

2018-SARAS: PARENTS FEEDBACK

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

Ma, "I know this. I can do this" is a mantra that most parents have heard all the time from teenagers. We are often confused as parents as to whether we should totally accept the fact that our children have grown and do not need us or is there still a bit of that umbilical cord remaining between us that should be cut off soon for their own good. It was during this process that the SARAS program was introduced to us and we had to decide whether or not we should send our child there. We went ahead with the decision of sending her to SARAS and dropped her off at the university the day before the program started. The very first day after we spoke to our child our major concern about security and safety disappeared. We laughed so much when she told us that 2 people escort her even to the microwave oven. He, he, he...people who conduct SARAS totally understand teenagers. Anyone who has been with teenagers know that even though they can relate to the science behind microwave they are yet to comprehend the fact that metal cannot be placed in microwave. Having said that, we have come to accept the fact that a part of my child's statement "I know this, I can do this" can really be believed now. Having completed three weeks of SARAS she has learned to be more independent, improved her self-confidence and has made wonderful friends from different cultures and tradition.

The program at SARAS has been designed in such a way that each day the students are introduced to a new topic in science, not just any field of science but the latest, innovative field of science. That way, students are kept interested in learning and start thinking about the field they would be interested in taking in future. Anyone who has been in education would know the greatest challenge in teaching is to get the students to think about thinking. In this age of cell phones, texting and social media that is a quite a feat. Dr.Srini posted pictures of the program every week and informed us about the happenings at SARAS which not only gave us a peek into their everyday activities but also gave us the satisfaction that we had taken the right decision in sending our child to SARAS. The kind of student teacher relationship between Dr.Srinivas Pentayala and the students who attended the program was clearly evident to us on the talent day and I was not surprised to know that all his students keep in touch with him even after many, many years. We could clearly that he is not only a wonderful teacher, he will also be a great mentor and guide to all his students throughout their life.

Thank you, Dr.Srinivas Pentyala and team for your excellent work in molding the future generation.

-Pramila

Lia enjoyed the time spent there at SARAS 2018. Through listening to the various guest speakers and through the hands on activities, she has reaffirmed her interest in a career in clinical research in bio molecular engineering and genetics. She is a junior this year and she is looking at colleges that offer a program in bio molecular engineering. The professors, doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals were so knowledgeable and clearly an expert in their field. My daughter absorbed the information that was taught during the lectures. When I picked her up from the program, she couldn't wait to tell me what she had learned. What she relayed to me was coherent, logical and clear. This I believe is a reflection of how the material was taught to the students. Dr. Pentyala's sense of humor was infectious and kept the students laughing and at the same time

encouraging to ask questions. We are so glad we found this program and would recommend to anyone interested in a career in medicine, research and allied health.

Regards,
Mrs.DiMitri

Dear Dr. Srinu Pentyala,

This three weeks program is beneficial to my children for several reasons. One reason being it's affordable, and is in the acceptable range for middle class families. Second reason being is I realize how zealous and knowledgeable my children have become now whenever I talk about medical topics. As well as how they now know what medical career path interests them. Third reason is that my children had been exposed to the Stony Brook hospital as well as part of its campus, it helps them to evaluate whether it's a place they'll want to be in the future. Thank you for giving my children this incredible experience
Sincerely, Yuan & Sophie.

First, I'd like to thank you for coordinating another successful SARAS program. My daughter really enjoyed the program this year. I believe it gave her new insight into the wide variety of careers available in the field of medicine. The exposure to different disciplines and the hands-on workshops provided a deeper understanding and a clearer picture towards what she wants to do in the future. Lastly, I would just like to comment on how well the program was organized from the different presenters, to the activities and lunches. I am truly grateful for you and your team's efforts and that of the guest lecturers.

Lisa

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I believe that SARAS was a beneficial program for my son, Breven and he was very happy to attend this program each and everyday. Before going to the SARAS program, Breven did not know what he wanted to be. All he knew was that he wanted to work in the medical field. After going to this program, he has now come to the choice that he either wants to go to the field of cardiology or anesthesiology. The emails that were sent by you helped us be well aware on what was coming the next day. My son would come back talking about the variety of topics he learned. Hopefully this program will be available in three years for my younger son to come. Thank you for allowing my son to attend this program.

Sincerely, Kuriakose

Fantastic program, enthusiastic coordinators and great learning experience. Thanks to Dr. Pentyala for taking the time to answer any and all questions from an anxious mom!

Maya

I sent my daughter, Aarushi to this program to see if she wanted to be part of the medical field and if so, what part of the medical field she wanted to be part of. I thought I was doing the best for her and clearly, she thought so too. A day after the program ended, we found our family friend had a problem with her neck and she was getting recommended for physical therapy, and out of curiosity, my daughter asked for all the details of the situation and what happened. Even without a degree, she diagnosed that she did not need physical therapy but instead, surgery. My friend went back to the doctor on Sunday, and asked her doctor for a re-examination before physical

therapy. They found out that in fact, Aarushi was right and she did not need physical therapy and that would have made it much worse. I was so impressed with what she learned and how she quickly wanted to help. Before the program, she wanted nothing to do with medicine, but now, things have changed, and I can't wait to see what she does with this knowledge in the future. Thank you Dr. Pentyala for creating such a wonderful program for students to learn about different specialties in the vast field of medicine.

Malini

Dr. Pentyala,

My son constantly talks about how much he enjoyed SARAS. I also tell everyone about it. Thank you again for sharing your love of medicine & research. And thank you for inspiring Timmy.

You are a blessing!

With much gratitude, Anne

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

Diya had so many positive things to say about the program.

She really enjoyed your funny jokes, excellent lectures and the delicious lunch.

She made some wonderful friends and enjoyed her first time train experience on a daily basis!!

She always says how much she misses the program.

We feel truly blessed to have Diya participate in such an amazing program.

All of the kids had a blast. We have already recommended the program to St. Anthony's high school. Keep up the amazing work!!

Warm regards,

Sujani

Hello Dr. Pentyala

I feel your program is quite impressive. There is so much work put into every day's schedule. Your list of speakers and various activities are diverse and provide a great experience for anyone considering the science related fields. Even if one decides health care is not for them the wealth of knowledge provided in 3 weeks is enormous. Other programs elsewhere costs thousands of dollars. You make this incredibly affordable for anyone who is interested.

Thank you for all the work you put into this program to make it well organized and informative.

Arjun had a great time.

Nita

Dear Dr. Srinivas Pentyala,

Thank You for organizing SARAS program at Stony Brook University. My daughter Riya attended SARAS 2018 this summer and enjoyed it tremendously. The program clearly shows that it is a compilation of different areas of medicine which is highly impressive. This workshop and lecture series has produced a wonderful experience for my daughter. She was thrilled to be part of this program and every single day she came home with something new to tell me. She thought you were funny and I too feel the same after reading your emails. I as a parent appreciate your communication with the students on a daily basis that gave transparency to the program. I am pleased with the program and would definitely recommend it to my friends. The lunches provided were delicious and the flow of the program was very well executed.

I observed that the program has provided essential introduction in medical science in terms of knowledge (theory) and practicality. The lively presentations, lab visits and more so the interactions between students and experts have enhanced the interests of my daughter in becoming a doctor. It is extremely satisfying to see my daughter's enthusiasm in the health sciences field. Additionally the daily commute by LIRR, has given her a sense of schedule, timing and punctuality.

Thank you and your entire team for making my daughter's summer experience educative, enlightened and enjoyable!!!

Sincerely,
Sangeeta

Dear Srinivas,

Sorry for the delay in writing you this letter. Kids had a wonderful experience with SARAS. They had a great opportunity to hear from various speakers which opened their eyes up to the various fields in the health industry. They were excited to go every day and they enjoyed this experience!

With kind regards,
Shaila

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

We were researching summer programs for our daughter when I stumbled upon SARAS. It was evident that the program was very well structured and organized. It would be perfect for exposing Zeina to the medical field and the possible opportunities in a hands-on manner. What I wasn't prepared for was the motivation and excitement with which Zeina returned home every day. As soon as she got off the train, she would start relating stories with so much enthusiasm it was palpable. She was fascinated by some of the research and its application in real life. Overall, the program certainly piqued her interest and I hope it will help her make a career choice eventually. More than the knowledge, exposure and interest, Zeina has forged so many new friendships that I am sure she will cherish them for a lifetime. I cannot tell you how much the students adore you and your special way of interacting with them.

I am so happy that Zeina got an opportunity to participate in SARAS this year. The experience has been invaluable. Please continue doing the good work and making the program available for generations to come. My son, who is only 10, after hearing Zeina's stories has already asked several times if he will be attending SARAS :)

Thank you and we wish you and SARAS all the very best!

Regards,
Hina & Shoaib

Dear Doctor Pentyala,

One day my daughter Michelle approached us with information about summer program at Stony Brook University. We did some research and since she wants to apply to SBU as her top choice, we decided that participating in SARAS was right thing for her. What I liked the most was that detailed schedule was clearly presented on program's website. In addition to wide spectrum of covered science subjects I have noticed two practical ones, SAT tips and SBU admission process. Michelle was very excited about the program and opportunity to stay for three weeks on campus. From our phone conversations during her time at SARAS we have quickly learned that program was even more attractive than anticipated. Michelle is interested in pursuing a scientific field in

research. We believe that this was the perfect program for her. It was good to know that the students were well cared for and inspired. Michelle loved the setting of a professional environment so much that she wished the program didn't end so she can learn even more and ask more questions to the professionals and specialists that came to talk with the SARAS kids. I believe that having such quality program greatly promotes SBU as fantastic choice for young scientists and helps to attract best talents. Thank you for making your facilities available and thank you for your great hospitality.

Sincerely,
Damian

Dr. Pentyala,

I would like to thank you for your wonderful program and allowing my son to participate. He found the program educational and quite enjoyable. He would come home every day with stories and information not to mention the jokes you said. He learned a lot from the lectures in the various medical fields. The exposure to the diverse specialties was invaluable.

Thank you for all your efforts and dedication to the program and the kids.

Regards,
Maureen

From the stories I heard from my daughter, Yoora , i think SARAS has helped her discover what field of medicine she wants to pursue in. Thank you for making those three weeks happen and please continue this amazing program.

Yoora's parent

Hi Dr. Pentyala!

Wow! All I have to say about this program is that my son, Evan, had found out so much about what he likes in the world of medical fields! He went into the program not knowing much about what to expect but as each day passed, he showed clear interests in certain areas (cardiology). Nothing made the parents happier than having interesting topics to share at dinner time when his brightened his eyes discussing what he had learned, that included daily delicious sponsored lunch of course! I've received several calls and emails from parents expressing interests in enrolling their child in this program next summer! Can't thank all those who put this program together enough for their tireless efforts!

Regards,
Carol

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

My daughter Anoushka attended the 3 week program over the summer. Anoushka has submitted her comments to you earlier today. What I would like to add was it helped Anoushka get out of her shell???. If not anything else, she learnt how to use the public transportation (LIRR). She had a great time during the camp and it was fun to watch her grow over the summer months in terms of being semi-independent and I dare say - responsible? :). All in all a very good experience. She spoke about topics that interested her at home and that was a first :)

Thank you for feeding the children and taking good care of them. We shall be back!

Regards - Anand

My daughter Tai stayed on campus and end enjoyed the Saras program of 2018. She had an amazing time and met people from all over the United States. She has made wonderful friendships and connections.

Tai has always had a love for science and has always expressed she wants to be in the medical field. Participating in the Saras program made her very sure that she wants to pursue a career in medicine.

As a parent I appreciate this program and the amount of topics that were covered as well as the hands on experiences. I enjoyed the daily emails containing a review of the day. I looked forward to the photos and videos at the end of each week. Thank you for having such a great program.

Best regards,
Michelle

Thanks for this program. My daughter is really interested in some topics. This program provides opportunities for her to explore medical field, make her think whether she pursue her medical degree or not. Also she made some friends and enjoyed various lunch. By the way, my son who is in Cornell University participated SARAS 5 years ago, he just took MCAT test last week and decided to go to medical school. He recommended his sister to take SARAS. Strongly suggest this program continue.

Thanks
Lisa

Dear Dr. Dr. Srinivas Pentyala,

My son Joe attended the SARRAS program this summer. Last summer I attempted to gain entry, but I was too late and the program was filled. This summer Joe is planning to enter his junior year of high school and I was pleased to learn he wanted to join the program. He wanted to gain insight into the science and medical fields for he is contemplating a career in healthcare (medicine).

The experience was not what he expected. I am not sure he knew what to expect! He was surprised that he had access to so many specialists who he viewed as brilliant. He was impressed by his peers. He opened his eyes to research. He intubated a patient! He was able to bridge new diverse friendships that he still is communicating with on social media weeks after SARRAS has ended. As a parent, I opened the daily schedule to see what he was learning. I was excited to hear what he learned at the close of the day. I was also excited to receive your email communication within 2 hours after class ended. What makes SARRAS special is your commitment and passion. It is evident in all your communication.

The lunches were much appreciated. Thank you!

A huge plus for us was the SAT prep from Test takers. I was struggling with considering paying Kaplan or Princeton review. The online reviews are poor. The local competitors were not impressing me. I am appreciative to have found SAT Test takers. Joe was very excited about the strategies he gained. We now have a plan (thanks to your email) and feel ready for what's to come this upcoming academic year. Thank you for all your time and support.

SBU has a great program in SARRAS.

Any plans to create SARAS PART II ???

Best regards,
Marisa

Hi Srin

Thank you so much for the reminder.

My daughter, Annsley , enjoyed every fraction of a second of the SARAS. Other than being informative, the courses had been interestingly humorous and a solid source of knowledge. On behalf of my family, we wish you the very best and we are positive that you will keep up your good work for our future generations. Thank you so much again.

Shaji

Hello Dr. Pentyala,

My daughter was a little conflicted when the 1st day of SARAS began as she realized she has to go to school to learn instead of enjoying her summer vacation. She was looking forward to waking up late all summer long and the pictures she received from her friends at camp did not help her from second guessing her decision to participate in SARAS. However when she returned home from her 1st day at SARAS she could not stop talking about everything she had learned. This grew into a daily routine as she would recap all the things she learned or heard at SARAS on a daily basis. She even mentioned some of your lame jokes which I found funny, but I guess don't have the same appeal to the 15 year old audience. She couldn't stop talking about the time that you called her on stage, which she probably was embarrassed about at the time, but which probably helped her confidence in learning to speak in front of a hundred bright and talented students hanging on her every word. She enjoyed the practical training that you and the other doctors at SARAS conducted and these trainings will remain with her as she progresses in life. Most importantly of all, she made a few new friends which she has kept in touch with over the summer. I think the SARAS program should be proud of the information, education and entertainment that you provided to all the kids that attended the program. My daughter is looking forward to attending next summer and told me to make sure we are back from any vacation by July 4th as she doesn't want to miss SARAS next year. Thank you for offering this program to kids that want to expand their horizons in the field of medicine.

Thank You,

Ravi

PS. The food that they offered for lunch was another reason she kept coming back every day. Pizza for lunch, yummy. :)

Hi,

Just wanted to let you know Josh truly enjoyed the program.

I think the little toys for questions are a good incentive.

Thank you!

Mindy

Hi Mr. Pentyala,

I am Deepa, mother of Meghna(SARAS 2018 participant - entering 11th grade).

Thank you so much for a very efficient and educational summer camp experience conveyed to my daughter. Meghna liked it a lot and is now showing more confidence and maturity when she speaks as well as having a broad and more practical understanding of the health professions and the science field in general. Moreover it provided her an opportunity to travel from home

independently over and over and see how the adult world responds to her, forcing her to use her judgement and time management/ community navigation skills to simply get there every morning (a life skill!). I must thank you for using your natural sense of humor to carry us, the parents through the tough 3 weeks, which definitely reduced the stress level??

I wish you all success to continue SARAS for the upcoming young professionals.

Thank you and hats off to you !

Sincerely,

Deepa

Dear Dr.Pentyala,

Thank you very much for providing my daughter and many others this amazing program. Jean truly enjoyed her experience at SARAS and I can tell she has learned a lot in that short period of time. SARAS was very educational and a great opportunity for anyone interested in the medical field. Jean has always shown great interest in the medical field so we decided that going to Stony Brook for this program would help her determine whether or not she was confident that medicine was for her. She ended up coming home every day so excited to share what she had learned to my husband and I. Jean has learned that she does wants to pursue a career in medicine and I can truly say that SARAS has been a big impact in her decision. I know that she will never forget her experience at Stony Brook and will continue to contact friends she made throughout the program. I would like to thank Dr. Pentyala and his team, all the doctors who came to share their experiences with the students, and the caterers for an amazing summer.

Sincerely,

Jae

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I want to thank you for providing a great experience for our daughter, Cecelia, in the SARAS program. She took the program seriously and learned a great deal. She particularly enjoyed the hands-on aspects that were typical of, I believe, the afternoon work. Most important it helped with her transition from attending school to thinking about work, a career, and professional fulfillment. She is now seriously interested in a nursing or other medical career.

Of course the key to the whole experience was the energy and enthusiasm that you brought to the program.

Again, I think the SARAS program was very successful for our daughter and we appreciated this opportunity, all your efforts, and the support of so many in the Stony Brook community.

Sincerely,

Shawn and Nancy.

My daughter, Prithula, had an amazing time in the SARAS program. She would come home and the second she saw anyone of us, she would start to talk about everything she heard and saw for that day. She would come and say that she never would have thought that she would able to learn so much in a matter of a day. She was inspired and is ready to face anything that can come here way. Thank you so much for creating such a program for these kids and inspiring them to be the greatest.

Alim

Dear Mr. Pentyala,

In the beginning, days before SARAS actually started this year, Paavan was not looking forward to going to Stony Brook to attend the SARAS program. We had family over the week before SARAS started into the first week of SARAS. He had just started bonding with his cousins who came to visit us after 5 years from Louisiana. He did not want to leave them and go to SARAS. I ultimately had to convince him by telling him he can skip Wed, Thursday and Friday if he at least went on Monday and Tuesday of that week to get the orientation and to familiarize himself with the commute, curriculum and to get acquainted with other people there. He agreed.

My sister, who was here from Louisiana, along with her family, went with me to drop him off to Stony Brook the first day. After his first day, he seemed relaxed, and I didn't have to put in extra effort to push him. The second day, he commuted solo by LIRR and was more confident. He did however, skip the rest of the week (we had to take care of my mom as well that week who was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's and was bed-ridden due to an infection caused by a bed sore - hence the family visit from Louisiana).

I believe he did learn a lot during the next two weeks. He talked about the workshops/experiments and lectures sparingly to us but only because he was excited to talk about it to his cousins from Louisiana! He would call them and go over the interesting things he'd learnt. My sister (also my twin) would hear it from her kids and THEN I'd hear about it from her!!! I did not get upset because at least he found someone to share his experiences with. He talked about it later with us (though not to same detail as he did with his cousins).

Upon asking him what he found the most interesting, he said the topic about Regenerative medicine caught his attention.

I am really grateful that you have organized such a crucial program for these kids. It is very important to have them exposed to the different areas of medicine and get their minds and brains working at a young age! Please keep me posted about more programs that you have available. I will be registering my other son for the SARAS program next year (I have four boys so they definitely need a push!).

Thank you for giving him a wonderful experience!

Sincerely,
Sucheta

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

My wife and I cannot thank you and the SARAS program enough for Skyla's experience this summer! Her enthusiasm for pursuing a future career in the medical field has increased tremendously, due to this terrific program.

We have had several discussions since the end of the program, and it is amazing how a new experience is described to us, when Skyla reflects back. (You know teenagers, they don't remember anything unless the topic is right in front of them.) From the lectures to the student

centered activities the program offered to demonstrate practice of learning. (This was her favorite part as she is more a hands on type learner.) Skyla loved learning about the functions of working in a hospital setting, and learning how to pack a wound, administering CPR, and how to make a tourniquet. These are skills that young adults should know, and we are so happy she learned it through the program!

The program also provided Skyla with a preview of the future of the COLLEGE life! We selected for her to stay and dorm at Stony brook, so she was on her own! This experience allowed her to fend for herself as a young adult, and to meet new life friends.

WE appreciate the amount of time and effort that you and your staff has put into this summer's SARAS program. We can only imagine the dedicated time that has to be done in order to find the sponsorships for lunch, and the brave speakers, who had to talk in front of teenagers during their precious summer break! ??

Thanks again for being so insightful on a daily basis with your emails, describing the daily activities that the kids experienced! Small things like that always put us at ease, and made us feel happy and proud! Please do not hesitate and contact me if you require any other information or homework (??) regarding our daughter's participation in the SARAS program at Stonybrook.

Kind regards,
Kenric

Good evening, Dr. Pentyala.

I am Young, father of Sang, who attended SARAS at Stony Brook University.

First of all, I would like to thank you for your dedication to your program and all of your kids. Your SARAS program has been a tremendous success for many years now and it is all due to you and all of your efforts.

Next, thank you for giving my son this opportunity. He told me that he enjoyed it very much and that he learned a lot about medicine while having lots of fun. He made lots of friends and he gained a lot of knowledge into the medical field.

I am very grateful for SARAS and all it has done for my son. It has impacted my child positively as he will pursue a career in medicine in the future. Thank you again Dr. Pentyala, and I wish you the best of luck in the future.

Best Wishes,
Young

Sadhana really enjoyed SARAS program. She was enthusiastic to come to the program. She mentioned that she learned a lot and had the opportunity of meeting several people, hospital teams and participants under one roof. This program is eye opening and serves as a great opportunity for high school students to network and gain a vision on how hospital and staff play a key role in helping people. The afternoon sessions with hands on experiments are well structured which is another highlight of the program. She is grateful that she could see the leaders in medicine so close. It was a very useful time spent by her for education and also to have fun.

Shanty

Hello. My son Andrew participated in the program and thoroughly enjoyed it. He especially loved the hands on workshop activities as it was a way to reinforce the ideas shared during the lectures. SARAS is a great way for students interested in pursuing studies in health sciences to explore ideas and hear from experts in their fields. Thank you for coordinating this fantastic program! Andrew looks forward to participating in the test takers prep course this fall as w
Sharon

Dear Dr. Srinivas Pentyala

My daughter, Tia, attended the 2018 SARAS program. Before I give you my feedback, I would like to congratulate you and your team on creating this wonderful program.

Every day, after returning home from work, I would ask her about her day at SARAS. Her eyes would light up, and then, she would start talking about what she learned from subject matter experts. She thoroughly enjoyed the 3 week program. This program, gave her an opportunity to learn and expand her horizons on various science/medical/research topics and well as make new friends. Tia will start applying to colleges this fall (2018), and this program has definitely helped her narrow down her field of interest.

I have already recommended this program to our friends and colleagues.

Thank you very much for giving this wonderful learning opportunity to our children. This program will enable them attain new heights in their professional careers, by guiding them in the right direction.

Thank You,
Kind Regards,
Tushar

Dr. Srinivas

Our daughter, Harleen, was very content with joining this program as it provides an opportunity & opens many doors for those who plan to pursue the career in biomedical in near future. She told us about all the workshops she had done and the experience she gained from it. She also informed us that she had an awesome experience for the three weeks that she spent at Stony Brook for SARAS program and with your presence, humor, three weeks passed fairly quick. We wanted to say thank you for organizing this SARAS program for those who want to excel in science field in their future!

Regards,
Gurbax and Amrinder

Hello Dr. Srini,

I want to thank you for the wonderful experiences that you, the SARAS staff, the Stony Brook Medicine faculty, sponsors, and others have provided for my daughter, Jaidyn Bryant, this summer. My goal was that she get some exposure to various aspects of medicine so that she would have a little more information as she goes into her senior year of high school and chooses her college and major. SARAS far exceeded my expectations. I was informed that the SARASers did a lot of hands-on activities, a lot of eating tasty foods, some SAT preparation, as well as meeting many "cool kids". Jaidyn was also appreciative of the discussion provided by the university admissions staff. The talent show, SARAS Got Talent, was awesome and the

documentary, King Gimp, was moving. I would like to show it to my students at the beginning of every semester. I was teary-eyed for most of it.

Initially, Jaidyn was concerned about being so far away from her family and friends back in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but that quickly dissipated through the structure of both your activities at SARAS and within the dormitory.

Jaidyn still desires to pursue a career in medicine and she has also made up her mind to apply for admission to Stony Brook. You have made quite an impression on her. Thank you again!

Troy

Hi,

I was thrilled with Jude's experience. My favorite part of the day was picking him up and hearing about everything he learned. He discovered his love of Science this year while in an advanced Biology class and this program was a perfect way for him to learn more about the different paths he may want to follow. He is especially interested in research and loved hearing about the research different speakers are working on. I was worried when I first signed him up that it would feel too much like school over the summer but he said the combination of the interesting subject matter and your great sense of humor made everyday fun. He also enjoyed all the lunches!

Thanks for a wonderful program,

Andrea

Hi Dr. Pentyala

We are the parents of Meghna. We wholeheartedly feel that Meghna's participation in the SARAS program was an awesome experience for her. She explained about what all she learnt there and how it helped to tune her thought process in choosing a future profession.

When I picked her from the train station daily, I could see how happy she was after the day and also after travelling with her friends in the train. She was talking much about her friends she made at the camp and I am sure they will be fiends forever

Thank you very much for organizing this precious camp

Unnikrishnan and Deepa

Dr. Pentyala,

My son Vishwanath thoroughly enjoyed the SARAS program. He was very excited to go to the camp every day hoping to learn new things from the Stony Brook educators. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for the all the educators at the SARAS program.

I have to mention the daily update emails that you sent were very informative and enjoyable to read. The icing on the cake is the wonderful lunch the program provided. You kept the kids fed very well.

Thank you again.

Shobha

My daughter, Sarah Zawada, is a fun and loving person who was very much looking forward to the SARAS program in 2018. For the past few years Sarah had been saying that she wanted to work in healthcare. Always the one to want to help others, it seemed like a real possibility. At only 16 years of age things can change, but the program seems to further convince me that Sarah will take the path to help others in healthcare.

Staying on campus in the dorms was also a great experience for Sarah. I do believe it has made her feel very confident that, should she choose to go away for college and stay on campus, her trepidations will be that much less. I could sense a feeling of relief and confidence that leaving home and making new friends would be easy now. Sarah had only great things to say about everyone she met; including her dorm room partner.

Lastly, Sarah might have chosen her profession due to SARAS. She had many experiences and exposure to the healthcare field with the program. In her last week in the program, she seems to be very interested in anesthesia. This might be her calling.

Regards,
Allen

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I am Emily's mom, Jackie. The SARAS program was definitely a positive experience for Emily. Every day after she comes home from the SARAS program, she tells me with joy what she has learned and what they did in the workshops. I like how this program offered Emily an introduction into the medical field. I know she didn't really know if she wanted to go into the medical field but after this program she tells me how she wants to become a nurse practitioner or a physician. This program was great and she said she enjoyed lunch and hanging out with her friends. Thank you for continually working hard to put together this amazing program!

Sincerely
Jackie

Dear Srimi,

My son, Alex recently participated in the SARAS program at Stony Brook. Overall, he really enjoyed the experience and got a lot out of it. He loved hearing from professionals in the medical field and learning about the current research that is happening. He wasn't sure what part of the medical field he would pursue, but decided because of your program that he would like to consider orthopedic surgery and has a high interest in it. I know you and the other faculty put a great deal of effort and time into the SARAS Program so we appreciate your efforts in guiding him. Thanks again for the opportunity and best of luck to you.

Regards,
Lisa

Dear Dr Srinivas,

My daughter Roslyn Paul, was quite skeptical when she started the program. However, as she experienced each day with so much fun and valor accompanied with social activities... she really had an awesome time. I am so grateful to you for carrying out a fruitful 3 weeks of summer where she could get a lot of information of our health care system. Very much appreciated. Hoping to work with you in the future.

Thanks a lot.
Roshini

Dear Professor Pentyala,

Thank you for giving my daughter the opportunity to be a part of the SARAs program. She was so happy to wake up every morning to drive herself to and from Stony Brook. She became more independent, and it prepared her for independence in college. Because of this program, she learned a lot about the medical field. It helped her question if medicine was right for her. She routinely came home with a bright smile and told me about specific doctors each day.

Another part she liked was the diverse food options given throughout the SARAs program. My daughter had missed a day because we had a family trip to Fire Island, and she was sad to be absent for a day at SARAs. When she had to leave early another day she was also sad because she really enjoyed every minute of the program.

I think this is a great program to help young minds understand and explore interests and knowledge in the health profession industry. I wish this program was not only three weeks but rather a two month event, so that way she wouldn't be at home for the rest of the summer. I will recommend this program to my family and friends. Thank you again for providing her with an enjoyable three weeks.

From,

Qin

Good Evening Mr. Pentyala,

My name is Afsheen and I am Sayem's mother. My reflection is pretty positive based on the feedback I have received. My intentions were for Sayem to get exposed to what are some of the fields he can explore if he chose medicine. He got some great exposure and experience while being at the Stony brook hospital. I feel the only thing he wasn't too thrilled about were the lectures. Other than that he had a great experience.

Thank you for your detailed emails and support you have provided to kids in this program.

Afsheen

Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you so much! Our son Timmy enjoyed and learned so much from you, the other doctors, nurses and other people involved in SARAS.

Each night at dinner Timmy would enthusiastically speak about his day at SARAS!

Timmy was exposed to so many different areas of medicine.

We are grateful for the Testtakers program.

The King Gimp movie was amazing, truly unforgettable.

The person from admissions was wonderful.

Timmy is our fourth child but navigating the college search for medicine is very different.

Thank you for the MD school information.

The lunches were great! Timmy's favorite was the Curry Club!

I have been a nurse for 31 years, I have met many doctors over the years. You will always be one of my favorites! I have never met someone so willing to share so much to see another person(s) succeed.

Again, Thank you for this opportunity.

You had mentioned- if there was anything Timmy ever needed that he should reach out to you. Please know if you ever need anything you can reach out to us.

Wishing you all the best.

With much gratitude,

John, Anne and Timmy

How can I not thank your team for doing such a wonderful job. Please read as follows.

Every summer is crucial once kids get to high school. I had been searching over every college in New York for a conducive summer program. I was so excited to find such a great program under Stony Brook Anesthesia Department. I called the department, and I learned from Dr. Pentyala that SARAS program would be a perfect program for Jayden since he like science subjects. The whole team of SARAS took so much interest in teaching the youngsters. Jayden enjoyed the classes, the food, his LIRR rides, and above all the talent show.

I have to thank you Dr Pentyala, for those detailed email updates. It showed me how careful you were in arranging every bit of the program and I felt secure in sending him. Cannot thank you enough.

Regards,

Sherin

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I have to admit I did not have high expectations when I signed my daughter Sydney up for SARAS program, thinking it would just be like another summer camp except with lectures, to keep her busy for three weeks. But what a pleasant surprise this has been. Everyday she would tell me her experiences in detail with great excitement. I was impressed with how organized the program was, with such a wide range of specialty topics, hands-on practices, and other thoughtful activities. She has always been interested in the biomedical field, but was never exposed to such specific areas and skills. This program significantly served as an eye opener for her career path. And for this, we are truly grateful.

Ronnie

Hi Dr. Srinii,

Thank you so much for organizing such a wonderful program for these children. It has been very pleasant 3 weeks. Every day once I pick my daughter Nancy up from the hospital, we would start talking about what has been done in the program. She enjoyed the lectures, labs, hands on workshops, meals and even learned some tricks for SAT. I'm sure the parents enjoyed looking at

those pictures and videos online, so we visually know how the program is running. I have to say this is a very well organized, informative, efficient program that I know.

Thank you so much Dr. Srin and all the presenters, you did a great job!

Nancy's mom

Emily seemed to have learned a lot during her time at SARAS. She would come home each day and tell me about what happened and all the things she did/learned. She was very effected by her visit to the Veteran's home. She was surprised and saddened by what the veteran she spoke with said. She understood more clearly the sacrifices veterans make for our country. I was very happy with Emily's response to the program and hope she will attend again next summer.

~Victoria

Good Morning Dr. Pentyala,

First I'd like to say thank you for all your time and efforts into making this program a reality. I'm not sure if you remember but I spoke to you in length about the program as I truly found it by accident. I was extremely nervous to send my son as I wasn't sure if the program would be well over his head and would he be fine if he felt out of his element.

WELL...Everyday this child would come home with such enthusiasm; a smile on his face and tell me what he learned that day. He would let me know all the jokes you guys would tell them...LOL. And what a good person you are ???. The program not only opened his eyes to the many things he can do in the science field, but most importantly that doctors are truly human beings and yes while he has always seen the professional side of them, he was quite amused that you guys have a heart along with a sense of humor.

This was the first time he had ever come home from the last day of anything (going away to camp/last day of school) and said he wished it didn't have to end. I'm delighted that he met friends from near and far and lets me know that eventually I will have to let him go away to college and know he will be fine.

And let's not forget about the fine cuisine that he looked forward to every single day ??????.

From the bottom of my heart. Thank you

Elizabeth

Dear Dr. Srin,

This is Josephine's father, she is the first one to perform at the talent show with Chinese yoyo, hope you still remember her.

A quick thanks to SARAS these past three weeks, for showing my daughter Josephine so many great things! She comes back home every day and tells us what she learned and it makes me and my wife so envious that we didn't have this program when we were younger. I am glad that

because of this program that she wants to go into medical when she was hesitant before. This program is great and we have recommended it to others already. We plan to send to our son next year for him to experience and gain insight of being in the medical field. Thanks again for making this program possible and thank you for all the faculty and staff for dedicating their time to educated these children!

Richard

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I thank you and other faculty staff members who made the event at SARAS 2018 a fun-filled memorable one for the kids. My son, Sagar enjoyed every day as he would tell me he is looking forward to SARAS on the way to Stony Brook Hospital. By coming to SBU, Sagar is eager to go to medical school even more at Stony Brook.

He was fascinated to learn all specialties coming to explain parts of their daily jobs. I am glad that this exposure was there as this helps to streamline where he can volunteer in a medical field and start thinking about his future career. SARAS taught Sagar how research plays a huge role in medicine in particular how you presented Srini's Dipstick approach and was enlightened and told me how Dr. Srini invented this unique approach for the epidural device. He was fascinated by how iStent is done in the eye, maxillofacial surgery as well as the workshops where kids got to learn CPR and experiment on Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. He also enjoyed visiting the veterans home inspired him to appreciate our Veterans more by meeting them personally.

I thank you for all the daily updates we were getting as I felt like I was personally engaged in SARAS. I also thank you for all the great wonderful sponsored variety luncheons. Sagar encourages his younger sister to go next year. Sagar liked the test takers for SAT and we have signed up with them being that he is entering the junior year in high school.

Regards
Vandana

Hello Dr Pentyala

My name is Darshini. I am Ishani's mom. I am so glad to I found SARAS program for my daughter in this summer. She really liked the program and she learned about many different fields of medicine. Thanks so much for providing lunch every day. Ishani and I definitely recommend this program to other children.

Sincerely,
Darshini

Hi Dr Srini...

I just want to say a big thank you ... Noel enjoyed the camp so much, he had a great time for 3 weeks, even though he just had an appendectomy on July 1st. I just asked him, what classes he

likes....The anesthesiology and the family medicine, hopefully one day you will see him over there doing his medical school...Noel had a great time staying in the dorms , he made new friends ,had lot of fun ,He came home for the weekend ,but wants to go back to the dorm the next day..., Thanks a lot for the well-arranged program !!!

Have a great summer,

Nancy

Dear Mr. Pentyala,

My daughter Natalia has participated in the 2018 SARAS program at the Stony Brook Hospital. What a wonderful experience this program has been for her as she is seriously considering to pursue her career in the medical field. Natalia learned about this wonderful program from one of her high school friends and we signed her up right away. She even decided to stay on campus to truly experience what college life is about, and it has been an amazing experience. She really enjoyed every aspect of the program from having everyday interactions with the professors and doctors in various fields of medicine to getting involved in hands on experiences in the lab. Natalia has especially enjoyed the crash patient lab during which the students had to save a patient (mannequin) having a heart attack. She also enjoyed a session when they had to study patients' blood to diagnose their diseases. The many lectures that have been presented to the participants such as robotic surgery or other innovations within every field of medicine have motivated my daughter and showed her what medicine is about and how exciting this career can be. She came back home excited about medicine knowing that this is the path she wants to pursue in the future. I just wanted to thank you personally Mr. Pentyala for creating this wonderful program for high school students who are seriously considering careers in medicine. It provides a great overview of different fields in medicine helping these young learners to find their true call in life. Your enthusiasm for this program was evident in your everyday emails, which by the way I found to be very informative. Thank you for being such an inspiration and influence for my daughter.

Sincerely,

Grace

Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you for running this program and allowing me to give you some feedback. Overall, my son enjoyed the lectures and activities, as well as meeting different specialists from Stony Brook Medical. Peter shared a lot of the information he learned with my husband and me. Some topics generated colorful discussions. For instance, the use of regenerative stem cells as the next wave in medical care was one area which sparked conversation. Peter also enjoyed meeting the other students in the program and the many assistants.

Again, thank you for allowing me to express my opinion. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Lidia

Dr, Srinivas Pentyala

SARAS wonderful program and I am very happy my daughter Neeya attended the sessions. To be able to interact and learn from so many specialists and do so many workshops within such a short span is a great experience for the kids to have.

Three weeks ago, my daughter wanted to be a lawyer or IT specialist, now she wants to be a doctor. This may or may not change in the years to come, irrespective of her decision I know the interest and experience that SARAS gave her will remain with her for a long long time.

The arrangements related to the travel from train station to the classes were meticulous and I thank everyone involved for making it safe and easy. And the compliments about the food kept coming!

Thank you too for giving us updates on a constant basis!

I would strongly recommend any of my friends and colleagues to send their kids to this program.

Thank you!

Smita

The first time I heard about SARAS was from one of my friends while we were talking about our children's future education. I decided to send my daughter to the program because she has always wanted to take a career in the medical professions; I am truly impressed by the knowledge and the work that SARAS did with my daughter. She got really excited about the classes after the first week; she started to talk about things that she learned from SARAS more and more at the dinner table. After SARAS, She starts to arrange for her college plans and sets up a higher standard of goals by her own, which I had never seen before. As a father, I really appreciate seeing all these changes that she made throughout the program, I also appreciate the chance that SARAS gives her, which leads her to a better direction in life and she told me that this is one of her most valuable memory in her high school years.

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you very much for your time and energy for 3 weeks.
My son and his friend were not sure about it at the beginning. However, day by day they enjoyed and by 2nd week my son told me that he was looking forward to attending it.
He is going to share his notes and experiences with his HS science teacher to narrow down for his research project. He will contact you soon.
Thank you very much again. I hope you enjoy rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Yumi

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

We would like to thank you for providing this wonderful camp experience. We expected that she would be exposed to many different aspect of medicine, but we never expected that it would be so much fun. As her parents are doctors, she had some exposure, but she still enjoyed this camp a lot. Every day, she came home and excitedly talked about everything that she had learned. We are very happy that she attended this camp and glad that this became an important part of her journey.

Thank you very much,
Jun

Dear Dr. Srinivas,

I am thrilled that my daughter Alexandra had the opportunity to take part in SARAS.

She absolutely loved the program and gained so much medical knowledge and valuable experiences. In addition, she made new friends from so many different states.

Allie especially loved the hands-on labs. She excitedly told us all about how she learned about stopping bleeding and conduct intubation and so much more!

The visit to the Veterans home was also very rewarding. When she told me the story of the gentleman she spent time with, it mirrored her great-grandfather's life.

We were lucky to find out about SARAS through a friend. Allie also greatly enjoyed his talk and learning about fascinating robotic surgery.

Every day Allie would share exciting stories from her day at SARAS. She was especially excited by your beneficial invention, that can help so many!

After spending three weeks with such talented and dedicated professionals, Allie is certain that she wants to pursue a career in the medical field. I am so glad she had such a positive experience that will impact the rest of her life.

Thanks so much for all of your hard work in facilitating this amazing program!

We are very grateful!

Sincerely,

Andrea and Anthony

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you so much for organizing this SARAS program! Nathan had great fun and learned a lot. It was eyes opening to him.

Since he is considering entering medical field in the future, this program exposes him to various options in this field. He actually wants to get the information of the ophthalmologist and orthopedist for further contacts. I hope he has asked you for those info.

Thank you again for everything you did for our young adults and future medical professionals.

Thanks and Blessing,

Jing

Hi Srini,

Thank you for such a great program. I could see that Monisha enjoyed a lot in this program. She was in the dorm during the length of the program. Every Friday we would take her home and our ride back was that she used to discuss on what she learned and liked that week. For example, she was explaining different kinds of cuts and how to treat them, I really saw maturity in my daughter. She wanted to be pediatrician, and now she understand looking at different fields in medicine. She liked cardiology, ophthalmology, etc. She also made us watch the Bollywood song you showed them. She made some good friends. Overall this is a great program which I would happily recommend to everyone. Please keep up the great work you are doing.

Thanks again,

Lakshmi

Dear Srini,

Thank you very much for accepting my twins, Sapphire and Royce to the SARAS program. The first day of Saras, as I walked into hospital with the kids, we bumped into one of my second year fellows in Gastroenterology. When we mentioned where the kids were going, he told us how he had attended the program many years ago, and how his mom had framed his certificate! He raved about it and the kids were full of enthusiasm.

The program is impressive in and of itself and gives the kids a broad overview of what it would be like to be working in the health sciences. They loved the lectures and especially the workshops. They would come home and tell me, with excitement, about the different procedures they had a chance to practice on mannequins. They even got lab safety certificates, and tips on SAT prep. But aside from that, your personality drives the program. You truly inspired them with a combination of intelligence, humor and fun. They are still regaling me with stories and quotes. You have left an impression and they love you.

In addition they made so many new friends. They are planning on how and when to meet again and I hope they keep these friendships for a very long time.

SARAS was one of the best summer programs my kids have attended and I recommend it as a "must" for anyone considering health sciences as a career.

Srini thanks again.....

Best

Ramona

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

We would like to start by thanking you and your team for an amazing opportunity that you have so graciously offered to high school students thinking of a future in medicine. The entire process from registration to the completion of the program is nothing short of perfection. The constant

contact that you have with the students and parents before, during and after the program is unbelievable. We thank you not only for the knowledge, and professionalism that you have given our son, John with, but your mentor ship during the program.

John has learned so much in three short weeks, more than we ever imagined he would. He now has a much clearer path for what he wants to study and specialize in medicine.

The program that was presented by Test Takers was extremely helpful also. The opportunity that was offered to all SARAS students for taking their special SAT prep program this fall is truly wonderful.

Our son John was very enthusiastic every day when coming home, and sharing the day's lessons with the entire family.

This truly is an unbelievable gift that you and your team, and team of experts give these students every year for the past 15 years.

We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for our son John, and for all your inventions, past, present and in the future for our world.

Sincerely,

John & Stacy

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

My wife Priti and I humbly give our thanks for putting together a wonderful experience for our daughter Shreya. She was exposed to many things in medicine which enthusiastically talks about such as learning from guest speakers such as the epidemiologist, urologist, oral surgeon, cardiac surgeon. She especially enjoyed the hands on programs such as the lumbar puncture of the manikin.

The trip to the VA was totally unexpected pleasure as Shreya is a history buff and to meet a veteran and hear his stories from World War II was amazing for her. That is something she is going to remember for the rest of her life.

The college prep information was helpful and she learned a two or three things from Testtakers and we will be looking into a program with them in the Jericho area.

Dr. Pentyala, teenagers are most times not the most expressive and shy, but I and Shreya thank you for all the hard effort, thought and resource management you have put in and will definitely be recommending SARAS to future generations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Prashant and Priti

Hello Dr. Srinivas Pentyala,

We had positive feedback from our son, Tristan, about the SARAS program. He said he learned a lot about the many fields in Healthcare. The third week was his favorite; he found robotic surgery and regenerative medicine very interesting. More importantly he had a lot of fun at SARAS and to quote him, "I'm actually a little sad it's over." Another important point is Tristan made new friends.

Overall, SARAS is a great program that gave him exposure to many medical fields that he would never have known about.

Thank you to you, your team and everyone that made SARAS a great experience for our son.

Regards,
Lena

Dr. Srinivas,
We are Annabelle's parents. My name is Shirley and my husband's name is Andrew. We are truly thankful that Annabelle had the opportunity attending SARAS this summer. Per Annabelle, The program is very informative, educational and interactive. Many areas of health care fields were covered by the specialists. She told me at least she knows what she doesn't want to be. She also realized how important to be healthy and make healthier choices. We heard about your inventions such as the dip to test leaking CSF, the dip to check gout and pseudo-gout. You demonstrated the creative side of health care system. The ability to make impact and change people's life. Annabelle also told me how funny you are. We truly appreciate the special bus that made their commute so much easier. The delicious lunch included in the program. We think this is a great summer program and will definitely recommend to other parents.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. Cheng

Hi, Srini.

This is Jon (father of Nicholas).

We are very glad that we had Nicholas attend SARAS. He gained some valuable insight into various disciplines in the medical field, in addition to some tips on college entrance requirements. As a side benefit, it was also a good experience for him to gain some maturity and independence, as he had to make new friends, take the train by himself, etc. Thanks very much for organizing everything. We really appreciate all the work you put in for the kids.

Jon

Dear Dr. Srinivas Pentyala,

I am Biju, father of Cristian. who was one of the participant of 2018 SARAS program. It was absolutely wonderful program which enlightened Cristian with the carrier he can pursue for his future and to the society. He found the lectures and presentations very easy to understand and engaging them to the subject. He is absolutely loved the each days presentations and loved to talk about the way he was taken care each day with love and compassion in detail. Cristian was fascinated with SARAS program which detailed about each branches of medicine and also about physical therapy.

As a parent I am happy to see my son showing interest in the medical profession as myself and my wife in the medical field, which will provide him a future career as well as helping the people in need. He was doing volunteer work since 9th grade and very happy to see he was molded very precise with all the lecturers and especially u srini uncle. The skill labs and the picnic to the old age Home was very enlightening. The camp was a positive experience and gave great confidence to Cristian for his future. Thank you for everything. Hats off

Sincerely

Biju and Ancy

-----Hello Dr. Pentyala,

First, I want to thank you for a wonderful program. My son, Harry, truly enjoyed every minute of the SARAS program. It was both fun and informative. He was excited to get up every morning and see what interesting lectures and labs that day would hold. Also, the lunches each day were both very generous and delicious. Harry is the oldest of my four children and I definitely plan on sending my others through the SARAS program when they reach the appropriate age.

Thank you again for your hard work and organization!

Fondly,

Susanne and Alexios

Good morning Dr Pentyala,

Our family is extending gratitude to you and your staff for putting together such an awesome experience. The SARAS experience is just the type of exposure we've yearned for our daughter. When I view the videos and photos, I am filled with joy knowing these students are learning and having fun. The balance is so necessary at this age. Our daughter made new friends with similar aspirations. We will encourage them to stay in touch.

I pray many families will take advantage of the SARAS program for years to come. I had my eye on this program since Soleil was six years old, back when she wanted to grow up to be a ballerina. Fast forward years later, she aspired to become an anesthesiologist.

As I watch the videos posted, I am filled with joy. The children are learning while having fun. Some may not realize the impact of these experiences but I am confident the seeds planted in this program will bear fruit in the near future.

Soleil mentioned wanting to volunteer with the veteran facility that was visited last week. When time permit I would like to explore such an option for her.

I hope to sow back into this program. Please keep our family in mind for future opportunities. If you ever need volunteers, please do not hesitate to ask. We are a family that serve.

Blessings to you and yours.

Best Wishes,
Nat

Hi Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you for giving Srinath a great opportunity. He had a great experience and exposure to the Medical field. SARAS is a wonderful program and a great idea to motivate the kids who are determined to achieve their goals. Everyday Srinath has discussed with me and shared his new experiences. I could see that he has begun showing a greater interest within the medical field and is determined to become a physician. It was definitely worth it, sending Srinath to the SARAS program. It was a well-organized and well planned. It has made him become more focused and aware of his future plans. I guess the lunch was awesome everyday with different kinds of food. It was great that so many different doctors gave great knowledge. Srinath had a wonderful experience coming to this SARAS program. Thank you once again for everything.

Sincerely,

Krishnasri

Dear Dr. Srinivas Pentyala,

When I heard about the SARAS program and thought this is a great program for my daughter. Sarah is a great student and she love science. Dr. Pentyala, you and your team create a phenomenal program. Sarah was always amazed with what she had learned. The minute my husband would get home from work, Sarah had to express her love for the program and what she learned for the day.

During the three weeks, Sarah made friends and also was able to narrow it down to two career choices. Again, thank you for providing a great positive, learning and fun environment to the children.

Sincerely,
Kettle

Dear Dr Pentyala,

My daughter Ayesha truly enjoyed SARAS program at Stony Brook University Summer 2018. Every day she came home with great knowledge and questions about different medical fields from learning robotic surgery to exploring crime scene. She was excited about her clinical Skills workshops and certifications, and is looking to use it in her future lab research goals. I want to thank Stony Brook University and all the educators especially Dr Pentyala for their dedication to

this wonderful program and for making it more interesting by sharing their personal stories and experiences, I am looking forward to enroll my son next year in SARAS Program. As a parent I also want to show my appreciation for providing lunch to kids throughout the duration of this program. Again thank you so much
Tarzana

The SARAS Program seemed like a wonderful and educational course for Anushka to take! Every day, she would come home and share exciting stories about what she learned and participated in (and what prizes she received). She told us it was a great experience for her, and we agree as well! We love how this gave her an opportunity to learn more about medicine and what it really takes to become a doctor. Thank you for directing an amazing course, and thank you to all the caterers! This was a great experience for college!
Anushka's parents
