



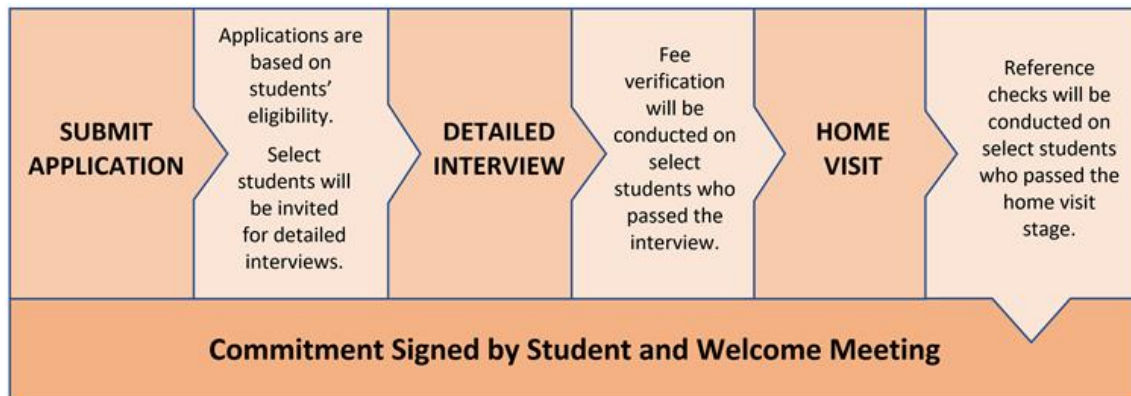
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## 2021 January - February Newsletter

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## Scholar Selection Process

After quite a few weeks of hard work from our SSF India and US teams, as well as several volunteers, we approved **45 students** in December 2020. Sincere thanks to all involved – you have played a direct role in shaping the future of these youth !



## 110 New Scholars in 2020

We wrapped up the year with a great **New Scholars Zoom Meeting** on December 26, 2020 ! Scholars met a few SSF adult volunteers. It was a heart warming experience to listen to our scholar stories! Off to a more fulfilling 2021 !



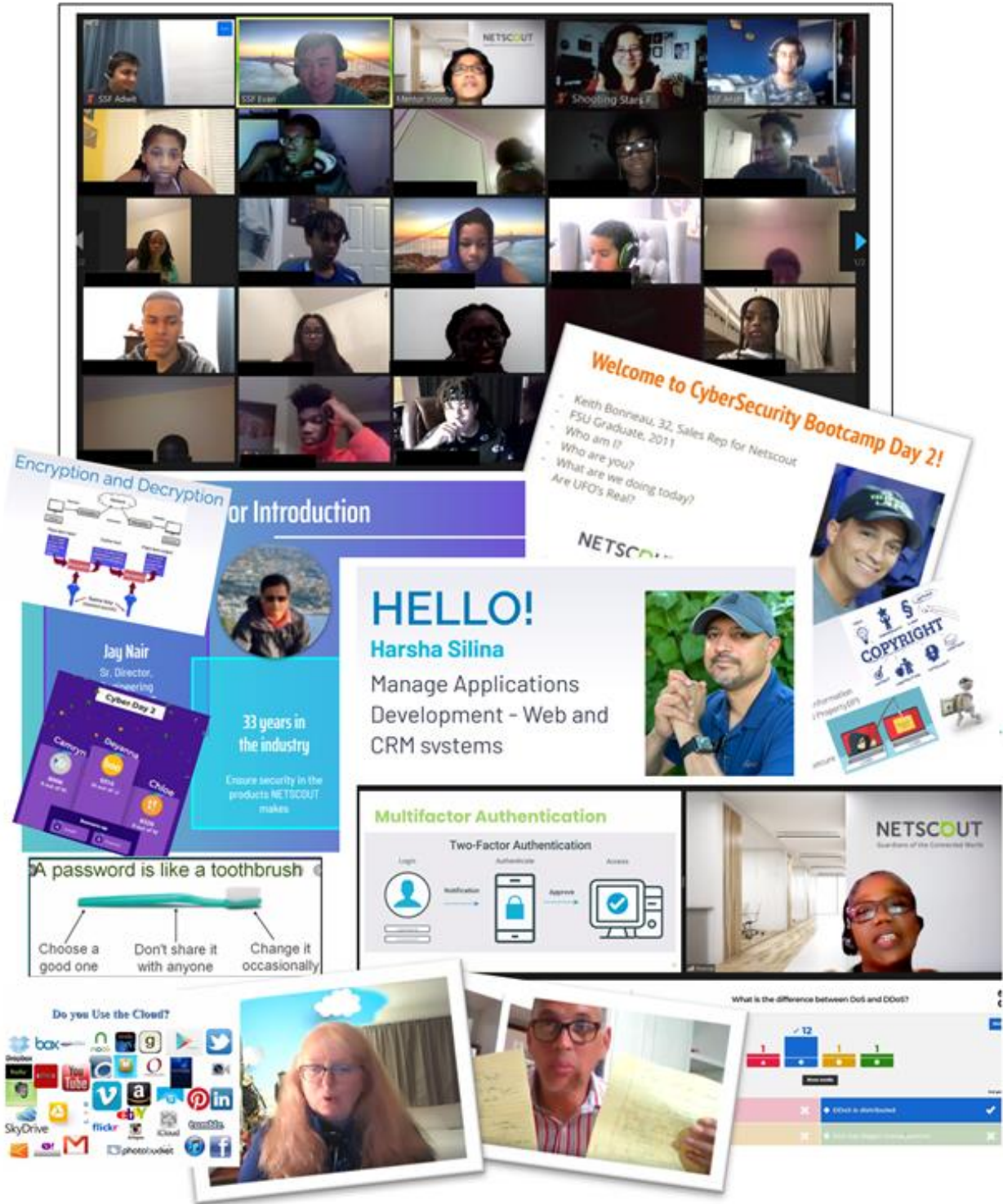
# Camps in December 2020 and January 2021

**CYBERSECURITY CAMP** - December 2020 - Sponsor **NetScout** - Raised **\$10,000**

Leaders: Ansh, Adwit, Evan, Jothi, Elisa, Latha

Partners: National Society of Black Engineers, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Haitian American Caucus, STEM Impressionist, Kappa League.

[December Cyber Highlights | Nebula Youth Camps](#)





# WINTER CAMPS - December 2020 - Raised \$4000

Leaders: Srilakshmi, Nisha, Vishal (MI), Vishal (VA), Lucas, Tanay, Sumukh, Shreya, Deeksha, Valli, Alina, Bharathi, Vignesh, Sanjana, Susan, Veda, Guransh, Neha, Meenu, Priya, Anu, Latha.

[Online Winter Camps 2020 – Shooting Stars \(shooting-stars-foundation.org\)](http://shooting-stars-foundation.org)

## SHOOTING STARS WINTER CAMPS

**\$25 per session** 1 session includes 5 classes in chosen camp

**Week 1: Dec 20-24**  
**Week 2: Dec 27-31**

Join our Level 2 camps if you have previously attended an SSF camp!

<h3>SPEECH AND DEBATE</h3> <p>Grades 2-7 11 AM - 12 PM EST or 5 - 6 PM EST Levels 1 &amp; 2</p> <p>Strengthen public speaking skills and learn to debate effectively.</p>	<h3>CHESS</h3> <p>Grades 2-7 12- 1 PM EST</p> <p>Learn chess by incorporating strategies into games against each other!</p>
<h3>TINY SCIENTISTS</h3> <p>Grades 2-6 1 - 2 PM EST Level 1</p> <p>Conduct exciting science labs using supplies found at home!</p>	<h3>BOLLYWOOD DANCE</h3> <p>Grades 2-8 2 - 3 PM EST</p> <p>Learn a Bollywood dance routine from experienced dancers!</p>
<h3>ORIGAMI/ARTS &amp; CRAFTS</h3> <p>Grades 2-7 3 - 4 PM EST Week 1: Origami Week 2: Arts &amp; Crafts</p> <p>Improve artistic skills through engaging projects!</p>	<h3>HTML</h3> <p>Grades 2-8 4 - 5 PM EST Levels 1 &amp; 2</p> <p>Learn how to build a website with HTML &amp; CSS!</p>

**Registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/SSFWINTER2020>

**Questions:** [ssfcamps@sstarsfoundation.org](mailto:ssfcamps@sstarsfoundation.org) (202)-758-5764

Fee waivers are available for qualified candidates. Contact [ssfcamps@sstarsfoundation.org](mailto:ssfcamps@sstarsfoundation.org)

(left to right): Vishal, Lucas, Tanay, Sumukh  
Officers have had lots of past experience with HTML, and have taught several HTML camps previously.



(left to right): Vishal (MI), Vishal (VA)  
Coaches have been playing chess from a very young age and have lots of experience with teaching the game!



(left to right): Susan, Shreya, Sumukh, Nisha, Deeksha  
Coaches are extremely knowledgeable in speech and debate and have competed in multiple tournaments. They know the skills needed to be successful in speech and debate.



(left to right): Valli, Alina, Srilakshmi, Bharathi  
Coaches have lots of knowledge in the field of science from school courses to laboratory research. They are also experienced in teaching young kids.



**Nisha**  
Nisha leads the Bollywood dance team at her school and has been dancing for several years.



(left to right): Guransh, Srilakshmi  
The coaches has been doing art from a young age and know lots of interesting arts and crafts techniques. They also have experience in tutoring kids.



(left to right): Neha, Srilakshmi  
Coaches are very talented in origami and have participated in several national origami contests!



**ENTREPRENEURSHIP CANADA** - January 2021 - Raised **CAD \$800**  
Leaders (ALL high school): Ramu, Sofie, Hersh, Venkat, Ansh.



**APP DEVELOPMENT CAMP** - January 2021 - Raised **\$650**  
Leaders (ALL High School): Ayush, Krish, Ansh

[App Academy | Nebula Youth Camps](#)





# INCLUSIVE CAMP OREGON - January 2021 - Raised \$600

Leaders: Srishti, Maddie, Varun, Anush, Alina, Saivignesh, Tanvi, Kavya, Prabaas, Vaari.

Partner: Down Syndrome Network Oregon (DSNO)

Inclusive Programs – Shooting Stars (shooting-stars-foundation.org)



## Shooting Stars Online Inclusive Camps



**Jan 2 - Feb 7**

Each camp runs for **6 weeks**  
Recommended for all ages above 5 yrs

### DANCE FITNESS

Join us to dance and exercise to fun Bollywood songs while having a great time!



SATURDAYS  
4:00-4:30 pm

### STEM

Get ready to engage in exciting and hands-on activities in Math, Biology, and Engineering!



SATURDAYS  
11:00-11:30 am

### BAKING & GAMES

Come bake exciting new desserts with us and decorate cookies while playing fun games!



SUNDAYS  
4:00-4:30 pm

### ARTS & CRAFTS

Channel your creativity by making exciting art and various interactive crafts!



SUNDAYS  
2:00-2:30 pm

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Cost: \$25 per camp

Questions? Email: [ssfpxyouth@sstarsfoundation.org](mailto:ssfpxyouth@sstarsfoundation.org) or Text: 503-307-0641

Register at: <https://shooting-stars-foundation.org/inclusive-programs>

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100% of camp proceeds goes  
towards educating  
underprivileged children in Africa



## Scholar Spotlight



Fantastic news from our scholar, **Tharani**, a very hardworking and motivated individual. She was accepted for internship placement in several prestigious institutions, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS). She was also a part of the SSF McGrath Institute of Leadership Trainer (MILT) training in early 2020.

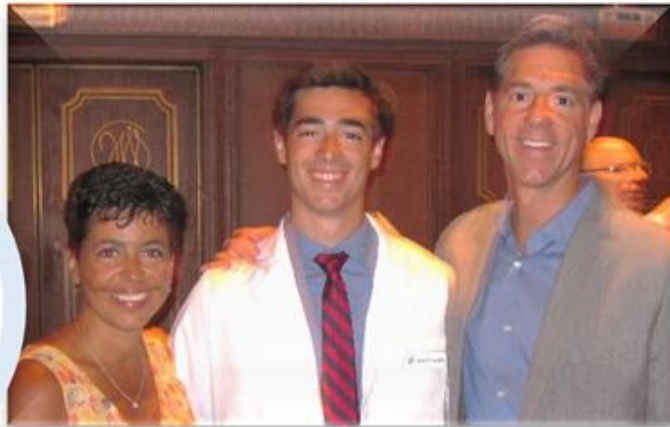
Heartiest congratulations and wishing you continued successes, Tharani !

## Donor Spotlight

We find it much more rewarding to be sponsoring a known individual into a career that provides long-term value to them and society, rather than generic funding to institutions that mask the individuals or majors covered. When we saw **Roberson** taking up the same medical career as our son did, it was a perfect match!" Brian extends his support for the SSF mission through his company's Corporate Social Responsibility program. Thank you, **Brian and Rosy**.

**Donor: Brian & Rosy**

**Scholar: Roberson**



## Employee Kudos



**Bharathi** spearheaded the automation of the Scholars Selection Process in SSF. In 2020, she managed to cut down the timeline of students sending in their application to getting their tuition paid, from 6 to 3 months! In her words, "Unlike other foundations I know, SSF connects the donor and the student, who in the course of time, gets closer like a family."

In her (not so much) spare time, Bharathi volunteers at a local hospice care and manages her start-up "On-Site Dosa", catering fresh, hot South Indian dosas at small parties and gatherings.



# Volunteers Corner



The President's Volunteer Service Award (**PVSA**) recognizes the important role of volunteers in **America's** strength and national identity. Shooting Stars Foundation is a Certified Organization to present this award. **In 2020, SSF recognized 13 officers**, whose service positively impacts their communities and inspires those around them to take action, too.

Congratulations and keep up the good work !



**312 hours**, "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the Portland team. I learned to organize state and nationwide camps to help other students."



**251 hours**, "Through SSF, I found a true passion for entrepreneurship and have enjoyed spreading that passion to others."



**101 hours**, "I learned so many new things about marketing and planning, while also gaining invaluable experiences in SSF."



**110 hours**, "In SSF, I learned more about persevering when I didn't receive a response, leading a team, and creating and running my program."



**260+ hours**, "I've enjoyed all the technical and mentoring challenges during Nebula camps."



**210 hours**, "At SSF Speech and Debate camp, I was the kid who convinced adults that candy was good for you. The next year, I led the same camp for other original thinkers. Thank you for the leadership opportunity, SSF."



**260+ hours**, "Everyone in SSF were always there to help turn my ideas into reality."



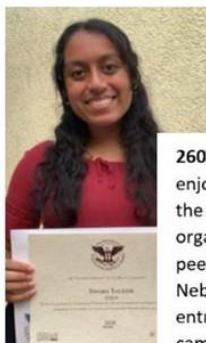
**300 hours**, "SSF gave me a platform to explore innovative ideas and expand my leadership skills."



**101 hours**, "There is nothing more satisfying than watching my efforts help others!"



**270 hours**, "Everyone in SSF were always there to help turn my ideas into reality."



**260+ hours**, "I enjoy working as the cohort organizer and peer mentor at Nebula youth entrepreneurship camps."



**183 hours**, "The work being done by SSF is inspiring, and has given me a true appreciation for helping others in need."

# Future Events

**NEBULA Panel Series**  
 Saturday, February 6, 2021  
 9 AM PST / 11 AM CST / 12 PM EST / 5 PM GMT /  
 10.30 PM India Time / 7.00 PM Egypt Time

**From Gaming to Life -  
 The Rise of Augmented  
 Reality / Virtual Reality**

**Irina Groysman**  
 Business Consulting  
 Manager,  
 ZS, London, U.K.

**Abhi Saxena**  
 Winner of international  
 hackathons in AR and  
 Blockchain,  
 ZS, Pune, India

**Rahul Avasthy**  
 Lead - Digital  
 Transformation  
 Fortune 500 Company,  
 Chicago, U.S.

Open to Middle, High School, and Undergraduate Students  
 Register at: [www.nebulayouthcamps.org](http://www.nebulayouthcamps.org)

**Nebula Youth Camps**  
**DATA SCIENCE ACADEMY**  
 An exciting opportunity to explore the Data Science process from start to finish!

**LOGISTICS**

- High School Boot Camp
- Fri/Sat/Sun Evenings
- 4 PM to 6 PM PST
- Feb 12th - March 7th
- Cost: \$349
- Early Bird (Before Jan 31st) - \$349

**LEARN**

- Basics of Data Science/Statistics /Python
- Keynotes from Data Science Experts
- Present a hands-on project to professionals
- Sports/Entertainment/Social Impact Data Sets

**LEARN FROM PROFESSIONALS**

**AMGEN Leader**

**Social Data Scientist**

**UC Berkeley Instructor**

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**Launch Your Own Company**

**WHO** 8th-12th Graders  
**WHAT** Entrepreneurship Camp  
**WHEN** Mar 26th - Apr 4th 2021  
 3 DAYS PER WEEK (FRI, SAT, SUND)  
 SIX 2.5 HOUR SESSIONS  
**WHERE** Online!  
**HOW MUCH** \$99 USD, -\$6 / hr  
**ALL PROFITS GO TO CHARITY!**

**CREATE AND PITCH YOUR OWN COMPANY WITH THE HELP OF PROFESSIONAL MENTORS AND JUDGES!**

**Mirza Faizon**  
 DiscoverSTEM

**Neetu Rishi**  
 The Success Door

**Navin Nagiah**  
 McKinsey and Company

**CREATIVE SKILLS**

- ideate
- design and wireframe
- pitch and present

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS**

- product development
- sales and marketing
- finance and revenue

**SOFT SKILLS**

- teamwork
- negotiation
- presentation

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**SUPER NOVA PROGRAM**

**Launch Your Company**  
 Apply Now

**Our Services Package:**

- ✓ Create and pitch your Company
- ✓ Past professional mentors from Amazon /Google/Uber/Amgen
- ✓ 4 Days a week.
- ✓ Eligibility 9th - 15th grades

**28th March** **11th April**

**6:00 to 7:30**  
 (Local time)

**200 EGP** **Limited spots**

[www.nebulayouthcamps.org/online-entrepreneurship](http://www.nebulayouthcamps.org/online-entrepreneurship)

**Mentors:** Nazma Howa, Wasim A. B. Jado, Mahmood, Ward Sundaram, Naveen

**Judges:** Entrepreneurship, Pitching, Marketing, Ideation, TIEC, Delta Zeynep UG, Delta Zeynep UG, Amazon, Facebook, LinkedIn, LinkedIn, LinkedIn, LinkedIn, LinkedIn

## More Ways to Support SSF

### Corporate Social Impact - Offerings

Elevate social impact and employee engagement with uplifting programs

#### Camps & events reflecting your company's strengths

We partner with your organization and engage your employees and executive leadership to connect with the community and help educate the children that need their support the most. Below are some successful camps and events that we have helped corporations conduct successfully. We can customize the offerings as needed.

OFFERINGS	HACKATHONS	CYBERSECURITY CAMPS	ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMPS	DATA SCIENCE CAMPS
Employees Engaged	25+	6 to 10	6 to 10	6 to 10
Executive Participation	Keynote / Judges	Keynote / Judges	Keynote / Judges	Keynote / Judges
Volunteer Hours (Per person)	3 to 10	3 to 5	3 to 5	3 to 5
Event Duration	1 Saturday (12 hours)	6 sessions (evening/weekend)	10 sessions (evening/weekend)	12 sessions (evening/weekend)
Skills Needed	Project Management, Technology (Optional)	Basic Cybersecurity Knowledge	Focus Area - Finance, Product, Marketing, etc	Python , Statistics, Data Science
Typical Attendance	100-200	20-25	20-25	20-25
Sponsorship	USD 10,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000	USD 5,000

Visit: <https://nebulayouthcamps.org/corporate-sponsorship>

- **Become a High School Officer :** Lead Programs, Oversee Social Media, Mentor Others
- **Adopt a Scholar :** Help one student graduate college
- **Professional Mentoring :** Coach Nebula Camps
- **Volunteer with Scholars :** Mentor, Teach Life Skills
- **Volunteer with SSF :** Run Programs, Liaison with Donors, Promote Events, Write Content

<https://shooting-stars-foundation.org/>  
<https://www.nebulayouthcamps.org/>