



Assam Foundation of North America

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Work-An-Hour Campaign

AFNA's annual fund-raising campaign Work-An-Hour is on the roll this month. As we do every year around Bohag Bihu and the Assamese new year, we urge you to make a donation to AFNA with a one-time donation that may be around your hourly wage. That way, you symbolically work for an hour for AFNA and contribute towards its projects.

This year, our focus for Work-An-Hour is AKADAMICS. AKADAMICS has entered its 5th year and we are soon going to enroll another 30 students in our roster whom we will financially support through their graduation. We already have 37 students who have graduated in last 4 years.

Please donate at <http://www.assamfoundation.net/give-back/donate> generously as this is AFNA's most successful project enabling higher education for these meritorious students who couldn't have gone to college without your help. We will be granting more than \$10,000 in scholarships this year and all of it comes from donors like you. To know more, visit our [AKADAMICS](#) page.

Himadri Das memorial Essay Competition

This year AFNA and AANA (Assam Association of North America) is having a combined annual essay competition for 8th to 12th grade students to engage and connect our young generation with Assam and its development. The topic for the essay competition this year is "Tea Industry in Assam and what will you do to improve it". The winners of the competition will be announced at the 39th Assam Convention in Washington DC metro area from June 29th to July 1st, 2018. The essay competition has cash prizes for the top three winners and the prizes will be sponsored by the Late Himadri Das's family in his honor through his generous donation to AFNA.

Please submit your essays to baruahsmitta@gmail.com, sunanda.baruah@yahoo.com, bididewy@gmail.com with the subject line "2018 Assam Convention Essay Competition followed by your name" by Friday June 1, 2018. Late entries will not be accepted and will be disqualified.

Rules for the competition:

- Only Assamese origin students residing and studying in USA, Canada or Mexico can participate in the contest.
- Essays must be no longer than 1500 words in length, submitted in English.
- Only Word (.doc) or PDF files can be submitted.
- Only one entry per student is allowed, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified.

For any questions please contact the children program committee organizers: Bidisha Goswami (bididewy@gmail.com)
Sunanda Baruah Khanna (sunanda.baruah@yahoo.com), Smita Baruah (baruahsmitta@gmail.com).

Join us for this special fundraising event for AFNA, a new initiative in California by AFNA volunteers trying to connect AFNA's projects with the local communities in the region.

AFNA Charity RUN - Bay AREA

Date: August 19th 2018

Time: 8.00am to 12.00pm

Place: Quarry Lake, Fremont

5k or 10k RUN/Walk & Family Picnic

Raise fund for projects in Assam

Support a Child

Support a Grandma

AKADAMICS
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Eco Blast Fair at Bridgewater Township

Like every year, AFNA participated at the Eco Blast Fair on May 5, 2018 sponsored by Bridgewater township, NJ. This year, AFNA distributed 200 Tree Samplings (Walnut, Maple, Hickory, White Dogwood, Black Gum) to attendees including 2 samplings to the Mayor. The fair had about 50 booths (large to small) with more than 2000 visitors with a constant flow through the AFNA booth. This shows AFNA's true commitment for environmental initiatives. AFNA has been able to participate at this fair for several years now due to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers in the New Jersey area, we thank our volunteers for their dedication.



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