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From the Board of Directors

Dear members and friends of Sanskriti:

First of all, we would like to thank you for your overwhelming support in our past events - Baisakhi and Picnic. We are glad that our best efforts to organize a quality event have been well appreciated. At the same time, it raises the expectation about our future events and we are doing our best to take that challenge.

In Bengal, Goddess Durga is worshipped in the season of *Sharat* and hence the occasion is known as *Sharadotsav*. *Sharat* is marked with blue skies, white clouds, golden sunshine, and white *kaash phool*. During this time, every Bengali away from home, no matter in which part of the world, would like to be with family and friends, hear the sound of *dhak* and *kashor ghonta*, and feel the festive spirit of Durga Puja. In Washington DC metro area, Sanskriti will celebrate **Durga Puja on Oct 3 to Oct 5, 2008**. Sanskriti BOD along with the community at large are spending a great deal of time in organizing the Puja festival which includes *Mandap* decoration, presenting quality and nostalgic cultural program, arranging exotic menu for puja meals, and preparing Nabapatrika and Directory. It will be well worth spending all this time only if you participate and enjoy to make this occasion a grand success.

Do you have any plan for **New Years Eve**? This year, Sanskriti will ring in the New Year 2009 in Grand Style at Glenview Mansion. In addition to the Dance floor, this mansion has separate rooms for different activities. You can dance to high decibel music at dance floor, enjoy adda and sumptuous food in the dining room, play cards or other exciting games in the games room, or have a great time in the bar. We are sincerely counting on your participation.

With best wishes,
Rama Saha, President
for Sanskriti Board of Directors

Highlights

- From the Board of Directors
- Durga Puja
- General Body Meeting
- New Years Eve Party

Calender of Sanskriti Events*

Durga Puja: Oct 3-5, 2008

Annual General Body Meeting: December 14, 2008

New Year's Eve Party: December 31, 2008

General Body Meeting
Potomac Community Center
on Dec 14, 2008
1PM-4 PM.

Direction: From 270 take exit 5 for Falls Road/MD189 South towards Potomac. Drive 2.9 miles to Potomac Community Center on your left.

**We strongly encourage all of our members to view the Sanskriti web site at www.sanskriti-dc.org for updated information*

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Durga Puja

Quince Orchard High School

15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg
MD 20878

October 3 - 5, 2008

Programs & Activities

Friday, Oct 3, 2008

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm: Decoration, Pratima Setting
and General Preparation.

Saturday, Oct 4, 2008

Puja Preparation	: 10 am
Puja and Puspanjali	: 10:30-1:00 pm
Prasad and Lunch	: 1:00-2:30 pm
Cultural Program	: 4:00–8:00 pm
Arati	: 8:00–8:30 pm
Dinner	: 8:30-10:00 pm
Clean-up	: 10:00-11:00 pm

Cultural Extravaganza for Saturday: Dance by Sukanya Mukherjee's Group; Bengali & Hindi songs by Chandreyee (Playback Singer) and her team from Mumbai, India.

Sunday, Oct 5, 2008

Puja and Puspanjali	: 11:00-1:30 pm
Prasad and Lunch	: 1:30-2:30 pm
Cultural Program	: 4:00–8:00 pm

Cultural Extravaganza for Sunday: Bengali Drama- "Hatto Melar Oparey"; Bengali & Hindi songs by Raghav Chaterjee (famous singer) from Kolkata, India.

Donations

Member - \$50.00 per adult
Non-member - \$55.00 per adult
Dependent children - \$25.00 per child
Fulltime Students - \$25.00 per person
Dependent Parents and Children under 6 years of age free

Tickets: Tickets will be issued for lunch and dinner

Direction:

Traveling on Capital beltway: Take I-270N towards Frederick and stay on right two lanes for I-

270 local; take exit 6B for MD28W; Drive approx. 6 miles on MD28W and turn left on Quince Orchard Road for the School on your immediate right.

Traveling on I-270S: Take Exit 11 for Quince Orchard Road (MD124S) and Drive approx. 3.5 miles for the school on your right.

Seeking Vendors at the Durga Puja

If you or anyone is interested in having a table booth at the Durga Puja, please contact Jai Kundu at kundujai@hotmail.com, or call 301-299-6251. Cost for a booth is \$200.00 for two days that includes two tables, two chairs and one set of meal tickets for both days. Opportunities are available for vendors to showcase their goods for one day at a cost of \$125.00 and it includes meal tickets for that day. For a nominal fee you will be able to either showcase or sell your products at Durga Puja, so we ask you to take full advantage of the opportunity or spread the word around so that we will be able to attract new vendors.

Volunteers needed

We appreciate your help in conducting various activities of the Puja. Please contact any board member if you would like to help.

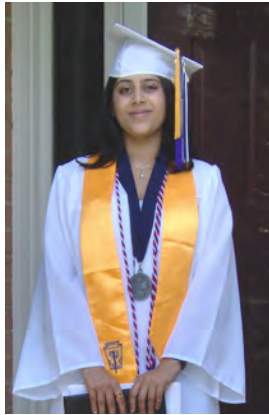
New Years Eve Party

Venue is Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 from 7:30 PM-1:30 AM, Wednesday, Dec 31, 2008.

Direction: Take I-270 to exit 6A for Rt. 28/Town Center. Follow 28E for Rockville Town Center. Cross over Rt 355 to Veirs Mill Rd (Rt. 586). At the first traffic light take a left onto First St/Rt. 28E. Proceed to the first traffic light which is Baltimore Road and turn right. Proceed to a stop sign at the intersection of Baltimore Road and Edmonston Drive. Turn left and make an immediate right into the Rockville Civic Center Park.

Due to fire code enforcement, the **space is limited** and we are strongly recommending for early registration. Early Registration Rate (By Nov 30, 2008): Adult \$25.00; Children \$12.00 (Under 6 Free) and Students up to 18 years old \$12.00. Rate after 30th Nov: Adult \$30.00; Children: \$15.00 (Under 6 Free), Students up to 18 years old: \$15.00.

Sanskriti feels proud to congratulate our graduates....



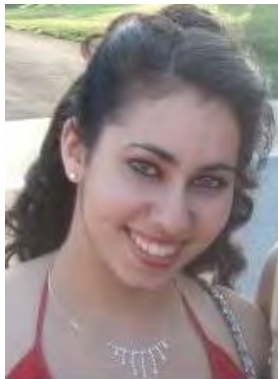
Tania Chatterjee
Col. Zadak Magruder High School
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
as a Biology Major
Biomedical Research and Dance.



Prapti Muhuri
Springbrook High School, Silver Spring, MD
The George Washington University;
Biology as a major
Kuchipudi Dance, Tennis



Arnab Sarker
Clarksburg High School
Georgetown University
as a Biology Major
Skating, play tennis and amateur Greek wrestling.



Sreya Sinha
Thomas Wootton HS
Univ of MD, College Park
w/ Biological Sc as Major
Karate, Orissi Dance, Theater



Rohit Dasgupta
Thomas Jefferson High School
Johns Hopkins University next year w/
Biomedical Engineering. as major
Debate & Speech, Bengali culture



Annesha Basu
Potomac Falls High School, Potomac Falls, VA
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Biology/Pre-Medical as Major
Odissi, Lyrical, Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop,



Mayukh Chakrabarti
Colonel Zadok Magruder High School
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
as major
Reading, playing tennis, karate,
computer programming



Ankhi Guha Thakurta
(Montgomery Blair High School
Swarthmore College, Major in
English or Political Science
Painting



Medha Singh
Richard Montgomery High School
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh.,
as a Architecture major
Bharatha Natyam Indian Classical Dance,
piano, Drama set design and construction.

Name of the Graduate:
Name of the School:
Attending University and to pursue:
Hobbies/interests:

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