



SHOOTING STARS FOUNDATION

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Quarterly Newsletter

October – December 2021

Mission and Vision



At Shooting Stars Foundation, we envision a future where all young people have equal access to the STEM knowledge and skills needed to achieve academic success, career success, upward mobility, and a lifetime of economic self-sufficiency for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Marching towards our Vision

475

STEM
scholars funded

840

Underrepresented
students served

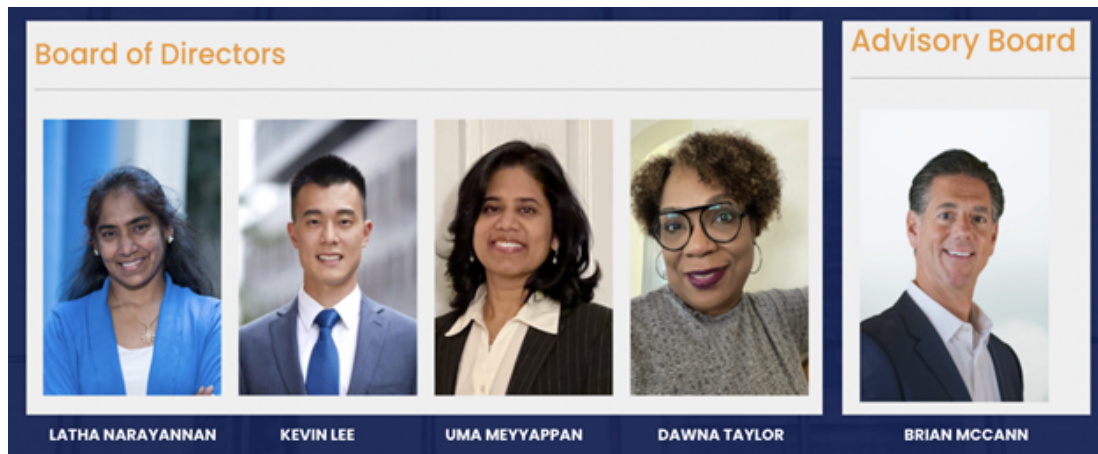


Key highlights

Formalized Board of directors

We are honored to welcome [Kevin Lee](#), [Uma Meyyappan](#) and [Dawna Taylor](#) to our Governing Board and [Brian McCann](#) to our Advisory Board.

We are excited to have such strong and passionate leaders stewarding our growth!



Scholar Showcase Event

On December 12th we hosted our yearly donor and volunteer call where SSF leaders shared exciting updates on SSF's growth this year. This showcase also included testimonials from current scholars, graduates, and our donors. To watch, please visit [Shooting Stars Scholar Showcase](#).

The Donor Experience

The diagram illustrates 'The 4 C's' donor experience. It consists of four numbered steps, each with a corresponding image and text:

- 1. COMMIT**: Image of a hand holding a sign that says 'BECOME A SPONSOR'.
- 2. CHOOSE**: Image of two people, a man and a woman, smiling.
- 3. CONNECT**: Image of a hand holding a smartphone displaying a website.
- 4. CELEBRATE**: Image of a graduate in a white cap and gown.

The text 'The 4 C's' is prominently displayed in the center. The Shooting Stars Foundation logo is located at the bottom left, and a 'PLAY' button is at the bottom center.

Winter camps in progress

Once again we are deep into our winter camps. We are offering more than 20 camps for students to choose from - topics range from web design to Bollywood dance to mock trial! Visit <https://www.nebulayouthcamps.org/k-8camps> to learn more!



VELA Education Fund Grant

We are excited to announce we were selected for a \$10,000 microgrant from VELA Education Fund (<https://velaedfund.org/>). With the funds from VELA we will be hosting a February hackathon for middle and high school girls!

<https://www.starhacks.org/2022-feb-all-girls-hackathon>



STEM Programs

Business and Entrepreneurship Camp

In October, SSF hosted a business and entrepreneurship camp for over 20 registrants sponsored by Netscout. The registrants came from underserved communities from across the US from San Jose, California to Charlotte, NC to Houston, TX. Youth leaders and professional mentors taught the basics of entrepreneurship from ideation to pitching their business idea. The winning team created a business idea to recycle and repair shoes to address shoe waste in the US. A big thank you to our leaders Usha, Suhas, Vekat, Abhy, Vishal, and Sanjitha and to our Netscout mentors and judges, Maniam Palanivelu, Michael Segal, Jayadev Nair, Gita Srivatsava, Yvonne Erdogan, and Lon Lowen.

Shooting Stars October Entrepreneurship Camp




Overview

- Core Concepts of Business ✓
- Expert Professional Mentors ✓
- Develop Your Own Business Idea! ✓
- A Great Time! ✓

“ In this camp I learned to always believe in my ideas, that I have the power to change the world, and that my creativity is limitless” - Lauren F. Participant ”



CIS Web Design Camp

We at SSF are excited to announce a new partnership with Communities in Schools with our very first HTML web design program. We had more than 20 underserved middle school registrants, located in Charlotte, NC. Over the course of the camp students learned the basics of HTML coding and syntax, learned how to set up their web pages and add links and images, spent some time on color and design elements, and showcased their final product to a live audience. Students earned prizes for best website, participation, and for winning in class Kahoot challenges.



SSF Leaders: Vishal, Srikar, Mahima, Neha, Latha and Mariel

IBM Datathon

Our experience with IBM Z Datathon on Oct 24th 2021 has been phenomenal. Participants put their problem-solving and technology skills to use for a good cause! Over 1,500 college level participants from more than 30 countries participated in the events. Experts and mentors from IBM helped students to develop innovative solutions to help society using IBM Datascience tools. We are excited to have our IBM Z Datathon 2.0 in 2022!

Thanks to leaders Abhi, Akanksha, Meena, Kamal, Soc, Ishi, Latha from SSF and to Sudharshana and Jeanne at IBM for making this all possible!

IBM Z Datathon - Technology for Good

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IBM Z Career Panel Speakers
Friday, Oct 1, 7:30 - 8:15 P.M IST

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IBM Z Influencer Program Manager

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Senior Mainframe Developer at Volvo IT

Subhasish Sarkar
Senior SQA Engineer at BMC SOFTWARE INDIA & An IBM Z Champion

Scholar Programs

Placement news

44 scholars placed in Q4 2021



Math Competition

A 4 day math workshop conducted by Sixth Phrase Placement Training Academy culminated in a fun filled event as students competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Ramadhyani Award for Math Excellence Competition. This event, organized by friends and family of Dhyani, was a great hit with students brushing up on their math skills and earning over Rs 15000 in prize money.

Congratulations to first place winner Durgaparameshwari K, Sushmitha S the second place winner, and Saurabh Khule in third place.

Panel Discussion on Job Placement



The poster for the 'Panel Discussion on Placement Guidance' event features a dark blue background with a gold border. At the top center, the logo for 'shooting stars foundation' is displayed with the tagline 'Educate | Empower | Enable'. Below the logo, the event title 'Panel Discussion On Placement Guidance' is written in large white letters, followed by the date and time 'Oct 24th [SUN], 7:30 PM IST' and the Zoom link 'Zoom link: https://bit.ly/SSFCareerZoom'. The central focus is a circular portrait of the keynote speaker, Ms. Fathima Sait, with her name and title 'KEYNOTE SPEAKER' in bold yellow text. Surrounding her are six other circular portraits of panelists, each with their name and professional details in white and yellow text. The panelists include Simran Dingani (Software Engineer at Visible Alpha, Mumbai), Ramaprabha R (Software Domain at Robert Bosch Engineering, Coimbatore), Rithick V (Software Developer at TCS, Chennai), Lavanya S (Senior Tech Associate at Bank of America, Chennai), Shriraksha B Malagannavar (Software Engineer at Cppgemini and Cognizant, Bangalore), and Yamini Vijayaraj (MC at Shooting Stars Foundation).

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Panel Discussion On Placement Guidance

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Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/SSFCareerZoom>

Simran Dingani
Software Engineer
Visible Alpha, Mumbai
Traditional Shikhand Engineering College,
Bandra

Ramaprabha R
Software Domain
Robert Bosch Engineering
Government College of Technology
Coimbatore

Fathima Sait
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Head Of Originations and Bureau
Standard Chartered Bank ,Bangalore

Rithick V
Software Developer
TCS , Chennai
M.Kumarasamy College of Engineering
Karur

Lavanya S
Senior Tech Associate
Bank of America, Chennai
College of Engineering [AU]
Chennai

Shriraksha B Malagannavar
Software Engineer
Cppgemini and Cognizant, Bangalore
SOMCET, Dharwad

Yamini Vijayaraj
MC
Placement and Training Lead
Shooting Stars Foundation

SSF had its first ever Panel Discussion on Career Guidance on October 24th with [Ms. Fathima Sait](#), Head of Organisation and Bureau, Standard Chartered Bank, Bengaluru as a keynote speaker.

Along with Ms. Fathima, a few of our scholars who are graduating in 2022 - Ramaprabha, Lavanya, Simran, Rithick who have been placed in various reputed organizations like Robert Bocsh, CTS, TCS, etc formed the panel. Yamini Vijayaraj MC-ed the panel with interesting and relevant questions.

Students across various branches participated in the panel discussion with great zeal. The panel was engaging for all - including a mock interview which displayed the dos and don'ts that should be followed in the interview process.

“It was very insightful on how the internal selection process happens, which will be very helpful for our preparation. Without this panel discussion, we would not have much chance to get this knowledge.”

Spotlights

Scholar spotlights



Venkat

S. Deebika



PLAY

Employee Spotlight



We are so excited to welcome [Suzelle Zamor](#) to the Shooting Stars Foundation family. Suzelle is joining us to help organize our new program, The Tech Immersion program where students will engage in a 4 month program composed of all of Shooting Stars' most popular programs for underserved high school students enabling them to take a STEM Major in college! Suzelle is based in New York and is working hard to establish SSF prominently on the east coast! Way to go Suzelle!

“My experience with SSF has been amazing. Not only does everyone work hard, but they put a lot of love into their work. The people that I've met believe in the work that they do and in SSF.”

Volunteer Spotlight

This quarter we are proud to recognize Priya from our Michigan chapter who has gone above and beyond to run several Entrepreneurship programs in the past as well as create new partnerships! Priya is currently organizing a camp for DHDC, way to go Priya!

"I am truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization that helps me with my purpose in life. I am passionate about giving back to the community, especially the under-represented and the under-privileged. SSF provides an all encompassing platform not only for me, but for my high schooler as well to make this meaningful impact."



Officer Spotlight



Mahima Natarajan has been a driving force for our Q4 camps. She has been assisting with partner organization and participant and parent communication and taking on the role of program coordinator! Not only this, Mahima sponsors a scholar from India from her own profits from a business she runs ! Thank you Mahima for all you do for Shooting Stars !

"Being a part of SSF has given me the opportunity to create tangible change in students' lives and amplify their voice in society with education. Coordinating camps and coaching students has helped me become a better version of myself. With every interaction at SSF I learn how to become a positive, inspiring and transformational leader that I aspire to be."

Upcoming events

Program/ Activity	Date	Leaders
Boys and Girls Club Web Design Camp	December 8th - February 2nd	Prakruthi, Mariel
EAH Low Income Housing Web Design Camp	December 27th - January 4th	Anish, Mahima, Mariel
Stand Up For Kids Web Design Camp	January 20th - March 10th	Prak, Mariel
Liberty Partnerships Program HTML Web Design Camp	January 24th - January 28th	Suzelle, Melissa, Prak
Community in Schools Cybersecurity Camp	February 15th - March 3rd	Ansh, Adwit, Mariel
VELA Girls Only Hackathon	February 19th	Akanksha, Saaketh, Melissa

More ways to support SSF

- Like FB Page and Instagram / Follow Linked In
- Volunteer
- Adopt a Scholar
- Execute a program etc



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ADOPT A SCHOLAR You Can Make A Difference

- ✓ Motivated Medical/Engineering /Nursing Scholars
- ✓ Deserving Low Income Families
- ✓ First Time Graduates
- ✓ Top Performers
- ✓ Mentor & Connect Periodically
- ✓ Celebrate upliftment with graduation

400 scholars worldwide



15 states in India



COMMIT CHOOSE CONNECT CELEBRATE



By enabling access to **education** for one generation, we can empower them to break the cycle of poverty

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Avail corporate donation matches, volunteer grants & tax deductions

60 Scholars Need your Support

We are looking for generous Donors to adopt our new batch of scholars! Despite all the challenges, the year 2020 was very impactful with 180 wonderful donors adopting 200 students. This year 2021, we have many new verified and approved students who need our help and support to pursue college education and uplift their families from poverty.

\$ **999** yr
per student
\$ **499**
with corporate match

Language	Degree	#Available
Bengali	Medical	1
Hindi	Engineering	8
Hindi	Medical	2
Marathi	Engineering	3
Marathi	Medical	4
Kannada	Engineering	12
Kannada	Medical	4
Telugu	Engineering	10
Telugu	Medical	5
Tamil	Engineering	8
Tamil	Medical	5

Please consider adopting one of them - through donations or donation matching at employer or volunteer hour grants. It is \$999 per scholar which is \$499 with match. Your donations are tax deductible which makes it only about \$400 per student.

For \$400 you can change the life of one scholar and their family!

6% goes towards Operational expenses for background check / home visit approval process, training co-ordination and placement assistance

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