Dear Friends,

While the COVID pandemic has upended us all and made the normal one that is unfamiliar to us, our community of students have arisen to the occasion and are facing their new reality with courage. All of FFE's scholars are attending classes online while staying at home, including the medical students. They have faced numerous challenges at this time, including sharing limited learning resources with family members (shared phone and data plans), helping their families in whatever manner possible while staying connected with their college, faculty, and peers. Many students have expressed their need for emotional support at this time caused by stress, uncertainty, and anxiety; FFE has reached out to our partner network who has been able to launch sessions for their emotional well-being.

While this is a difficult time undoubtedly, 80% of FFE’s graduating batch of Engineering students (June 2020 graduates) have gained employment. Many students are continuing to seek employment in these uncertain times. FFE has used this time to reach out to its entire stakeholder community throughout India through virtual meetings - you will read more details about the success of these interactions in this edition. FFE has also partnered with other organizations to provide many, free online upskilling courses as well as virtual learning opportunities for civil, mechanical, and computer science graduates. FFE has also embarked on virtual workshops for MBBS scholars with FFE’s medical alumni taking the lead in conducting these sessions. Many sponsors/donors- both individual as well as corporates have also been able to interact with their sponsored scholars virtually, a fulfilling experience for all involved.

FFE’s mission is best served when all stakeholders can work together to create impact. FFE's Founders-Dr. Prabhu Goel and Mrs. Poonam Goel, through their generosity for the past 26 years, together with all of you, have helped create the next generation of empathetic, compassionate, responsible citizens, as evidenced by the interactions between the scholar and alumni community during these difficult times.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition- packed with news of virtual events and interactions that brought the community closer together in unexpected ways. We have tried to make the best of these uncertain times. If you know of opportunities for FFE scholars- jobs, internships, workshops, etc. at corporates through your networks, please let us know.

Please extend your generosity by sponsoring more students during this year. We know several more families (than in previous years) who have lost their livelihood to COVID which has pushed them into a dire financial situation. We expect more qualifying scholarship applications this year (with the added financial burden) and would like to sponsor as many qualifying students as possible. Please join in our efforts to make a difference.

We value your contributions and look forward to your continuing support.

Best Wishes,

Sudha Kidao
Managing Trustee
FFE India Trust
1. NEWS AND EVENTS

I) Virtual Open Houses

The COVID pandemic and travel restrictions made FFE leverage technology to interact with its stakeholders. FFE hosted 8 Virtual Open House events in the last quarter, covering 24 states in India with over 2800 participants attending the events virtually.

We hosted an opportunity to meet students from locations where previously physical events were not conducted.

Keynote speakers at the events included: Mr. Manish Mittal - Country Head, Axtria India Pvt. Ltd and Ms. Lalitha Indrakanthi - Head of Global Business operations for Ingka Group (Ikea). We were delighted that 2 of FFE’s distinguished alumni presided as Keynote speakers, including Mr. Ramachandran Chidambaram, Associate Director - Project Management Group, Arcesium India Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad and Mr. Gaurang Shah, Sr. System Software Manager at NVIDIA Graphics, Pune.

The purpose of the Virtual Open House events was to connect with all our stakeholders, particularly students who felt isolated and anxious during the pandemic. This forum engaged students, FFE Donors, Facilitators, Mentors and Alumni who shared their success stories with the audience.

An hour-long event included a presentation on FFE by Dr. Sudha Kidao, Managing Trustee, FFEIT, followed by a motivating message from FFE’s Founder, Dr. Prabhu Goel and a special message by the Keynote speaker for the students.

FFE’s Facilitators, Alumni and the Scholars also used this opportunity to proudly share their FFE journey with the participants.

These events were a great platform to recognise several Facilitators for their dedication and commitment towards FFE by awarding them with a "Certificate of Appreciation".

All events concluded with a very engaging and interactive Q&A session, addressed by FFE’s team, witnessing remarkable students’ participation. The session aimed to resolve queries around various FFE programs and the scholarship renewal process for FY 2020-21.

FFE expresses its heartfelt thanks to all its Donors, Scholars, Facilitators, Mentors, Alumni, and FFE staff members, who actively participated in the virtual Open Houses and ensured these events, were meaningful and successful.

II) Webinars for FFE Medical Scholars

Committed to upskilling its scholars across all disciplines, FFE conducted webinars specifically for MBBS scholars, conducted by proud FFE Alumni who are practicing medical professionals.
Despite his academic excellence & achievements, he came across as a very humble person. During the session, he shared the journey of an MBBS scholar and their responsibilities towards society. He discussed various important topics and misconceptions in the field of Medicine. Overall, a great learning experience. Thank you, Sir, for taking out time and sharing your knowledge with us.”

Shital Dattatreya Pawar 2nd Year, MBBS B. J. Govt. Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra

“A very helpful session to understand the exact method of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and other basic life support measures. Dr. Vijay shared the “must-know” tips in emergency life-saving procedures, which were very useful. It was great interacting with him and probably the best lecture on CPR. Thanks a lot to Sir for his time and hope to have more of such sessions in the future.”

V S V Sai Harsha 2nd Year, MBBS Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal, Telangana

“Dr. Manish Barvaliya (FFE Alumnus) and his colleague Dr. Chinmay Shah gave a very useful presentation on the COVID-19 outbreak, its challenges and also discussed ways to cope with stress and anxiety during such times. They discussed how, by changing our outlook, stress can be managed, which proved very useful for me as a student. I am very thankful to both the speakers for enlightening us with hope and positivity during COVID times.”

### III) Donor Scholar Engagements

To motivate and provide interactive learning opportunities to students, irrespective of their location, FFE facilitated various donor-scholar engagements this quarter as well. These virtual meets ensured that FFE scholars stayed connected with their donors even during these testing times. Sessions focused on career readiness, emotional and mental well-being, ways to cope with stress and anxiety, career management etc., and were conducted for students by FFE’s corporate partners.

FFE is thankful to its Donors – Corporates, Individuals & Alumni, who participated in these virtual interactions with the scholars and would be happy to facilitate more such interactions in the months ahead.

We are delighted to share feedback from the donor-scholar interactions below:

**Mr. Prabu Surendra**
Managing Director- Tymtix Solutions

“Thanks to FFE for organizing the Virtual Meet with the students. The enthusiasm, energy and most importantly the gratitude students have shown is remarkable for their age. I enjoyed my interaction with them and other FFE team members.”

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Medical Webinar held on 8th August 2020

Three webinars for MBBS students were hosted in the last quarter and saw the participation of more than **900 medical** students across India.

Each Medical session concluded with an interactive & engaging Q&A round. FFE wholeheartedly thanks its Alumni speakers, Dr. Manish Barvaliya, Dr. Vijaykumar SS, and Dr. Akash Gopaldasji Mor for their support and commitment towards making these webinars a huge success.

**Speaker – Dr. Manish Barvaliya**

**Date – 4th July 2020, 350 Participants**

**Topics covered**

- COVID-19 Outbreak and challenges.
- Learning in the COVID era and stress

**Speaker – Dr. Vijay Kumar SS**

**Date – 8th August 2020, 330 Participants**

**Topics Covered**

- Basic life support
- Resuscitation
- Recent changes in AHA (American Heart Association)

**Speaker – Dr. Akash Gopaldasji Mor**

**Date – 12th September 2020, 260 Participants**

**Topics Covered**

- Journey through the dreams of an MBBS scholar
- Important topics under the MBBS program
- Various misconceptions in medical science

Here are a few testimonials received from the scholars:

**Mahikhan Pathan**
2nd Year, MBBS
B J Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

“I am highly impressed with Dr. Akash Mor’s professional journey. Despite his academic excellence & achievements, he came across as a very humble person. During the session, he shared the journey of an MBBS scholar and their responsibilities towards society. He discussed various important topics and misconceptions in the field of Medicine. Overall, a great learning experience. Thank you, Sir, for taking out time and sharing your knowledge with us.”
IV) Conferences

"Women in Technology" by Grace Hopper India 2020

Hopper India 2020, a two-day virtual event held on 6th and 7th August 2020, is modeled after the popular Grace Hopper Celebration India (GHCI) conference for Women in Technology. It is one of the largest gatherings of Women Technologists - at all levels from the industry, academia, research and start-ups to build connects, learn and advance their careers.

Four of FFE’s final year Engineering women scholars were sponsored by Grace Hopper India to attend the conference and network with the vibrant community of fabulous women technologists under one roof.

Here are testimonials from the attendees.

Amulya S
4th Year, BTech
University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore, Karnataka

“The donor-scholar meeting conducted by FFE was an informative and thought-provoking session. It was a wonderful opportunity to thank my donor, Mr. Prabu Surendra (Managing Director- Tymtix Solutions). His journey in building the company inspired me. He emphasized on recognizing one’s talent and nurturing it. His encouraging words and humility will always motivate me to remain grounded and help people.”

Nandini Panchani
2nd Year, BTech
Dharmsinh Desai University, Nadiad, Gujarat

“What better way to celebrate Engineers’ day, than with FFE and my donor Ingersoll Rand during the virtual meet on 15th September 2020. It was a very interactive and useful session, where speakers from Ingersoll Rand shared knowledge on top skills in demand these days. They also addressed all our questions and motivated us to study hard and choose our desired field of career to succeed professionally. Thanks to FFE and Ingersoll Rand for the session.”

Pradeep Ponnusamy
2nd Year, BTech
Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

“I would like to thank FFE and SG Cares for the Donor-Scholar meeting conducted on 24th August 2020. A very informative session, which provided useful tips on building a strong resume, upskilling with available online/offline courses, and the importance of emotional well-being. I love game development and got answers to most of my questions related to available opportunities and career opportunities in the field of game development from SG Cares speakers. I would like to thank FFE for the free Enguru English training program, where I am learning new words, improving my speaking and writing skills.”

Anukul Vats
4th Year, BTech
Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur, West Bengal

“The virtual session conducted by Oracle India Pvt. Ltd. was very informative and interesting. The Speaker from Oracle India, Mr. Prateek Parashar, was knowledgeable and followed a story telling approach in his presentation. He discussed the importance of precision and perfection in every field of work. The key takeaways for me were that we should live our lives with a purpose and that one should technically evolve and be updated always. Thank you, Oracle volunteers for this wonderful session.”

Swathy S V
4th Year, Information Technology
Government College of Technology, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

“Hopper India 2020- The conference provided a great platform to explore and enhance my technical skills along with providing an insight into recent technology trends. Really thankful to Anitab.org for organizing the event and all the speakers for useful technical tips.”

Vandana Reddy
4th Year - Electronics and Electrical Engineering
JNTUH College of Engineering, Hyderabad, Telangana

“I feel very lucky to be part of the Grace Hopper India conference. The conference provided a great platform to network with industry experts and get tips on being a successful woman in technology. I personally enjoyed attending the 5G communication webinar. Many thanks to all the speakers - especially Ms. Pradhyu Kumari, for her inspiring keynotes. Thank you, Hopper India

Preethi Muruganantham
4th Year- Electronics & Communication MIT-Chennai, Tamil Nadu

“The sessions were useful and interactive. Hope to get more such opportunities in future. Many thanks to Hopper India for sponsoring me and for this wonderful opportunity.”

Gayathri A
4th Year, Electronics and Electrical Engineering
Government College of Technology, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

“A great, two-day-long conference for women in technology. All sessions I attended were very informative and provided an insight to the industry. I am really thankful to Anitab.org for providing me the scholarship to participate.”
V) AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

FFE was awarded the **GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency** by GuideStar India, India’s largest and most reliable online information repository with more than 9000 NGOs. For the fourth consecutive year, FFE was awarded the prestigious ‘Advanced Level - GuideStar India Gold’ award, in August 2020. This award was conferred for demonstrating transparency in the public domain – sharing tax returns filed within the due date, audited annual accounts, and auditor’s reports submitted to the tax authorities (for the past 2 years). FFE was presented its first Gold Award in Mumbai on 27th September 2016, through support from Tata Trusts.

GuideStar India facilitates donations to causes and organizations across the country. While any voluntary organization can register itself on the GuideStar website, awards by GuideStar are possible only after the organization has qualified through a rigorous diligence process. We thank our donors for supporting FFE by covering the costs for our submission.

For FFE’s profile at GuideStar India, please visit [https://guidestarindia.org/Summary.aspx?CC Reg=150](https://guidestarindia.org/Summary.aspx?CC Reg=150)

VI) COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mentorship Program

FFE’s Mentorship Program is a 1-on-1 remote mentoring program, where experienced professionals from various corporates as well as individuals including lawyers, mentor 3rd year Engineering and Law scholars, on a variety of soft skills to make them ‘career-ready’. A structured program with an in-house curriculum covers essential career-relevant soft skills that are expected to enable scholars to achieve success professionally and personally. Timely career guidance and valuable insights shared by mentors, are expected to equip students with the necessary skills to face the professional world with confidence, giving them a competitive edge in today’s tough job market.

Please read a Mentor- Mentee perspective below:

Ms. Namrata Dutta
Senior Manager
Private Equity, S&P Global Market Intelligence, Gurgaon

"Interacting with Kavyasree was an extremely liberating and enriching experience. A brilliant student, she has a focused vision and career goals. A quick learner, Kavyasree was able to comprehend and effectively implement the topics that were discussed. The mock interview sessions were the most engaging and created a real interview situation. Always well prepared for her sessions, she was prompt in giving her feedback on sessions which helped us improvising our sessions. I think the FFE mentoring program is a very thoughtful platform that blends in the corporate know-how's with the needs of a mentee resulting in structured and goal-oriented conversations, translating into lifelong learning for both the mentor and the mentee. I am confident that Kavyasree will go places and will shine in the corporate world."

Kavyasree Chatakonda
4th year, BTech
BML Munjal University,
Gurgaon, Haryana

Inspired by the thoughts and moral values of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Kavyasree dreams to be an IAS officer after BTech. As soon as she starts earning, she wishes to help needy students to access quality education. Traveling and listening to music are her hobbies.

"I am thankful to the FFE team for having introduced me to such an enriching mentorship program. It gave me a chance to get connected with my Mentor- Ms. Namratha, from S&P Global, who guided and mentored me in the best way possible. The Introductory session was an ice breaker which soon made me comfortable with my mentor. My mentor involved me in planning all the sessions, keeping in mind my needs, and also making me career ready. Soft Skills Training, Behavioral Training, Leadership Skills, Time management, Stress management, Effective Communication Skills were few of the many topics covered during the mentorship program. The sessions helped me evolve my personality which will definitely help me both professionally and personally."

Skill Development Program

The FFE Skills Training Program funded by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF) is in its third year of implementation and continues to help students through technical and soft skills training. Among the current 3rd year scholars supported by MSDF, 684 students have been identified for the Coursera program,
starting in October and 558 students have been identified for the Hi-Touch English program by eAge Tutors that started in September 2020. Currently, 426 out of 893 final year Engineering students have started Mock Interviews with the vendor partner, Ethnus.

In parallel, the new cohort of 1433, 2nd-year FFE students under the skill training program, supported by Capgemini, have commenced their English training programs - 815 students under the Hello English and 618 scholars under the Kings Learning. The BPharm Cohort of 45 scholars has also enrolled in the English Training Program with Kings Learning.

Over 3500 students from the second, third, and final years of Engineering have completed baseline, midline, and endline AMCAT tests respectively, during June and July, 2020.

Additionally, Empower ANANYA, FFE’s NGO partner, has been organizing virtual technical sessions for Civil Engineering and Computer Science students with over 100 participants per session. Five such sessions for Civil engineering students were conducted in August and 37 sessions for the Computer Science students were conducted in September. These sessions were conducted by Oracle, NetApp, and British Telecom.

Placement of Engineering graduating Class
Of the 1023 Engineering scholars who graduated in June 2020, 678 (67%) have gained employment and 128 (12%) are interested in pursuing their higher education. 217 (21%) scholars continue to seek employment.

Skills Training: Scholar Testimonials

**Aravind Reddy**
4th Year, BTech
National Institute of Technology, Karaikal, Puducherry

“Apart from financial support, FFE also offers many career oriented courses. The Coursera training program is one of the best programs which benefited me to develop my technical skills. I opted for “Python for Everybody specialization course” for fundamental programming concepts which helped me design and create my own applications. All courses provided by FFE are concept based and focused on the core, benefitting students technically. FFE also provides training certificates which are helpful in placements. I wholeheartedly thank FFE for giving me this opportunity to be part of their training programs.”

**Naveen Sambangi**
4th Year, BTech
National Institute of Technology, Calicut, Kerala

“The Coursera program offered by FFE India really helped me boost my technical skills. These courses helped me visualize the limitless possibilities available for my career development and growth. Coursera program provided an excellent platform to pursue my interests in “Applied Data Science with Python” which along with hands-on experience also offered vast knowledge on the subject. Data Science is currently one of the most demanding skills worldwide and pursuing this course could possibly prove to be a stepping stone for my career. I am really thankful to FFE for supporting me financially and providing various skill-based specialization opportunities for my overall development.”

**VII. CORPORATE WORKSHOPS**

**Workshop on Mental well-being and Career Management with NetApp India**

To support and nurture the passion of young women technology enthusiasts, NetApp India under its “Women in Technology” forum, conducted a series of workshops with 40 women FFE scholars. The first online session, conducted on 17th of July 2020, attempted to motivate the women scholars to overcome all the hurdles on their way to success. Stressing on the need for mental wellbeing, the speakers from NetApp shared with the student's tips to overcome stress and anxiety.

In another interactive session, conducted on 28th August 2020, the volunteers from NetApp provided the scholars, a systematic approach to achieving their dream career. Exposing them to career opportunities in technical fields and the future of work, the speakers shared ideas for developing relevant skill for jobs of today and the future. Effective ways to leverage social media platforms were shared with students. The interactive sessions not only allowed the students to receive first-hand knowledge from industry experts but also motivated them to pursue their goals with a focused and planned approach.
Feedback from NetApp India:

Mr. Akhil Airan- Program Manager
Corporate Impact, NetApp India

"Engaging and mentoring with FFE scholars have been a great experience for Women InTechnology team at NetApp. Professionals shared their knowledge and provided an insider view of the corporate world to students. With these interactions, we aim to contribute to the professional and personal development of Girl students. In a world, where apparently all the information is available online, there is still a huge incentive to invest in human relationships, exchange experiences, share personal stories, and in between help students to make the right choices for themselves."

Workshop on “Creating an Impactful LinkedIn Profile” with S&P Global

On 7th August 2020, The S&P Global People Movement team engaged with 77 FFE students through a session on “Creating an Impactful LinkedIn Profile,” enabling students to develop a strong digital footprint for building their personal brand in this critical industry.

This session highlighted the significance of LinkedIn, as a professional networking platform, in bridging the Global Skills gap. Tips were shared on creating an impactful LinkedIn profile. The session emphasized the importance of networking, ways of widening professional networks, and the relevance of following significant profiles on LinkedIn. The importance of being active, reacting to posts, and adding comments on the LinkedIn profile was another aspect covered in the session. The workshop was very useful and provided valuable tips to students in building a strong LinkedIn profile.

S&P Global mentioned the workshop on their LinkedIn Profile:

“S&P Global is proud to support the Foundation for Excellence. To promote #STEM education, our India offices sponsored 85 young girls across the region pursuing engineering studies. Earlier this month, the S&P Global People Movement team engaged with the students through a session on “Creating an Impactful LinkedIn Profile,” enabling them to develop a strong digital footprint for building their personal brand in this critical industry.”

#SPGlobalIndia #SPGlobalImpact
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/spgglobal_stem-spglobalindia-spglobalimpact-activity-6702418955547549696-B3w5

Here is the feedback from the FFE scholars:

FFE Scholar- Nasreen Nahar- 3rd Year, MBBS, Calcutta National Medical College, Kolkata, West Bengal
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJ3dMe0T5Us

Workshop on Mental Health and Well-being by Firstsource

An interactive session on Mental Health and Well-being, facilitated by FFE was conducted by Firstsource for their sponsored third year Engineering students on 30th of June 2020. Ms. Rachel and Ms. Shreyata, L&D team - Firstsource, led the interactive session on creating awareness about mental health and its importance. Various signs and forms of mental illness and the risks involved were addressed in the session. Speakers emphasized the importance of adopting simple practices like yoga and meditation in everyday routine to cope with the mental stress and gain good mental health.

2. VOICE OF SCHOLARS

1) CURRENT STUDENT

Sonu Kumar Singh
3rd Year, BTech
Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal

Sonu Kumar Singh belongs to Kansdiyar, a small village in Bihar. A budding entrepreneur, he along with his friends, recently launched an online startup, ‘The Career Geeks’ which aims at guiding students for competitive exams. Strong determination and self-motivation are two qualities he relies on to attain his goals.

“I always dreamt of being an Engineer and serve my nation. Inspired by the work and thoughts of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, I started to work towards achieving my dream early on. Hailing from a small village, I knew the difficulties students face in availing proper coaching/guidance to appear for competitive exams mainly due to a lack of proper coaching institutes in the region. COVID-19 lockdown provided me the golden opportunity to work towards these issues. I launched my own app-based start-up company named Career Greek (www.thecareergeeks.com), recognized by Government organizations like MSME & Startup India, with an objective to help and guide students appearing for competitive exams. Incubated with NASSCOM, we work on a unique model of proactive and interactive approach of teaching. Being an Engineering student myself, we have kept a separate section in our app for BTech aspirants with all necessary information related to colleges, exams, courses etc. We were providing various online courses to students at a minimal fee, which is being provided free of cost during the pandemic. I am thankful to FFE for sponsoring my education and giving wings to my dreams. We have
won two National Leadership Awards for the start-up and I hope through our App we are able to fulfill FFE’s motto of “Circle of Giving” and help many students. Once again I wish to thank FFE for its valuable support.”

Links to “The Career Geeks” Media Coverage:
C24 News Channel https://c24news.in/?p=2917

II) ALUMNUS

Mr. Sindura Ganpathi
Deputy Director – Bill Gates Foundation, USA

Sindura completed his Bachelors in Veterinary Science from Bangalore Veterinary College followed by Masters from Uttar Pradesh, before moving to the US to pursue a Ph.D. and MBA. Working in the Global Health Division of Bill Gates Foundation, he manages a portfolio of funding innovative tools to improve the health of pregnant women and newborn children in low resource settings. Currently, he is on a sabbatical and is advising the Indian government on various aspects of national livestock programs and human health as Visiting Fellow-Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister of India.

“My journey with FFE began in 1998, during my stay in Sri Ramakrishna Students’ Home in Bangalore, while pursuing my Bachelors degree in Veterinary Science. Since then, my educational stopovers took me to Uttar Pradesh, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and now Seattle, where I work at Global Health Division of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Coming from a small village called Balehalli, in Shimoga district of Karnataka, my journey had its ups and downs. My parents were enterprising smallholder farmers with an annual income of INR 20,000. We had a little less than half an acre of land & one buffalo. I still remember the joy of selling the leftover milk to a local dairy – this made me feel the richest I have ever felt in my entire life. I studied in a local Kannada medium government school and then moved to Bangalore to complete my graduation. It was here that I was introduced to FFE. Coming from a low-income family background, my education was throughout supported by scholarships. FFE awarded an important sum towards my education which not only helped me financially but also helped boosting my own perception of self-worth, which I proudly possess as a proof of my accomplishment on my resume. I am forever thankful to FFE for all its support.”

3. VOLUNTEER SPEAK

Dr. Nilesh Parekh (MBBS & MS-Ophthalmology) is Professor and Head of the Ophthalmology Department, Medical College, Bhavnagar, Gujarat. His wife Dr. Alpa Parekh, daughter and son are also Doctors. Dr. Nilesh is a member of the Gujarat Medical Council and Ex-member of the Medical Council of India. Dr. Nilesh has introduced more than 50 eligible scholars to FFE.

“I have been associated with FFE for more than a decade now. Impressed by the work of FFE, in providing financial support to bright and needy students for pursuing higher studies, made our bond even stronger. Efforts of FFE in the field of education need to be appreciated and applauded. I would like to urge all FFE scholars to pay back to society and promote the great work done by FFE in a bigger way. I wish FFE all the best in this “SevaYagna” and hope that they can be a helping hand to many more bright and needy students. Over time, I hope they can include all streams of higher education in this process.”

4. DONOR FEATURE

Donors Ms. Amee Parikh and Mr. Akash Prakash have been long-time supporters of FFE and have been sponsoring the higher education of female FFE scholars for the last 8 years. They are currently sponsoring the education of 25 female scholars pursuing their Engineering degree through ‘Amansa Foundation’, a philanthropic organization started by them. This year Amansa Foundation has also provided financial support to their 11 sponsored scholars under FFE’s COVID Relief program.

“FFE is doing a commendable job in providing access to professional degrees, in engineering and medicine, to meritorious students from economically challenged background. A majority of these students are first generation learners. This is even more praiseworthy as less than 26% of such students pursue higher professional education. FFE is playing a vital role in increasing this rate. As a donor and partner with FFE for nearly 8 years and supporting female students, we are honored to be part of their narratives as these girls begin their journey to economic and financial independence. The success of these girls will be our greatest return on our investment.”

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