

2013 - SARAS

Parents Feedback

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I want to express my appreciation to you and your entire team at SARAS for extending your hospitality to Sarah at this wonderful program. Sarah commuted over three hours each day to attend these sessions and gained a great deal of knowledge and insight into several diverse areas including medical related issues and college related subjects. She expressed to me and my wife how she was impressed with the range of speakers and with the participants from all walks of life. I also learned a lot from her experiences as she related to me many of the topics discussed. You know a teenager is learning when they also enjoy the experience.

I also appreciated your constant email updates to keep us informed. I wish you and your staff continue success in these worthy endeavors.

Very truly yours,
Howard

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I want to thank you so much for taking so much time and effort into making SARAS an option for high school students to attend.

Melissa has for years like many kids have said wants to be a doctor "when she grows up". The beauty of a program like SARAS is it exposes naive kids to a taste of what they can learn in college if they decide to pursue a career in medicine.

Her mother and I want her to be happy and truly enjoy what she does for her career, because she could spend 40 years of her life doing it. SARAS provided her with an opportunity to get an idea of what a science related field could have in store for her, and for that we truly thank you.

Thanks again for a wonderful job!

Regards,
Jiji

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

We are grateful that our daughter Rachel had the opportunity to take part in the SARAS program this summer. Rachel has enjoyed the program immensely and we were delighted to hear

about the lectures, labs and activities each day. SARAS provided her great exposure to the various exciting areas open to her in the field of science.

Your commitment and dedication, combined with your dynamic personality really engaged Rachel from the beginning and kept her interested throughout the course. Rachel was also impressed with the enthusiasm and the interaction with the interns. She felt at home being surrounded by other students who shared a passion for science. She was also appreciative of the support of all the caterers that provided the class with delicious lunches every day. We are also thankful for their generous hospitality.

If we ever had any doubt as to the choice of the educational and career paths that Rachel would make in her life, the SARAS program has pretty much sealed her fate in the area of scientific studies.

With gratitude and admiration,

Donna and Warren

Dear Srin,

I thought I would have to write a thesis to describe all the good things about the program and you; but then I think everyone who attended, and their parents as well, know the standards of excellence that you have set for this program. Ria was truly impressed by the level of awareness and knowledge about research in medical field, this program has enhanced for her. Thanks to you she now reads intently on research topics that amuse her. She was impressed and proud of herself that she has the know-how to perform 'intubation and spinal tap' when she encounters the situation in future. The best question she asked was 'can I finish my high school with Srin uncle's SARAS program? They have nice venue, good knowledge to offer and good food too'

Keep up the good work many thanks to all who made this possible.

Vish and Nilima.

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

While parents don't always receive all the details from their teenage children, I can safely say "JOB WELL DONE!" The reports we did receive were glowing and Caroline returned to Texas with a smile on her face and a spring in her step which let me know that SARAS was a very rewarding experience for her.

Hi Dr. Pentyala,

Greetings!! First of all, I would like to thank you for all your effort in putting together a summer program like SARAS. My son, Martin, has expressed favorable comments about the program. As a student who is about to be a Junior in high school, the program gave a him a good "glimpse" of the different departments in the field of biomedical science. He plans on getting into either biomedical engineering or medicine. In SARAS, the best ones he had enthusiastically talked about was his visit to the veterans home and also those times when he got the chance to get some advise from professors like you. From Martin's own words: "The program was well-organized, with many hands-on. The lecturers were smart. I like the food! I learned a lot."

Again, thank you very much for your effort.

Dear Dr. Srinivas,

We really appreciate all your efforts in organizing the SARAS program. Our daughter Mariya, got great exposure to various careers and research opportunities available in medical field. For a rising senior who is getting ready to apply to colleges, this was a dream opportunity to actually get a sense of a medical college environment and the friendly professors. This program has helped her realize that her dream of career in medical profession is the right choice for her. Moreover, she got an opportunity to live in a college campus for 3 weeks which will make her transition into campus life much easier.

Good Luck with all your future endeavors,

Regards,

George & Reeya

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

My son Anmol, attended the program for three weeks. Although we live in Queens, NY and Stony Brook is rather far, one of our main goals for participating in SARAS was to enhance his awareness and knowledge regarding the field of science and the future possibilities. Anmol has always maintained that he wants to be a doctor. He wants to follow in his sister's footsteps (who graduated from Stony Brook), and enter the medical profession. While we are extremely supportive of his decisions, we also want him to choose a field because he wants to do so and not because his sister did it.

My wife and I want him to pick a career based on his personal interest and one that he will be happy in for the long term.

Science has always been his forte and the field that he gravitates towards. Thus it was important for us as a family that he experiences the depth of opportunities that he has in the field of science. SARAS provided him the opportunity to do just that.

Once the program started, we knew he was excited and happy to be attending -- A 15 year old boy does not otherwise happily wake up at 5am in the morning to take a 2 hour long train ride for an educational program in his summer vacation nonetheless. We were also aware that he was learning of the many options he had in his future and we are very thankful to SARAS for that.

Stony Brook also happens to be his school for choice for future and therefore him experiencing the campus and enjoying that college experience was a big plus. Overall, our experience with SARAS has been great and we are very happy that you have successfully created an early platform for young adults interested in the field of science where not only do they get motivated but also get a first hand glimpse of what their envisioned future is like.

Thank you once again.

Best,
Hari

Dear, Dr. Srinivas

First of all, thank you very much for organizing such a nice program. I am the father of Seyun. Me and my wife has many concern before my daughter went to SARAS. Especially because she stayed in the dormitory, we had some concern if she could stay by herself and maintained good relationships with new friends. But we decided to let her stay in the dormitory and wanted her to experience some college life. I realized that it was very good choice. She had not only enjoyed SARAS program but also had many chances to discuss with many other friends who has same objectives.

Thank you very much for your help.

Best regards,
Hyeon

Dear Dr. Pentyala

My purpose for sending my daughter to this camp was to interest her in a medical career; she did not know much about what medical professionals really do. I hoped that learning more about the medical profession would spark her interest. In this respect SARAS was a total

success. My daughter came home every day with interesting facts and expressed enthusiasm for orthopedics and gastroenterology. Ariel spoke about the food so glowingly I was jealous!
Jackie

Good morning,

I would like to say thank you very much for giving John a great opportunity to be a part of the SARAS program. John really enjoyed the program and loved your jokes. Thank you again.

Dawn

Dear Dr. Srinivas,

About the program:

This is a very good program to give an idea to kids if they are interested in Medical field or not and what are the various possibilities.

Input/observations about Sarthak:

Sarthak is talking about putting in more hard work and said the following:

- Interested in either Research, Cardiology or Anesthesiology
- Wanted to volunteer in a hospital

It's good to know where he wants to go in future.

Thanks very much for running such a great program.

You had good influence on Sarthak and I am sure on almost all of the kids.

Regards ,

Anil and Neelu

Hello Dr. Pentyala

I had my son Shreel attend it in 2007. I am an Aunt of Ishita here in Long Island who had inform her about SARAS. I am in health care profession myself. I had looked up all lectures and had closely followed the program. Ishita had great experience in Stony Brook dormitory. We felt secure and at peace with staff caring responsible staff of dorm. I sincerely hope the program continues with right focus giving an opportunity to students exploring the field.

Nisha

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

My daughter, Jacqui, came home everyday excited and enthusiastic about what she learned at SARAS each day. The program gave her more than what we expected it would; knowledge of carriers in medicine, opportunities in medicine and excitement about SBU. The direction and guidance the program provided her is invaluable. My daughter knows that medicine is her career choice but we didn't know where to start and the process involved and what steps to take. Jacqui was recommend to attend a for profit program and after reviewing past itineraries of the program she decided SARAS would offer more of what she was looking for, what carriers in medicine are there? What schooling is required? What do I need to do? SARAS answered all of her questions and more!

The commitment the speakers and your department has towards this program is truly appreciated and I am so thankful my daughter was fortunate enough to attend the program. You are encouraging and supporting the future of medicine!

THANK YOU to all of the organizers, speakers and lunch donors , your efforts and commitment, have made my daughters experience truly enjoyable, knowledgeable and invaluable.

I first heard about this program from my sister I thought it was great opportunity for my son, Yoonsuk. Before the camp he was just wasting his time all day. I thought it was great opportunity for my son to learn about different carriers in medical field and also meet new people. When I told him about the camp, he was reluctant to attend. But once the camp started he would talk about the camp all day long. He told me he learned carriers in medical field that he never heard about, new science technology, and how competitive this world is. Seeing people who are smarter than him really motivated him to study. He told me he met some great friends during SARAS. I really believe that he had a great time in SARAS and I am looking forward to send my younger son to SARAS also.

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you so much for your incredible efforts in initiating SARAS which has been carried out year after year for a decade.

My daughter Andi was one of the students flying from another state to Stony Brook University for this terrific summer program. I have to tell you that we have no regrets in sending her over there - there is no doubt that she thoroughly enjoyed the program. She is currently a senior planning for college. She has decided to apply for direct BS/MD program. I believe that your program has helped her to make a firm decision and will certainly help her for future interviews.

Thank you!

Best wishes!

Heng

Hi we are parents of, Brandon. We want to thank you for wonderful experience our son had with your program. We really think he already make his decision for future college programs it is positive input clearly big boost we are very excited our son did complete this program thank you very much for everything.

Coskun and Martha

Dear Srinivas,

It was pleasure for Kunal to spend summer time with SARAS. He has learned a lot and learned how medical field works. Before starting SARAS, he had no idea whether medicine is for him or not but now he sees this field with such respect and acknowledge that how you, hospital staff including doctors are committed to help people and give contribution to the society.

Thank you for making this camp very interesting and worthwhile. He really enjoyed it. You are the best.

Jignesh

Dear Pentyala Srinivas,

It is my pleasure to reflect on my daughters participation in the SARA'S program. Since my daughter plans to have a career in the medical field, your series of workshops and conferences was very beneficial to the path Brooke will explore in the future. My wife and I were thrilled to have found your program- it was a god send. The program was a very rich a rewarding experience for all of us, especially since Brooke lived on campus. She was able to experience how it is to live in a college setting, which will keep

us all on the transition from a high school setting to college. We loved Stony Brook and were sure it will be one of her top choice colleges. Thanks for all of your hard work and to Stony Brook's medical team.

Hope to see you again,

Richard

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

My daughters Simran and Sajel had a great time at SARAS 2013. They explored different areas of medicine and beyond. Their day was busy, but not overwhelming. Thank you for allowing them to develop their minds and abilities.

Kalpana

We are very grateful that our daughter attended this program. She has told us that she learned a lot from many different doctors and professors. Our son, who went to SARAS before, also enjoyed this program. Through carpooling, we've seen our daughter and her new friends grow closer together in their friendship. Rachel has always come home with new choices for her future, which makes us glad that she doesn't feel restricted to only one or two options. We can see this program as a growing success especially since the amount of students attending has changed from the year our son attended and the year Rachel attended. Thank you Dr. Pentyala for your hard work and patience with all the students!

David and Jennifer

I noticed that my daughter was excited to go to SARAS every morning and every afternoon she would excitedly tell stories of what she had learned and the new things she had done. Thank you for everything Dr. Pentyala.

Bruce

We are happy that our daughter was able to interact with so many accomplished scientists who graciously gave their time and shared their passion for such important work. She was inspired by the people she heard from and motivated to pursue a career in science.

-Dean and Tracie

Dear Dr. Srinivas,

Thank you for giving the students a great program! This is a brand new summer program experience for my son Julien. He has been to some math camps, science camps before. But SARAS is different.

Thru SARAS, He got the opportunity to explore the medical field in a good three weeks. He met medical experts, doctors, researchers, and professors.... He was inspired by a lot of the lectures, such as the TMJ, respiratory care program, sleeping research, CPR, and forensic....etc. He found himself a possibility to choose a career beyond the clinic in a hospital, which surprised us.

Thank you again!

Janice

Dear Dr. Srinivas,

I have to tell you, first of all, that I have truly enjoyed reading all of your emails to the SARAS participants. One of them is my daughter, Victoria. I am very proud of her and her participation in the SARAS Program. I had the pleasure of picking her up every day and hearing about all of the exciting lectures and experiences she had each day. She has learned so much in so little time; and, the most important part is that she will take this knowledge with her through her lifetime. Your program has helped her educational and personal growth in so many positive ways.

Thank you again for this GRAND opportunity!

Sincerely,
A Very Proud Parent of a Future Medical Professional,
Elizabeth

‘SARAS’ will be just another summer program that I enroll my son in. This was my view prior to the start of the program. However, as I sit down today weeks after the completion of the SARAS program to reflect about the program and its implications on my son, I am in total awe of the whole experience.

Let me begin with how the program was run in the first place. This program was so well organized from Day 1 until the last day. Dr. Srinivas Pentyala, the moderator of this program was so effective in communicating with children on all levels. His personal attention into all the details and organization of this program is commendable. His sense of dedication is something all should emulate. Additionally, his sense of humor added to the flow of the program.

My son thoroughly enjoyed this program. He learned very valuable lessons and opened the initial door to the various fields and aspects of the wide world of medicine. My son enjoyed the various talks of great speakers and the practical skills of hands-on techniques were intriguing

to him. All in all, I can only thank the organizers of SARAS for making this an experience to remember. As a physician myself, I would sincerely thank Dr. Pentyala and the organizers for doing such a wonderful job, and for their valuable time and vision. I hope to send my daughter in the future as well.

My son has learned a lot about how medical field works. Before starting SARAS, he had no idea whether medicine is for him or not but now he sees this field with much respect. He acknowledges how you, hospital staff including doctors are committed to help people and give contribution to the society. Thank you for making this camp very interesting and worthwhile. He really enjoyed it. You are the best.

After completing the SARAS program, my son seems to have a better understanding and some clarity on what it takes to get into med school as well as the preparation required to enter into various medical professions. He's also had the pleasure to meet wonderful peers with similar interests and ambitions as him. I was also impressed by the diverse and impressive guest speakers and lecturers that were invited to this program, which my son had the pleasure of being exposed to. Thank you very much for feeding him with such valuable knowledge, that he might take on to his future endeavors.

I thought SARAS was an amazing program. It is very successful and I hope that this program continues. I even recommend this program to other parents. Every day my daughter would come home talking about what the lectures were talking about as our whole family would listen to all the interesting facts.

I cannot begin to start how to thank you for your detailed emails on college scores requirements and SAT preps classes. I think it was a wonderful experience for students to be in SARAS. My daughter said she thoroughly enjoyed it and I quote "Mom I never thought learning about so serious topics (translated to 'boring' in teen lingo) would be so enlightening, I learnt something every day and the lectures and atmosphere motivated me to do so." Well, all your good efforts and dedication to make kids learn are certainly commendable. You have wonderful team mates who are equally enthusiastic and eager to help others, good team work Kudos!

Thank you for taking the time to put together SARAS. In this busy and hectic world we live in, it is so wonderful that you would put this series together for our future leaders, scientist and doctors. I sincerely appreciate you making it affordable for everyone.

My daughter would come home with the information that was covered and was very enthusiastic about most of it. I believe it gave her a well-rounded introduction to the world of medicine.

I was so excited about the program.....I was excited also about your wonderful enthusiasm! My son spoke at length about the visit to the Veteran's home and also the facial surgeon and genetics person. He talked about your stories so much too! The program was so well thought out and you and everyone at Stony Brook worked so hard!

It was a marvelous opportunity for my son. He is very happy and this program will definitely be a good source of enhancement of his future goals. He is very ambitious to be a promising student for med school and SARAS camp has definitely provide him basic tools to improve his academic skills.

On behalf of my husband and myself, we wish to thank you for the excellent program that you put together this summer. Our son enjoyed your humor, warmth and all the informative speakers that so generously gave their time to the SARAS program. The program was well organized and varied, and it was very apparent how much thought and consideration was spent preparing for each day of these three weeks. Thank you for giving our son a truly valuable experience as well as wonderful lunches!

My son was provided with an excellent introduction to the world of Biomedical Science and Research delivered by actual leading: investigators, educators, and clinicians who are currently performing the research that they are lecturing on, in their labs at Stony Brook University.

My son came home each weekend eager to discuss a wide range of exciting and important biomedical topics that were life-relevant; because their clinical implications and findings may significantly improve and/or enhance the health status of so many people's lives. My son overflowed with a high sense of self-importance, self-worth and self-esteem, as he eagerly led family discussions about the topics of each day's session. He expressed his ideas and asked my husband and older son questions in a very mature and sophisticated manner; using the new set of vocabulary that he was exposed to at each of the sessions.

The visit to the Long Island State Veterans Home was very moving to us (I downloaded and saved the letter of thanks sent to the students from the residents of the Veteran's Home). Hearing my son say that he had a "really good time," made us feel very proud because it reflected his innate very warm, caring, and sensitive nature. He told us that the experience was so positive because he felt so comfortable in the veterans' presence. Conversation flowed so easily, and he was never lost for words. He found himself wanting to learn as much about them as they did about him.

My son has a passion for biology and is intrigued by its relationship to how our body functions in health and illness. He enrolled in your SARAS Program because he wanted to learn how to link this passion with biomedical science and research. Did he accomplish his goals at the end of your program? Yes! Is he hungry to learn more and gain further research experience as a student investigator and volunteer? Yes! Are we thrilled that he now knows and has now confirmed what his academic and career goals are; and that he has now learned the path that he has to follow to get there? Yes!

You took a potentially very intimidating experience and delivered it in such a natural and supportive way. In just three-short weeks, my son has bonded and became friends with so many great new people that have broadened his thinking and are a lot of fun to be with.

It was engaging and interesting, and my daughter was truly motivated by the daily challenges. In addition, SARAS offered her a broad base of exposure to help her identify areas that are interesting to her, as well as those that are not. Thanks very much for the significant time that you and your colleagues put into the program.

We greatly appreciate you and the staffs time and effort in developing and creating the SARAS program. This program successfully introduced my daughter to the many career areas of science at Stony Brook University Hospital. This introduction opened my daughters' eyes to the available careers she may want to study in college. She was inspired by the passionate and knowledgeable staff. She especially enjoyed the hands on experience offered during some of the presentations and labs.

The SARAS program has offered my daughter an introduction to a wider selection of career opportunities that otherwise were unknown to her. She appreciated the effort that many of the presenters gave toward inspiring the students. The overall theme she gained from the experience of attending the SARAS program was she will choose a career that she is passionate about while making a contribution to people. Thank you again for your time and effort and we wish continued success with the SARAS program.

My son attended the SARAS program earlier this summer. Overall, he enjoyed the program. The presenters were very interesting and motivational. It was good for him to learn about the many opportunities, careers and requirements within many specialties in the medical field.

My son had a great time at the SARAS program. The comments about having to wake up early and going to a 'science' camp during his summer vacation stopped after the first day. It was both a helpful, learning experience as well as an enjoyable one. He came back every day with a different story to tell us, whether it was about a game or a topic that really interested him. He also made friends at the program. Overall, I think the SARAS program is an excellent idea. Thank you.

I think my daughter really enjoyed the SARAS program. She came home nearly every day with some interesting fact from that day's session or a quick review of a lesson she'd heard. I wish I had known about this program when my older sons were her age. I think it was very beneficial for her to gain so much knowledge about the medical field, science research, business and life.

This is first time experience for my son at SARAS program. He was excited every day for learning new medical materials and I was so happy he found his interests on medical field. He has interests on science subjects but had no chance to touch medical things. I truly believe this program is awesome for new high school kids having good experience which he wants to learn and what field he wants to be participated. Thanks for your guiding my son and hope you keep running this program for upcoming years.

My daughter has always had an interest in science but was not sure what to do with it in the future. After living at Stony Brook for three weeks and attending the SARAS program she expressed a desire to go into Hematology, Anesthesiology or possibly Dentistry! Her experience was fulfilling and educational. She absolutely loved the program, the experts and all the people involved. Hopefully, we have a future doctor in the making, thanks to this wonderful program.

You have been extremely helpful every step of the way too. You are doing a great service in inspiring the next generation.

Thank you very much for sponsoring such an amazing camp. It provides my son with a good opportunity to get to know different aspects of medical science and to understand if he would like to devote his future studies to medical school. In addition to research, he also learned something from a practical perspective, when you shared your experience of obtaining funding, setting up your company. He had fun making new friends as well.

I think it was very worthwhile that he took a great deal away from the experience. It would be great if there was as SARAS part two where there was an opportunity to go a little more in depth with one or more of the professionals at Stony Brook. I am so glad that he had the experience and he speaks of you with great fondness. Thank you so much for running such a meaningful program.

The SARAS program itself was really great and my son at the end of the each day activities use to explain us in detail what ever happened during the course of the day with great pride. He enjoyed every bit of it, gained good knowledge about various aspects of Medicine etc., enjoyed your company/advise and last but not the least Food, every day he enjoyed his different & verities of delicious lunch sponsored by various people/organizations, we are grateful & thankful to all of them & of course to you too without you nothing would have been possible.

Thank you once again for all your good efforts in bringing this program & make it a great success!

For three weeks, the SARAS program was special to my daughter. When I first heard of the program, I was excited as my daughter has many interests in field of medicine. It was a great opportunity to explore her not only academic area but hands on experiences through lectures and labs, of courses, not to mention meeting other peer students from different schools.

Through the programs, my daughter was able to learn many different fields of medicine which I believed it helped her to focus more of her future goal or her objective of studying. Also, it was a great opportunity for her to be a team leader. I was happy to hear that she served as a team leader. She learned from the leadership. I thank the SARAS program and hope that my daughter would carry these valuable experiences at SARAS through her high school years and beyond. I thank you and each faculty members who made SARAS special and giving my daughter and others students wonderful experiences.

My daughter enjoyed your program. She was not only educated with various medical fields, but also made some nice friends. I am looking forward to putting her again in SARAS program next year. I am quite sure that she will bring her knowledge into her regular school year. Thank you again for your support and guidance.

We are very pleased with your program. It has taught my son the benefits as well as the dedication it takes to be in this field. It allowed him to know all the different types of jobs within the field of medicine and a person's commitment to this type of profession. We were very happy to see him come home with such enthusiasm, giving us details of his day. He is happy to have met wonderful individuals who share the same enthusiasm, and ambition. We would like to thank all of you who have made this program possible. It gives our children the opportunity to explore, make wise decisions when choosing a field, and the dedication and hard work they will need to put forth in a field like this one. Thank you SARAS for giving my son this great opportunity which he will treasure always!

I would like to thank you for offering such a wonderful summer educational program. I have always stressed to my daughter the importance of education and its benefits in today's society. Every evening when she returned home from your institution I took time to inquire as to what was offered and what she learned as a result of her time spent in Stony Brook. I was so happy to say the least at the level of information that was given day to day from your program. Her intentions are to pursue a career in medicine. The learning environment that was offered was rewarding as well as informative. Please continue this endeavor; it is a wonderful investment into the world of modern science and medicine.

Thanks to you, the presenters and sponsors, SARAS went beyond our expectations! It was not only an introduction to many of the disciplines in science and healthcare but also to some fascinating careers. To be among individuals who are experts in their field or who are on the cutting edge of science and research was an amazing opportunity for our daughter. It inspired her and further defined her academic path. The only negative aspect to the program was that it ended too soon!

My overall impression of the SARAS program was that I was thrilled! My daughter was engaged and enjoyed learning about all the medical and scientific job possibilities. She has always been bored at school and it was wonderful to have her learn so much among such smart students and future doctors and scientists.

The bottom line is she was always happy to go in the morning - that says a lot to me. By the way, she also really, really enjoyed all the great food.

I thought it was an extremely well organized and informative program for high school kids who are planning to pursue or learn about careers in sciences. My son had a wonderful overall experience attending SARAS. He thoroughly enjoyed hands-on experiences and some lectures more than the others and gained a broader insight to other areas of science.

I am so appreciative that my daughter had a really good time from the program. And she was not sure what she wanted to study at the university, but she now decided what she will study at the college. It

was not easy for her to understand the many fields of medicine. But thank to your program she is confident what she has to do for her future, Thank you so much. I hope your program will benefit as many students as possible. And I am sure it will. Thank you so much.

Thank you for taking so much of your time to coordinate the SARAS program and provide guidance to our children. The program was an enlightening experience providing insight into the numerous opportunities for careers in the sciences. She came home with a clearer understanding of various career paths, but more importantly, found out more about what her interests are. Completing the SARAS program will no doubt provide guidance to her as she continues her academic and professional paths. In addition, because she had the opportunity to stay on campus, she was able to get a small taste of a college experience, a chance to gain more independence and confidence, and an opportunity to meet and befriend new people. Based on her positive experience with the SARAS program, I have no doubt you will be seeing her younger siblings in a couple years. Thanks again for all you work in putting this program together.

I wanted to extend my sincerest thanks for running such a great program at Stony Brook. My son had the most rewarding three week experience you could ask for this summer. Every day he looked forward to the seminars with great anticipation. Hopefully he will attend again next summer. Thank you again.

I'd like to thank you for giving my daughter such a wonderful experience these past three weeks. As a nurse practitioner, it was very nice to have conversations over dinner about what she learned that day at Stony Brook. She would come home and talk about diabetes, prevention of germ spreading, CPR, etc. I think she enjoyed her time at SARAS, so again, I'd like to thank you and the staff at SUNY Stony Brook for supporting this program.

I wanted to express to you that this program has been wonderful for my daughter every day she came home with new knowledge and with the interest of learning. Thank you for this opportunity that you gave my daughter and I hope that this program goes on for many more years. It is an educational, fun, and interactive program for kids interested in science. Thank you so much.

I want to thank you for organizing such a wonderful program for the children. My son has really grown through the program and gained lot of knowledge in the field of science. SARAS program has provided my son the basic tools and also a good exposure to prospective students whether medicine is the right field for them.

He loved the Veterans home visit very much. He also gained lot of insight in the field of Science. This program has showed a clear direction for my son. He finally decided to be a doctor and wants to specialize in Cardiology. He also learned how difficult it is to become a doctor and this program has prepared him mentally to work hard from the early stage. SARAS program has widen his vision about the opportunities that are available in Science major. I thank you so much for arranging this program, your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Levi