited because of the things that she would tell me that she learned. I now know that allowing her to participate in a program like this gave her the edge that she wanted. Thank you again SARAS, and I hope that this program will continue to educate the young adults of the future.

Drupattie

Thank you for allowing Matthew to participate in the SARAS program at Stony Brook. This was an invaluable opportunity for Matthew to educate himself as to what he may want to do with a career in the Science field. The program exposed him to many different opportunities. He enjoyed days that involved more “hands-on” activities such as learning an IV procedure. Your enthusiasm and care with students is a rare and wonderful gift.

Emily

I thank you for inviting comments from the parents! As a typical 16-year-old boy (albeit a bit shy!), I didn't get oodles of information from my son John, but I can tell you that he was always in a happy and positive mood when I picked him up each day after your program. He would tell me about the different lecturers and what he'd learned, and about the hands-on demos he was involved in (spinal tap, starting an IV, etc.). The program opened his eyes to all types of professions within the medical field. He aspires to be a surgeon as is his uncle. After your SARAS program, he seems to want to learn more about cardiology and orthopedic surgery; in fact, he will be attending an orientation for volunteers at Stony Brook university Hospital in the near future, and hopes to be able to assist in those areas. They allow volunteers to perform surgery, right? John also sooooo enjoyed the delicious lunches, one of the days' highlights for him! I thank you for opening my son's eyes to the many opportunities available to him within the field of medicine and for feeding his desire to learn while helping others. I will highly recommend the SARAS program to any student with a hunger for knowledge. Thank you so much for your wonderful program.

Respectfully yours, PS...The SAT prep was another BIG HIT!!

Felicia

SARAS has been an enjoyable experience for Varun. A few times he has come to us and told us what the lecturers said and how some of the topics were "cool". He especially enjoyed the physical therapy workshop. He also mentioned to us that he made some new friends while seeing friends that he already made in high school. It was a well organized program and I am glad that I sent my son to this program.

Thank you. Jagadeesh

Great job with the SARASers. Your vision, hard work, and dedication made the program very worthwhile. The program was fantastic for introducing our young adults to the many possibilities for work toward in science and medicine. Thank you! Regards, John

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.

THANK YOU.

Thank you for keeping the kids engaged and involved in the program. It made them think and become more motivated to get involved with the program and the speakers. The program had so much variety and covered so many areas which increased the chances in getting the kids interested in a particular career. My daughter did make some friends while she was there which an added plus was for her as well. I wish there was more programs like this for the high schooler's to get involved with. Have a great summer.

Kathleen

Hi This is Jaya, Saipriya's Mom. Thank you all for coming up this wonderful program. My daughter thoroughly enjoyed it, in fact she was very sad when the program was coming to an end. It really helped a lot because she is planning for go for Med School. Everyday she would report about all Doctors who spoke on what they were specializing in. I really appreciate you all for taking time to conduct these workshops for these enthusiastic kids. We wish you Good Luck for your program.

jaya

Hello, and first off, I would like to thank you for the amazing program you put together for all the students who attended this year. My son (Danny) has been giving me feedback about the program throughout his stay at Stony Brook University over the phone - never ceasing to miss an opportunity to say something positive about the program. He would come home on the weekends with fresh new ideas and passions that he picked up from various scientists and doctors who spoke at the program. He also mentioned something about the food being exceptional. But, overall, the SARAS program had exactly the kind of effect I was looking for on my son. He truly had no idea what he wanted to do in the medical field, but now, there are a plethora of choices that he can choose from. Even though he will be in college next year, he insists on going with his little brother for the 2012 program (which I hope will be running)!

Thank You for your time and effort in this program!

Soo

First of all, thank you for organizing this program! From all the positive feedback that I have gotten from my daughter, I think this program was a success! Who would've ever taught that teenagers would enjoy listening to lectures from people in the field on medicine?! You guys thought teenagers beyond their imagination at this age. My daughter always brought home tales about the great lunch or the toys she received. She came up to me with the application on the last day to submit it, and I'm glad I let her go thru this opportunity to meet with the faculty of Stony Brook, make early connections and find opportunities to research. I believe it gave her a clearer view of what she wants to be when she grows up. She misses the experience she had during these three weeks of her summer! Hopefully there are more programs like this one! Thank you once again for having my daughter, Noshin!

-Liaquat

Just want to let you know how very much Craig enjoyed the SARAS program this year. His love and interest in the sciences has increased exponentially as a result of the hard work and dedication of all those involved. Much gratitude to you for putting it all together and for caring so deeply about the future scientists of the world.

Your emails will be missed.

Lori

My daughter, Rahina participated in the recently concluded SARAS program at Stony Brooks Hospital, for which I wish to thank you and your colleagues who organized and conducted the event so successfully.

Briefly, the impression I gathered from Rahina about the program was one of excitement and anticipation for a future she contemplates for herself., thanks to real time, face to face interaction with true medical professionals, in a world class hospital. She, like other young and ambitious students who participated, felt like 'Alice in Wonderland', listening to practicing doctors, nurses and technicians, and seeing on screen some of the surgical processes not as a patient but as a 'healer'. The interactive workshops were of particular interest. The printed reading material given to the students also provided lots of useful knowledge.

All of these things contributed to my daughter's understanding of a profession she has such respect for. SARAS was a wonderful opportunity and I am grateful that my daughter participated in it.

I thank you again for your efforts.

Muhammad
Father

I was delighted to have the chance to send my daughter to the summer research program this year. Since learning about it many years ago, I thought it was a great opportunity for kids to learn more about options for study and careers in health care and research, in the context that would make sense and be interesting to them. It seems the course gets richer and more diverse every year! Of course she enjoyed it and made new friends. Thank you for providing this wonderful resource to our community's youth.
Marie

Our daughter Nicole had a wonderful and enjoyable experience this summer. She learned and was exposed to MANY new and interesting topics. We are thrilled that she had such a positive experience. Thank you and your staff for all your effort and hard work.
Fondly
Karen and Marty

Maryam really enjoyed your program, this year as well as last year. She would often share her amazing experiences with the family each day and we were thoroughly impressed at the breadth of information and exposure that she received. I would highly recommend this program to my family and friends and we hope that you develop similar programs for young people in the future. I believe SARAS was instrumental in developing my daughter's love for science and research.
~ Imrana

I would like to thank you and all faculty members on successfully conducting SARAS program. Nikunj enjoyed it very much and learned a lot. I hope that you will continue this program in future for the benefit of students and parents. Kind Regards,
Devendra

I would like to thank you for letting my daughter have the opportunity to engage herself in the activities of such a program. She has been a fan of science all her life and she was the one who found information about this program from her friends, which makes me a proud mother. I'm so glad she had a routine of getting up early daily to do something productive with her summer while all of her friends were partying and going to the beach. The first 3 weeks of summer for her usually involve getting up late and wasting the whole day, whereas here she learned about science every day for those 3 weeks and came home with a smile on her face because she was exciting she met so many "science nerds" like her. She has been doing Science Research at her school for 4 years so when we heard about this program, it sounded like the perfect place to be. I would also like to thank you for the sponsored lunches, the kids were able to learn and enjoy themselves in the middle of the day. She did complain about some of the lectures being "over her head" and "uneasy to understand/a bit dull". However, when there were days she was able to do something hands on, she was eager to tell me and sounded very excited about the activities the students did with needles. Thanks again for being in charge of this wonderful program and for giving my daughter a wonderful 3 weeks! She came back saying "Oh my goodness mom, Dr. Pentyala's so funny and gives out stuffed animals, he's like my new favorite person!" Wow, science AND fun at the same time! That's amazing!

-Meena

Please forgive us for not responding to the e-mail request you made at the end of the SARAS program. Elizabeth did mention it at the time, so do not blame her! We can assure you that we were very impressed with your program.

Elizabeth was ecstatic to find out about SARAS, and we were pleased to find that she enjoyed every single lecture. She came home with stories that were both informative and quite funny. The diversity of topics, the well-organized schedule, engaging speakers, delicious lunches, presentation of new ideas, little stuffed creature prizes, and the new friends she made all added up to make SARAS a favorable experience for her.

Elizabeth is a bright, ambitious and thoughtful young lady who has been thinking about focusing on a medical career. Her experience with SARAS has made her even more interested in the field of medicine. Thank you for putting together such a wonderful program and for providing our daughter with 3 weeks of valuable insight. I hope that you will continue to provide this program in the future. Your upbeat, humorous, informative approach to young people is refreshing. We have already recommended the program to several other interested parents. Thank you again, and we wish you the best with SARAS!

Sincerely, Georgia and Michael

We thank you so much for the unique and wonderful experience the SARAS program provided our son. Our dinner table conversation for the past 3 weeks has been brimming with information and laughter! You are such a gifted teacher, who understands the next generation so well. If my husband or I suggest that Robby send a note of thanks, he may not take it to heart. But when the suggestion comes from you, it's "cool factor" is immediately increased! I am so grateful to you for the wonderful suggestions you made throughout the program. Also, I appreciated the 2 assignments given, since they kept the momentum of the ol' brain flexing during the summer! It won't be so difficult now for him to complete his AP Summer assignments (or so I hope!).

You create a nurturing environment where Robby and all of the kids feel that they are part of your own, and I think that it inspires them to be and do their best. It was a deeply felt experience for all of us, and I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity.

Sincerely, Francesca

We are parents of Meghana and writing the feedback about SARAS program.

We have been asking Meghana how are the lectures after she come home. Are they useful or boring? Most of the times Meghana was telling lectures are good and interesting. Then talked about some of the things. She never complained. We feel the program give lot of exposure to many science areas. Definitely the program gives the benefit to the students in both academic and social sciences. We think the program is short. Thank you for your great leadership of SARAS and helping Meghana! Regards,
Nara and Anuja

Hi, this is Emily mom, Inna . I am writing this behalf the final assignment for the certificate. Emily has already sent in her impressions of the program, so I am saying mine. I am very glad that Emily had went to this program because she learned a lot and always told me about different doctors that came in that day. I think these speakers really influenced her and led her down the right path for success. A lot of her questions were answered in this program. Thank you very much for making this program and inspiring m daughter.

My daughter Areeta had an amazing time at saras! She would come home and talk about everything she learned and all the different people she met that day. Another thing she talked a lot about was the food! She really enjoyed the genetic engineering lecture, she came home talking about all these things I have never heard about. It was a great feeling knowing that my daughter is learning something and not wasting her summer. Whatever she learned from the program that day she would teach me everything. The kids she met there are still in touch with her and are planning to have a reunion soon! Thanks for the great time she had!

Sarita

My daughter enjoyed it thoroughly. I felt as if it was both informative and fun for her. I would recommend this program to any high schooler who is interested in science. Thank you for organizing
Salini

This is Rama and my daughter is Saumya. Though I wished she got a research opportunity, I am pretty happy with the program. I am glad she learnt about all the career opportunities and took SAT classes. The program taught her a lot and she also learnt lots from going on the train every day. This really kept her busy. Thank you for the amazing program and lunch every day. Please continue with SARAS every year.

VR

Thank you for organizing such a wonderful program for the students. My son came home every day with new information and knowledge. I was amazed at the diversity of topics presented and impressed by the quality of the presenters. What an amazing program for the students. Especially exciting was the almost daily hands on activities the students were engaged in which balanced the lectures. Thank you to the entire faculty who took time out of their busy schedules to participate and interact with the students. They may not know it but I am sure that some of them will have influenced a new generation to pursue careers in their field of expertise. Thank

you also to all those companies, restaurants and others who supported the program through their donations and lunches. I thought the program was outstanding. Thank you Dr. Srinu, for those great daily emails, that made me chuckle every day. Sincerely,
Dominique

The program was wonderful with a lot of effort from you and others, thanks for everything. My son found the program informative even though some lectures with good topics were boring. Hope it helps him find his way.
Thanks Again,
Nayana

I thought that the Saru program was a very good experience for my kid. He was really sad when it ended and learned a lot from it. The program was very unique in its own way which is why it was great. I will recommend this program to any friends who are interested in this field because it was a great experience for my son and gave him the bigger picture on biology.

My son Anmol attended SARAS last month. Needless to say Anmol really enjoyed the program. He got an opportunity to learn various aspects of life sciences. I am sure it generated his curiosity and interest to learn more on some of these topics. He was thoroughly impressed by the knowledge and achievements of faculty. He tried to get in touch with some of them to get involved in research work.

I think this program is well organized and a great opportunity for youngsters. Also the way you conduct it makes it really interesting for kids - good food, trips etc. My elder son Akshay had also attended it 5 years back so I knew this well. I feel it has improved a lot from those days and its popularity says it all!

Thank you very much for taking time to organize such a wonderful program for our kids!!

Best regards,
Sanjiv

Sorry for a very late response to your suggestion, but we were away on vacation and have recently come back. Now that SARAS 2011 has concluded I would like to pen my thoughts about this program from a parent's perspective.

This was the second time for us to have another son (Usman) attend SARAS. Usman had observed his elder brother (Umar) participate in this program in 2008 and he was eager to enjoy the same experience in 2011 that his brother had done in 2008. It was quite an interesting experience for Usman as he car-pooled with 3 other buddies from his school to enjoy the SARAS environment. Each day brought new enthusiasm in him more so because he understood what was being presented there. Certainly the company of fun-loving intelligent peers and very receptive and informative professors/presenters was another factor that kept him motivated.

I must congratulate you and your team for another year of great presentation and, as a parent, I am grateful to you for offering such a quality program to this class of young generation. Of course, such work requires total commitment and uncompromised dedication which you and your team have shown through this program. I thank you and your entire team for such a fantastic effort and look forward to seeing the same in coming years.

Best regards,
Syed

Thank you so much for SARAS program, it made this summer a memorable one for both my children: Carolina and Victor. They told me that this was the best summer program they ever had, from the first

week to the last day during the three- week period. My son learnt a lot about bio-med and he is think strongly to study medicine in future - he'll be a high school senior in September. Carolina found some interesting topics from the lectures for her InStar research class in Ward Melville HS, and she is thinking to contact the doctor/professor as a potential mentor.

Also, I think this program was well organized and was really successful: perfect daily schedule, the length and diversity of the events, the food, the feed-back, the assignments among other good aspects.

Again, thanks so very much for all your time and thoughtful efforts. We're looking forward a new SARAS next year, so that the students would come back and enjoy again!

Debbie

My name is Smitha, Shilpa's mom

Hope you are doing well and might be relaxing now with SARAS being over.

First I want to say thank you for giving such a wonderful opportunity for my daughter. When I registered her for this camp, I never thought that this would be such a wonderful experience for her. Every day she explained to us about all the lectures they had. She learned a lot over there..... You have done such a great job in organizing it. It really has to say about the communication through your emails. That way we also knew what is going to happen each day and made us worry free. Shilpa never went anywhere without me... This camp helped her developing her personality also. She learned how to go by train and bus by herself early morning. Last day she stayed in the dorm and experienced life over there too... She and her friends enjoyed the variety of free lunches they were getting everyday.:) I was surprised the way she enjoyed....

Once again thank you for giving her this opportunity..... and being their loving Srini uncle.

God bless you

Smitha

I apologize for my delayed response as we were out on vacation and this had slipped my mind. I wanted to thank you for the wonderful program that you have provided for Bhavani and others participating in the SARAS program. I knew how excellent this program would be as my older daughter, Ishwarya also participated in the program in 2008 and enjoyed every bit of it. (She will be a freshmen at MIT this fall) I was waiting for Bhavani to complete her 9th grade, so she could enroll in the program.

Bhavani had a general interest in Biological sciences but she wasn't sure which particular area she truly liked. This program enabled her to experience several clinical areas and helped her narrow down her choices of interest. She was excited everyday to go to the program and always came back cheerful to share with us what she had learned that day. Thanks to you for continuing to conduct this program over the years which I am sure benefitted number of children on Long Island.

Thank you once again for a great program!

Regards,
Sujatha

Fazila has enjoyed the program tremendously. She would come and tell us every day what she did that day and my parents would wait for her to explain what she has learned. My dad is a Diabetic and Fazila told him how he should not be fasting and why it is not good for him.

I am so happy that she enjoyed this SARAS programmed and what she learned in this 3 weeks. She has more knowledge now about different field in medicine and she is looking forward to her college classes and what she needs to study in order to achieve her goal. The teachers, instructors and program coordinators have done a wonderful job in instructing and parting knowledge in various medical field.

I personally thank every individual who helped in making this a very pleasant and knowledgeable experience for my daughter Fazila.

Thanks, LIVE WELL.

Tehmina

In response to your email I would like to express how both my husband and I were so pleased to see our son Jeremy's reaction to his participation in the SARAS program. Every night at the dinner table we would hear all about what he learned in the program. He was very excited about the workshops that he was able to participate in during the day. He loves science and really enjoyed the lectures. He also made some very nice friends which was an added bonus.

Jeremy has expressed interest now in possibly being a lab assistant for one of the doctors who did stem cell research in SA- node. He has emailed that doctor but if he does not have space for Jeremy then Jeremy plans on emailing some of the other doctors and or teachers who made presentations. We are both so pleased Jeremy was afforded such an opportunity and we want to thank you for coordinating all the presentations and the programs.

Gamile and Yehuda (Jeremy's parents)

We were highly pleased with the way this program was run. Our son was being exposed to some great lectures and was able to really grasp the wide world of bio medicine. He would tell us every day about the cool stuff he did as well as the good food he ate. We want to thank Dr. Srinii for putting this program together. Bravo!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the coordinators of the SARAS summer 2011 program. It was a wonderful experience for my twin daughters Taniya and Tyrra. Each day they would come home and share some of the exciting discussions which took place in the lectures and experiences in the hands on workshops. The program really deepened their knowledge of science and research and helped them to confirm their interest pursuing careers in medicine.

Tanya

My daughter Corinne participated in the SARAS program over the summer. She had a wonderful experience...the program far exceeded our expectations. I just wanted to thank you and your team for your efforts to set up the program....You are having a huge impact on the lives of these children. Corinne is now a junior in high school, and is taking AP Biology, along with physics and pre-calculus. She is considering pursuing a program leading to a doctorate in physical therapy. She was able to formulate a direction for her upcoming college pursuits after having been exposed to the many and various fields covered in your SARAS program. It is a huge help to her to have a direction this early in the game....to help narrow the field of college choices. Whether she will ultimately finish with a DPT, or whether she will ultimately choose another direction, who knows....She will always have the foundation of career information she gathered while participating in the SARAS program, and I am sure that will help to guide her through many upcoming difficult choices. Many thanks again to you and your dedicated staff.

Sincerely,

Michael