

THE NEWSLETTER



2018 SCHOLARS

Vahani has grown to 60 scholars with students from 10 states in India

The 2017-2018 Vahani Interview took place over three days on the 23rd, 24th and 25th December, 2017 at the Misra Farmhouse in Chattarpur, Delhi. We received an overwhelming number of applications of extremely high calibre.

We had Rajeev Misra, Shalini Misra, Mike Knowles, Bhavna Bharmi, Veena Sethi, Scott Zior, Mukesh Azad, Reeva Misra and Rashmani Singh on the interview panel. We were blown away by the talent, spirit and all round brilliance of the applicants we interviewed this year.

We had a diverse range of applications from different states each with their own passions, motivations and skill sets.

The shortlisting and narrowing down the selection to twenty was extremely difficult. Our outreach has grown and we have added scholars from Kerala, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh.

Our senior scholars were wholly responsible for the smooth running of the entire interview process. They helped to coordinate and oversee the sessions. The ease with which things were conducted would not have been possible without their help.

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English Vinglish



In January, Vahani scholars began a six month English course taught by Veena Sethi. Veena who has a PhD in Comparative Literature and an extensive experience in education including teaching English at DU, offered the students a unique opportunity to further develop their English skills. Following introductory sessions at Veena's home in Delhi, the classes were converted to an online format to adhere to college demands and students in various locations.

The course is designed to be collaborative and enjoyable. It consists of weekly audio clips and assignments of an audio and a written task. A Vahani mentor works closely with students, providing personalised feedback. The course aims to improve the students overall confidence in English language, advancing their grammar, vocabulary and spoken and written skills.

We extend immense thanks to Veena for providing the valuable course and her time to Vahani.



New Additions to the Family

Veena Sethi and Scott Zior have recently joined Vahani as friends of the family, to contribute and mentor Vahani scholars. We welcome them and express our deepest gratitude for their help extended to the Vahani family.

Mariya Ansari joined us in February as the Programme Coordinator. As the family grows so does the responsibility and work. We welcome Mariya on board.

VAHANI GET-TOGETHER

Inspirational conversations and new experiences

2017 came to an end with a get together of the whole Vahani Family, where we bade a joyful farewell to the year gone by.

The day began with an exciting design workshop organised by Professor Mike Knowles and his two daughters. The workshop drew the scholars' interest towards creative outlet for expression. They learnt different techniques of designing chairs, creating graphic novels and fashion design.

The senior scholars each presented their experiences of their summer internship and answered questions on the importance of work experience during college.

We were honoured to have Arianna Huffington as our guest speaker who spoke about the importance of improving wellbeing alongside performance, drawing examples from her personal life.

Following lunch, we spent a fun afternoon Go Carting in Gurugram. It was a new experience for all of them which involved a lot of cheering and crashing into rubber tyres!

PROUD MOMENTS

Ishika 2018 Scholar - We are already in awe with the new Vahani scholars! Ishika received first prize in the Haryana Science Olympiad and was selected as the star student of her school. Ishika was honoured by the SDM and local authorities who awarded her the prize and invited her to the event "Beti Ek Rishta Pyaar Ka".



SCHOLARS TALK

"If I had to define Vahani in one word it would be 'Parent' "- Gyantosh Kumar, 2016 Scholar

"I just hope that someday I am capable enough to help people in the way Vahani has helped me and only then will I be able to thank Vahani in all manners"- Ritu Chauhan, 2016 Scholar

"VAHANI has given wings to my dreams. It has given me another family that stays with me always and is always there to help me. VAHANI has made me a good human. I feel blessed to be a part of this beautiful family. And no matter where I reach tomorrow, this bond of mine with VAHANI will always remain the same. A bond that remains unbreakable forever."-Kamini Godiyal, 2016 Scholar

"V- Vulnerary
A- A step Ahead
H- Heaven
A- Absolve
N- Nurturing
I - Inspirational
Family- where everyone is connected with each other in the ups and downs of life".- Alok Kumar, 2016 Scholar