



My journey, like many SEEDS scholars, starts with humble beginnings. My parents, immigrants from Bangladesh, instilled within me the value of education and a yearning to create a brighter future for myself and my family. My father knew that I wasn't being challenged in school, and so he searched tirelessly for opportunities. Finally, he found the solution that would change everything: SEEDS.

SEEDS was the bridge that connected me to my dreams. It was through SEEDS that I realized the importance of academic excellence. It was through SEEDS that I connected with peers from diverse backgrounds, fostering connections and community that would prove invaluable. It was through SEEDS that I gained access to extracurricular activities that aligned with my interests and helped me find my place in the world. And it was through SEEDS that I found a home at Pingry, an elite independent school that I could have only dreamed of attending.

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After my sophomore year of college, my educational journey took another

transformational turn. By leveraging connections made through SEEDS and Pingry, I embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure: a medical expedition in the Amazon where I was part of a team that provided healthcare services to indigenous communities.

It is because of these opportunities – made possible by SEEDS' talented team and generous donors – that I pursued a fulfilling career in medicine. Today, as an Emergency Medicine Physician at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, I am able to give back to another deserving community, just as so many at SEEDS did for me, believing in me and investing in my future.

**Will you join me in giving more promising students the chance to change their lives and their families' futures? Please send your gift today**

My story is one of thousands. The impact of SEEDS on my life has been immeasurable, just as it has been on the lives of more than 3,200 fellow alumni. Your support of SEEDS is profound for students who dare to dream, opening doors and igniting the potential in young people who would otherwise lack access to the incredible opportunities they deserve.



As SEEDS sets its sights on serving more scholars than ever before, I am eager to continue and grow my support. At a time when educational inequality continues to prevent too many from achieving their full potential, I hope you will join me as we work to break barriers and create the next generation of intelligent, compassionate leaders.

Please, send your gift to SEEDS today. Join me, as together, we give the next class of SEEDS scholars the opportunity to achieve a future they could only dream of.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to education and for being a driving force behind our collective success. Your generosity is changing the world, one SEEDS scholar at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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My journey is a testament to the profound impact SEEDS has on the lives of its alumni. I look forward to continuing my support and involvement, contributing to the growth and success of future generations of SEEDS scholars, and **I hope you'll join me.**