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AAA and Namaste America jointly host 32nd Annual Scholars Abroad Program

Mumbai, July 30, 2013: Urvashi Devidayal, President, American Alumni Association (AAA) along with Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America, Indo-American Association for Art & Culture hosted the "32nd Annual Scholars Abroad Program 2013 to honor and present grants to deserving students who will be proceeding for their studies to American universities. The students were chosen on the basis of academic excellence, financial need, stature of university and the chosen field of study through which they can contribute to India.

Twelve students were felicitated this year and their profiles vary from those going to study Urban Planning and Architecture to Clean Energy and Medicine. Also felicitated at the event was, Shweta Katti, the first woman from Kamathipura who has overcome a lifetime of adversity to realize the dream of studying abroad. Shweta's success is an inspiration for millions of young women. Directly confronting the social stigma associated with India's exploitative sex-work industry, Shweta is living proof that no person's worth and potential need be limited by their gender, caste, complexion, parents' occupation, or where they come from. She has been accepted to Bard College in Annandale, N.Y., with a full tuition scholarship worth \$46,000.

Ms. Deanna Abdeen, Chief of Consular Section, US Consulate was the Chief Guest at the event. The event was attended by alumni from American universities who are part of the Indian corporate sector, Industrialists, Business leaders, Members of the Consular Corps and Expatriates.

About the Scholars Abroad Program

For the last 32 years AAA has supported over 350 students by awarding them a scholarship. This year we will support students with a grant of Rs. 1 lac each. The AAA is registered as a charitable organization founded in 1968 for the sole purpose of raising funds to provide grants to highly qualified students who have been accepted for advanced studies in the US at a noted university, but who have financial constraints. Members of the AAA are alumni of various US universities who are currently residing in India and are prominent members of society.



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About Namaste America

Namaste America Indo American Association of Art and Culture is committed to promote and foster goodwill between the people of the United States of America and India by providing a platform for their cultural and trade exchange particularly in the areas of Education, Media, Entertainment, Science & Sports. For more information visit www.namasteamerica.in

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