

# NASA'S Jet propulsion laboratory selects a Chennai based NRI as a Solar System Ambassador

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FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, February 18, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- US Bay Area resident [Kailash Kalidoss](#) was selected as the newest Solar System Ambassador by [NASA](#). He is one among only the 1000 Solar System Ambassadors worldwide. Kailash Kalidoss will receive exclusive NASA training to conduct free Solar System Ambassador presentations and activities at libraries and schools across Alameda County and also present activities over the web across the world, including India.

Kailash hails from South India and had lived and worked at Chennai for a significant time. His childhood and schooling were at Bengaluru. He moved to the US in 2016.

Kailash Kalidoss is also an Aerospace Education Officer and Safety Officer for San Jose Senior Squadron 80 of the Civil Air Patrol and contributes to the Emergency Services mission of Civil Air Patrol by holding the Mission Scanner rating and is training for the rating of Mission Observer. He was recently awarded the grade of Second Lieutenant. Civil Air Patrol is the civilian volunteer wing of the United States Airforce. Outside of Civil Air Patrol, Kailash Kalidoss is a student pilot, holds multiple academic degrees including an MBA and a Master of Science in Engineering. Professionally, Kailash Kalidoss works in the medical device industry



Kailash Kalidoss at the SOFIA event at NASA Ames in October 2019 - Photo Credit: Dar Bahatt



where he contributes his talents in multiple phases of the release of new products.

"I'm tremendously honored to represent both Civil Air Patrol and NASA who fuel my passion for learning and sharing aerospace knowledge to the community. My father's long work experience in the aviation industry truly inspired me. I have been lucky and grateful to be surrounded by friendly and knowledgeable colleagues who help me keep motivated. I would strive to make a positive impact." - Second Lieutenant Kailash Kalidoss

The Solar System Ambassadors (SSA) program from NASA works with motivated volunteers across the nation to share NASA science and mission discoveries through a variety of events that inspire their communities. This competitive program only accepts applications once per year, which are then vetted by NASA JPL staff for applicants with the right combination of presentation, motivation, and ideas for community engagement events. Since the Solar System Ambassadors program was reorganized in 2000, volunteers such as Kailash Kalidoss have conducted over 40,000 events that reached more than 9 million people directly through in-person events.

Kailash Kalidoss hopes to use his passion for aerospace and his presentation skills to excite and engage groups of all ages about aviation, astronomy and space exploration.

#### About NASA JPL SSA:

The SSA program of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory offers information and excitement about real missions that explore our solar system. SSA volunteers in communities throughout the country are selected by NASA JPL and trained with educational material. However, the opinions of the SSAs are not necessarily those of NASA or JPL. Further information about the Solar System Ambassador program is available at <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/ssa>. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA.

#### About Civil Air Patrol:

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