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FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE NIGHT

Celebrates the milestone of reaching 20000 scholarships

The Foundation for Excellence (FFE), hosted a special event to showcase its accomplishments and future plans to a select audience on Saturday May 5th 2007 at the Computer History Museum, Mountain View, CA. More that 250 guests enjoyed a gala evening which included dinner, stand up comedy, music and dancing.

The keynote speaker was, Mr. B V Jagadeesh, a noted Silicon Valley entrepreneur. He credited his success despite his modest background to the educational opportunities he received. He encouraged the audience to help the Foundation so that talented but poor students could realize their full potential.

A key highlight of the evening was the presence of six FFE scholars who are now in the US for higher studies or on employment. They spoke about how FFE had enabled them to transform their lives. They pledged to help other deserving students in the same manner that FFE had helped them.

Since its inception in 1994, FFE has awarded 20,911 scholarships valued at \$4.35 million and supported 8,996 students in 25 states in India. 2,456 Scholars have graduated. Over 1,500 students have graduated from engineering and medical schools in India. Many are employed at major companies including Cisco, Oracle and Wipro. Several FFE scholars are now enrolled in PhD programs at the finest US Universities. 40% of the scholars are female. Many past scholars have completed a full circle and are now FFE donors.

The Foundation for Excellence was founded in 1994 by Dr.Prabhu and Mrs. Poonam Goel. It is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization based in Santa Clara, California. FFE's mission is to bring about a transformation in the lives of academically brilliant and economically underprivileged students in India. This mission is accomplished through a scholarship program that funds bright and needy children of India for higher secondary school, college and professional studies.

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