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Monthly Newsletter

April 2020

Although we are currently going through tough times, we are doing our best to stand together with you and our communities to continue our impactful work worldwide. We have had to find new ways to generate revenue for our organization while also continuing our mission to create social leaders. We are also adapting to the new physical distancing requirements by the WHO and CDC by offering online/distance learning programs.

## Response to COVID-19

Cancelled Programs due to physical distancing restrictions:

- Mar 14th: – **San Ramon Bollywood Bash Fundraiser** (Raises funds for 10+ scholars)
- **Portland Winter Camp** (Last 2 weeks) (30+ participants)
- Mar 28th: – **San Jose Hackathon** (100+ participants)
- Apr: – **4 Spring Break Entrepreneurship Camps** – Milpitas, Dublin, Tracy, Washington DC (100+ participants, and raises funds for 6+ scholars)
- Apr 6th – **Atlanta Common Core Camp** (40+ participants)
- Apr 11th – **Portland Rangeela Dance Fundraiser** (Raises funds for 40+ scholars)
- Apr 18th – **Portland Steamathon** (100+ participants)
- **Scholars for America Program** in 4 schools (2 in Charlotte, 1 in Union City, 1 in E Palo Alto) (200+ participants from low income schools)

In response to help the community impacted by COVID-19, Shooting Stars Foundation solicits projects from Youth Leaders worldwide. Projects can be in any category as long as they target a specific problem created due to the COVID situation and solve a specific related issue. Examples of categories are - Awareness, Preparedness, Personal Hygiene measures, Data Analysis, Stabilizing affected businesses, and Screening/Testing/Monitoring. Deadline for submission is May 15th, 2020. See more details and submission process here:

<https://shooting-stars-foundation.org/covid19>

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### COVID-19 Youth Initiative

Deadline: **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Apply Worldwide

Take leadership  
Propose projects  
Implement your ideas  
Get recognized! Get funding!

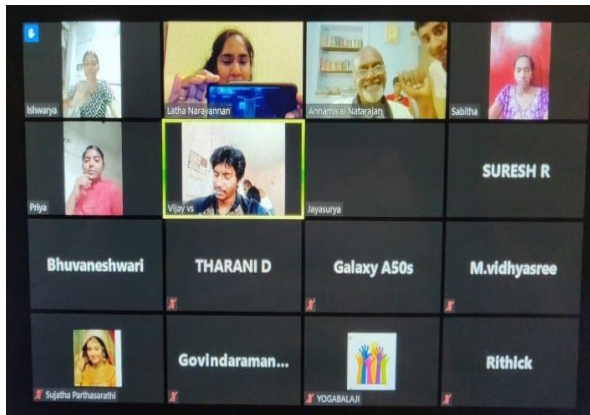
Learn more and register at  
<https://shooting-stars-foundation.org/covid19>

## Online / Distance Learning Programs

### CREATIVITY PROGRAM FOR SCHOLARS: April 6 - 7, 2020

Facilitated by Annamalai Natarajan, Ph.D., Creativity Coach for Multinational Companies.

This program aims to look at things from different perspectives, break the habit of mindsets, and identify opportunities that crop up in the form of problems.



#### Some feedback from our scholars:

Ishwarya – Thanks for this golden opportunity – This has now given me multiple ways to solve a problem.

Yogabalaji – More than the course, I learnt how to be patient in all technical situations from Dr Annamalai Sir.

Bhagavathi – With this, I vow to do some kind of brain puzzle everyday to keep my mind sharp!

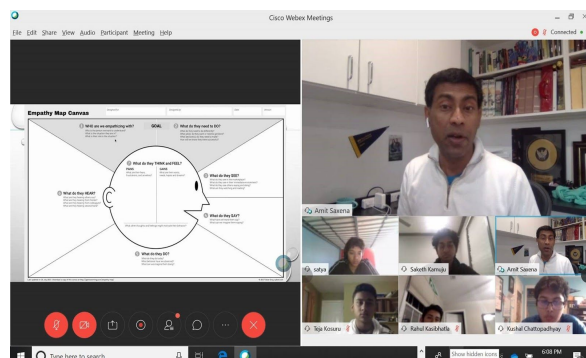
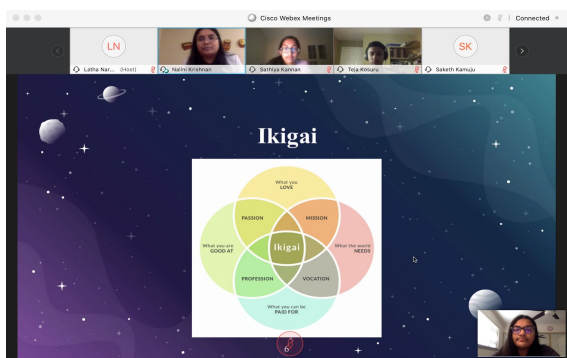
### NEBULA ONLINE STARTUP INCUBATOR: April 13 - May 8, 2020

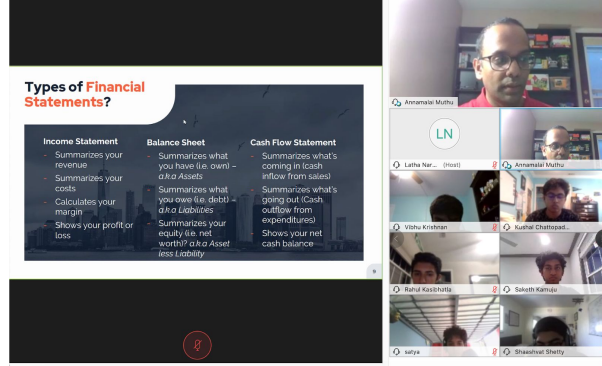
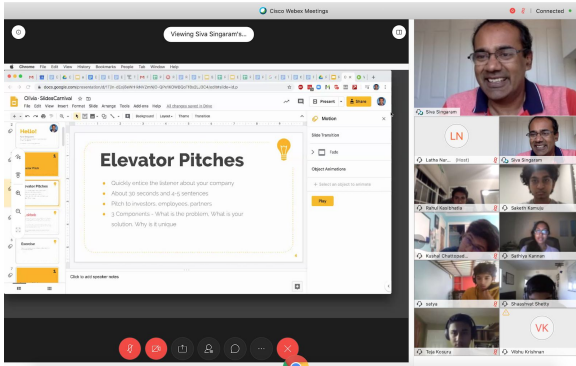
We designed and executed our very first professional coaching program; the funds raised by each cohort will be enough to fund 3 underprivileged students attending Universities internationally. This program aims to guide high school students in creating their own companies with a fully developed technology prototype. Participants get coached by professional mentors.

Summer sessions are getting filled up. Help us spread the word !

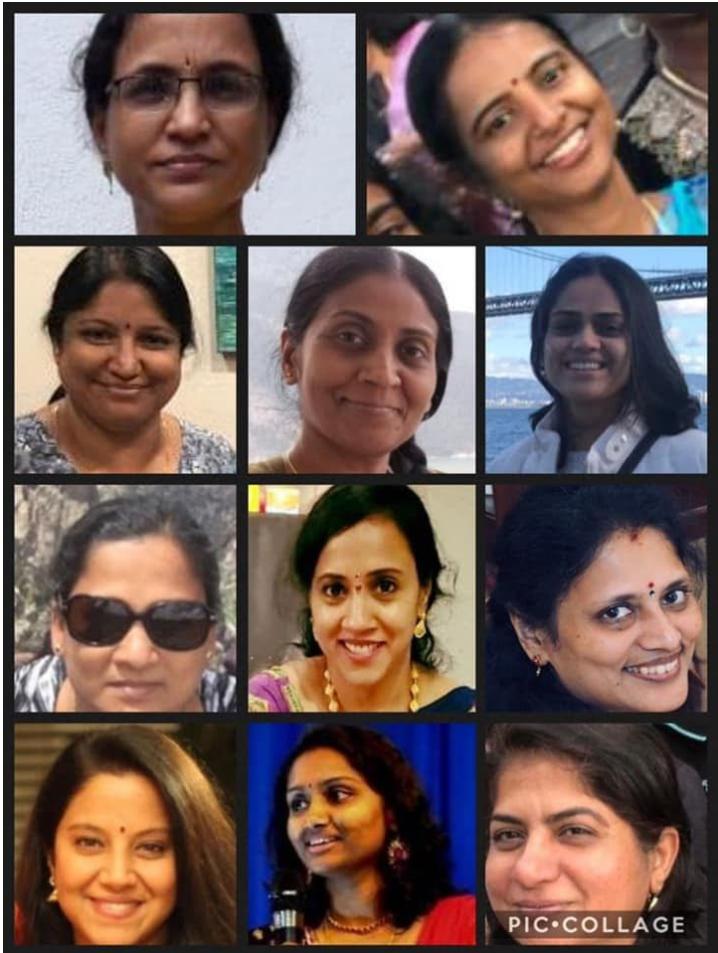
<https://www.nebulayouthcamps.org/incubator>

A snapshot of the online sessions this week by professionals from Google, Amgen, ThoughtSpot, Allied Partners, NetScout, Automation Anywhere and KlearNow !





# Scholars Mentoring Program



The Scholars Program of Shooting Stars Foundation involved 12+ adult volunteers and 24 students. The aim of this program is for each volunteer to motivate 2 students on their educational journey, in whatever way that they deemed appropriate. Sometimes, when the goings get tough, these hard-working students only needed words of encouragement so they can continue to achieve their goals.

The mentor circle team consists of Chithra (program leader), Namratha, Anandhi, Akila, Vasantha, Meena Vellay, Deepa Raju, Kavitha, Vaiju, Devyani, Sarala.

A huge thanks to your efforts in last few months ! We can always use more inspiring mentors !

## Scholars Success



6 of our medical students passed their final year of medical school and are getting into residency - We wish them the very best !

## Donor Highlight



In Ken's words : "My wife, Melissa Boyd, and I sponsor three major charities. We chose Shooting Stars Foundation as one, mainly because we know that the donated funds go directly towards a cause that we believe in and not towards unnecessary administrative overhead."

## More Ways to Support Shooting Stars

- **Adopt a Scholar** - Help one student graduate college
- **Professional Mentoring** : Coach Nebula Incubator Program
- **Volunteer with Scholars** : Mentor Scholars, Teach them Skills, Rounded development
- **Volunteer with SSF** : Run Programs, Write Content, Manage donors !

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