

Smridhi Subedi Awarded Aspire2STEAM Scholarship

Aspiring Computer Scientist Seeks to Expand STEAM Possibilities for Herself and Others

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Aspire2STEAM.org, which provides educational scholarships and mentoring to young women and girls who are working toward careers that require education in science, tech, engineering, the arts, or math (STEAM), has awarded Smridhi Subedi an ASPIRER scholarship.

Smridhi is a rising sophomore at the University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in Software Engineering. She hopes to add a minor in finance as well. "We love Smridhi's enthusiasm for STEAM and inspiring youth to be excited about

STEAM opportunities," said Cheryl O'Donoghue, Founder at Aspire2STEAM. "She is acutely aware of how far-reaching STEAM careers can be and is already re-imagining new areas of exploration for herself and others."

As a child, Smridhi immigrated to the United States from Nepal. "My experience as an immigrant is a huge part of my identity that has shaped how I see the world and propelled my desire to help others," said Smridhi. For many years Smridhi thought she wanted to make an impact through medicine with the goal of becoming a physician. Then one day after taking a chance on an online coding class to learn Python, her world was turned upside down. She had an epiphany that coding and just about everything related to technology, was what she was truly meant to be doing. From that point on, she switched gears and started taking computer science courses to learn more about the field.



Smridhi Subedi, Aspire2STEAM Scholarship Recipient

Growing up, Smridhi played an instrumental role in helping to care for and teach her younger brother, 10 years her junior, while her parents both worked. In college she continues to hone her teaching skills by working for iCODE, where Smridhi facilitates STEAM education for children ages 7-18, focusing on coding, game development, and robotics. "I love to guide group sessions and help students collaborate with one another to develop critical thinking skills," said Smridhi.

Amid being heavily invested in having success in the college classroom and participating in different extracurricular programs, Smridhi finds value in connecting with loved ones and friends. Before she left many of her

childhood friends to attend college, she crafted journals for her closest friends, documenting their lives together through photos. Using her creativity is an important outlet for Smridhi. In addition to photography, she enjoys crocheting and drawing. Smridhi has won several art awards from the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE), Scholastic, Houston Livestock and Rodeo, and Houston World Series of Dog Shows art competitions.

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One of Smridhi’s passions is to push the boundaries of computer science and break away from the definitions of what computer science is and how it should be used. In the future, she sees herself obtaining a graduate degree or working for a company engaged in a mission to make advancements in children’s education, the environment, or medicine. “I want to be part of a movement towards positive change and work with a company that is providing people worldwide with access to STEAM advancements and new opportunities to contribute in STEAM fields,” said

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