



This month, we feature our:

- Summer camps in **Atlanta** and **Virginia**
- Inclusive camps in partnership with the **Down Syndrome Network of Oregon** and **California Children Rehabilitation Services**.
- Nebula Data Science Panel
- January English Speakout Program
- Scholar Highlight: **Yoga Balaji**
- Donor Highlight: **Sivagami Vanka** and **Subba Rao**
- Volunteer Highlight: **Latha Narayanan**

Summer Camps in Atlanta and Virginia

Team Atlanta, led by Nithya Chidambaram, hosted summer camps in July, raised almost \$1500 for SSF. Well done, team.

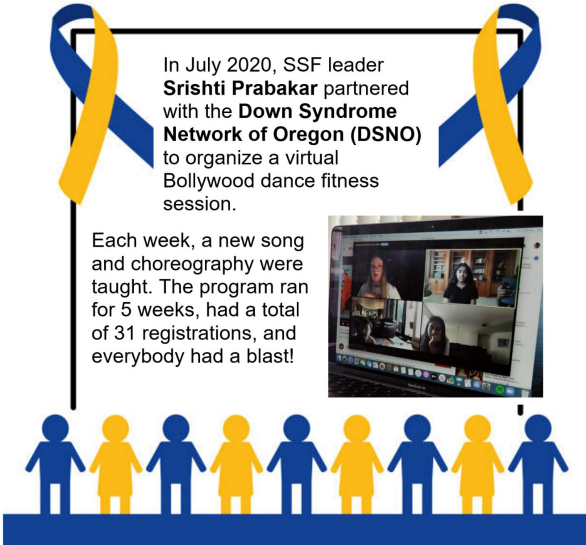
Team Virginia summer camp was a success, raising \$4000 in 2 weeks, under the leadership of Valli Ramanathan.

Read more about our Atlanta Summer Camp at:
<https://shooting-stars-foundation.org/events/atlanta-summer-camps>

Read more about our Virginia Summer Camp at:
<https://shooting-stars-foundation.org/summer-and-spring-camps-virginia>

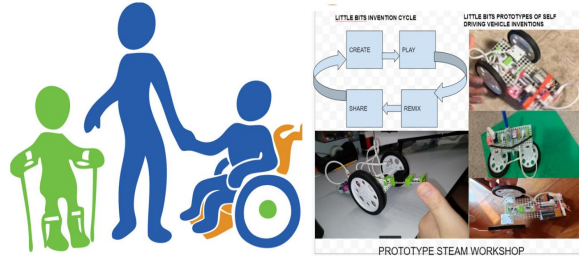

Inclusive Camps

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



In July 2020, SSF leader **Srishti Prabakar** partnered with the **Down Syndrome Network of Oregon (DSNO)** to organize a virtual Bollywood dance fitness session.

Each week, a new song and choreography were taught. The program ran for 5 weeks, had a total of 31 registrations, and everybody had a blast!



In August 2020, our leader **Ronak Appanagiri** held a virtual STEAM workshop for students from the **California Children Rehabilitation Services**.

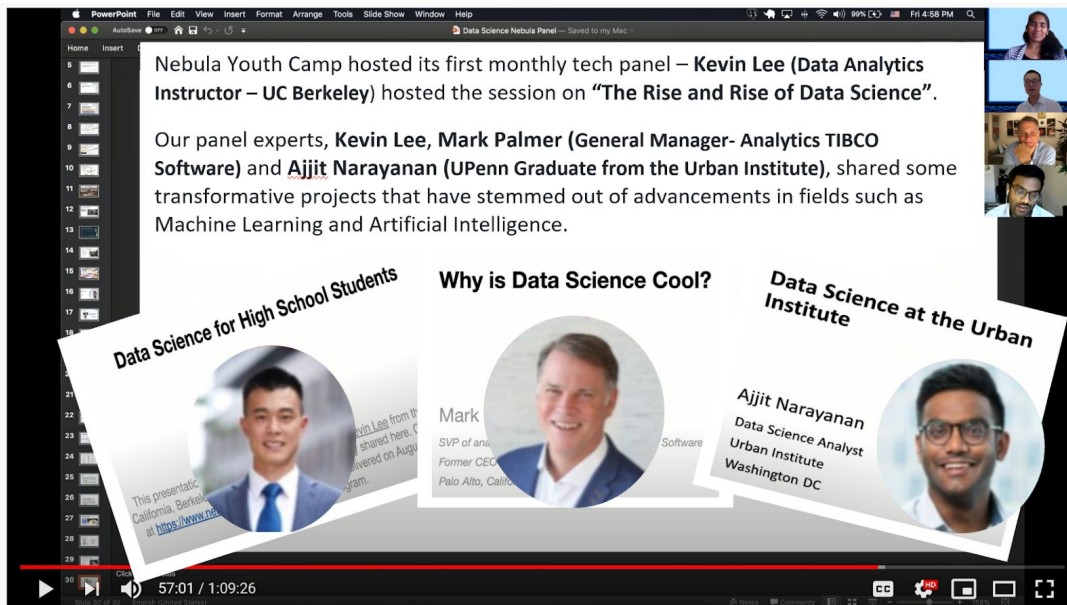
The workshop introduced concepts of Invention cycle, Engineering design process, Design and Computational thinking, and Electronic circuits. The hands-on activities used **LittleBits** electronic circuit kits that have Lego-like, magnetic assist attachment features, which allowed students to iterate and build faster prototypes and explored broader inventions such as automatic painting arm and a Self-driving vehicle.

Grants from SSF and Intel Corp were highly appreciated.

NEBULA Science Data Panel

Find out more about our “**Data Science Academy**”, which emerged from our Tech Panel, The Rise and Rise of Data Science, here:

<https://www.nebulayouthcamps.org/data-science-academy>



Nebula Youth Camp hosted its first monthly tech panel – **Kevin Lee (Data Analytics Instructor – UC Berkeley)** hosted the session on “**The Rise and Rise of Data Science**”.

Our panel experts, **Kevin Lee**, **Mark Palmer (General Manager- Analytics TIBCO Software)** and **Ajjit Narayanan (UPenn Graduate from the Urban Institute)**, shared some transformative projects that have stemmed out of advancements in fields such as Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence.

Data Science for High School Students

Why is Data Science Cool?

Data Science at the Urban Institute

Kevin Lee
Data Science Instructor
UC Berkeley

Mark Palmer
SVP of Analytics
Former CEO of TIBCO
Palo Alto, California

Ajjit Narayanan
Data Science Analyst
Urban Institute
Washington DC

Nebula Data Science Panel - Aug 7 2020 - Mark Palmer , Kevin Lee , Ajjit Narayanan

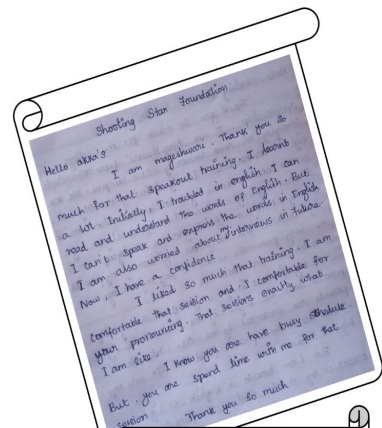
Speakout Program

Getting a job after college is one of the most concerning issues of our international Scholars. Shooting Stars Foundation volunteers teamed up with Team Everest Speak Out program to help our international scholars increase their chances in the job market by empowering them with skills to have professional conversations with their English-speaking colleagues. The program also teaches our scholars to be aware of the cultural differences between their home and other countries.

Thank you Kanchana, Kavitha, Karthee, Kirthi, Utthara, Rishita, Yasho, Apsara, Rekha, Kaaviya, Sarwesh, Sripriya, Ramya, Disha.

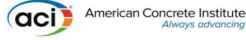


Thank you



The entire sessions are very helpful to improve my communication skills..through this speak out training..I can speak in English at least a few minutes daily..I am learning lots of new words..overcoming from making grammatical errors..and also my rate of fear in speaking English also decreased subsequently in the sessions.

Scholar Highlight



August 3, 2020

It is our pleasure to invite your team from PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research, Coimbatore as the 2020 ACI Concrete Projects Competition **SECOND PLACE** winners to attend the 2021 ACI Concrete Convention and Exposition. The convention will be held in Baltimore, MD at the Hilton & Marriott Baltimore, March 28-April 1.

Your team, as outlined below, is invited to present your abstract at the **S805 Undergraduate Research Session on March 29, 2021, 8:30 am – 10:30 am local time**. Winning teams will also be recognized at the Student Lunch during the convention.

ACI is additionally pleased to present your team with a USD \$500 award, certificates of recognition, an announcement of your accomplishment in the Concrete International magazine if space allows, and recognition on ACI's website.

We sincerely believe that the seminars, forums, and tours at the conventions are very educational and beneficial to all in attendance. The students are free to attend technical sessions, educational seminars, and forums that are held throughout the week, as well as more than 300 committee meetings.

The attending team members from PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research, Coimbatore consists of:

Student:	Passport # (please provide if attending and a new letter will be provided)
Yogababji G	
Faculty Advisor:	
Elayaraja Sellappan	

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 ACI Concrete Convention and Exposition!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Rachel Belcher
Awards and Student Competitions Coordinator
p +1.248.848.3189
American Concrete Institute | *Always advancing*
www.concrete.org



ACI, 38800 Country Club Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331-3439 U.S.A.
<https://www.concrete.org>

We congratulate our scholar **Yoga Balajji**, a 2nd year Civil Engineering student at PSG Tech at Coimbatore, India, for winning the 2nd prize at the American Concrete Institute Concrete Projects Competition, USA. He will receive prize money of US \$500, a certificate, and an invitation to attend spring convention at the ACI headquarter in the US.

Donor Highlight

Our scholar Pradeep had gone through a lot to continue his Engineering college program, including working in the gas station after school. Sometimes he only gets a few hours of sleep to balance his college and work. Shooting Stars donors - **Sivagami Vanka** and **Subba Rao** - have adopted him and 5 others to sponsor their college fees. Pradeep was so grateful to his donor and all the volunteers who are helping scholars to break through the challenges. In his own words he says “தெரியாத முகங்களுக்கு உதவுற அந்த நல்ல உள்ளம் தான் கடவுள் என்று நான் நினைக்கிறேன்”, which means, people who help others without knowing who they are helping, is like a God !



Volunteer Highlight

August is the birth month of our SSF volunteer CEO, **Latha Narayanan**. Thank you for your service to Shooting Stars Foundation, Latha. You are our leader, saviour, friend, sister, akka, auntie, and mother. Below are one word descriptions from 80 of our volunteers and scholars. We appreciate you, beyond what you can imagine !



More Ways to Support Shooting Stars

- **Become a High School Officer** : Lead programs, social media, mentor
- **Adopt a Scholar** - Help one student graduate college
- **Professional Mentoring** : Coach Nebula Incubator Program
- **Volunteer with Scholars** : Mentor Scholars, Teach them Skills, Round

Copyright © Shooting Stars Foundation. All Rights Reserved.

www.shooting-stars-foundation.org

✉ support@sstarsfoundation.org

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/academicbootcamps/>