



August 8, 2021

Sai Ram, dear Sai YAs!

We hope you are in good health and good spirits, with Swami's grace. As the newly-appointed national Young Adult Advisors for the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council - USA, Geeta Reid and I honored and humbled by the opportunity to work with Sai Young Adults (YAs) in our new roles. As Swami said at the first World Youth Conference, *"The main lesson of spirituality is to share and live together in unity."* (SSSB, 7/18/97). We want to ensure that the Sai YA program embodies His highest ideals, with the spirit of unity and love which befits His name. With that in mind, we have some announcements/requests to share:

1. Upcoming Zoom Town Hall w/ Sai YAs and National/Zonal leadership - We understand that Sai YAs may have questions about the latest developments around the formation of the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council, and what it means for Sai centers or YA groups who are aligned (or want to align) with the Global Council. In the next 2 weeks, Geeta and I will host a virtual "town hall" meeting with all interested Sai YAs, along with the new Zonal Chair, Dr. Axay Kalathia, and the new SSSGC-USA president, Dr. Balu Karanam. Please keep an eye out for more details soon. Our hope is that the focus of these calls will be looking forward, and not on the past; but in the meantime, please check out the "FAQ" section on the www.sssgc-usa.org website for background information.

2. Nominations for National YA Team/ Call for Volunteers - We have the unique opportunity to continue building a national Sai YA program which reflects the diversity, talents, and interests of USA Sai YAs, while of course remaining grounded in Swami's teachings. The last year has taught us that Sai devotees can adapt and innovate (e.g., virtual meetings, collaboration across regions/centers, etc.), and the YAs are often the creative engine that moves us forward.

To that end, we are seeking nominations of Sai YAs (self-nominations too) to serve as our initial YA leadership team. Please submit nominations by **August 30, 2021**. The minimum requirements are: (1) commitment to Swami's teachings in one's personal life; and (2) interest and ability in helping build a Sai YA program aligned with the vision of the SSS Global Council; and (3) currently a Sai YA between the ages of 18 and 35. We are still working out the details of the selection process, but we can ensure that it will involve input from Sai leaders experienced in working with Sai YAs. Here are the links for nomination forms:

[National Female YA Coordinator](#)

[National Male YA Coordinator](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us.

With love, and in service of Sai,

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SSSGC - USA, National YA male and female advisors

***** Please share with all interested Sai YAs between the ages of 18-35.*****

P.S. About your YA advisors. We been fortunate to work with many Sai YAs across the country over the years, but we recognize that many of you don't know us yet. So here's a little bit about both me and Geeta:

Ketan Kharod first learned about Sathya Sai Baba as a high school senior in Southern California. He had the privilege of attending the First World Youth Conference in Prashanti Nilayam in 1997, and has served as a Sai YA coordinator at the center and regional level, and then as a regional and national YA advisor. Outside of center activities, Ketan is a lawyer in Austin, TX, works with several community groups to promote civic engagement, and enjoys spending time with his wife, Supriya, and their 3 children.

Geeta Reid was first introduced to Shirdi Sai Baba through her grandmother, and then to Sathya Sai Baba through her father. She brings a truly global perspective, by being an active YA member of the Hove UK Sai Center, before moving to the USA in 2003 (and incidentally, before any of her trips to visit Swami in person). Through her love for Swami, Geeta has been an SSE teacher for Group 3 in Charlotte and also as part of the National SSE online program, along with being a regional YA advisor. Geeta's professional background is in software engineering and strategic portfolio management, and she currently lives Concord, NC with her son (Joshua) and her labradoodle (Coco).