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## **How HOINA Makes Toppers**

By Todd Becker, HOINA Board

I am pleased to introduce you to HOINA's academic tutors. Arrival of these tutors on the HOINA campus coincided with the start of the current school year. In

the recent past, COVID restrictions had forced many changes in our educational programs.

A strong education is a high priority for the country of India and remains bedrock for HOINA. We educate our children from the beginning of life through vocational school or a bachelor's degree. The children then graduate as fully educated and qualified adults leaving the HOINA campus to pursue their dreams.

The tutors are teachers at the private Jindal English Medium School that many of our students attend. The HOINA leadership team handTana de Miller d

Teaching methods are simple, but the system works.

picked these men to work with our students. We have three tutors covering the broader subjects of science,

math, Telegu, and English. We currently have a gap for the older students studying business subjects such as economics, commerce, and accounting that we hope to

fill soon.

Each night from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., the tutors are on campus reviewing the children's work and providing additional instruction on a one-onone or small group basis as required. The tutors rotate their time nightly between the boys' and girls' homes with two in one house and one in the other. Educational opportunity in India is awarded through academic achievement, with the best colleges and universities being highly selective, like in the United States.

HOINA is proud to have some of the brightest students in their schools. They are called "toppers" in India. Our toppers are

typically too humble to toot their own horn but their brothers and sisters have no problem bragging on them!

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As I visited the schools, the school leadership team was quick to point out the different awards the school has won because of the HOINA students.

For HOINA, we truly appreciate the children's focus on academics. The tutors are part of the special sauce making HOINA children toppers!



Tuition Master [tutor] Ojha teaches English to Kejaya, Lahari, Bhavana and Geethika.



Tejaswini (left) and Keziah work on physics with Mr. Koteshwara Rao "Mr. Korti." At right, Dhanalakshmi taking Telegu instruction from Mr. Mahesh.



Kanaka Mahalakshmi studiously taking in her physics lesson from tutor Mr. Korti.

# Two Prasads Need Your Prayers

Two of our boys had surgeries last month and are still recuperating. Please pray for Y. Prasad (I) as he recovers from his emergency appendectomy, and V. Durga Prasad (r), who broke his arm that also required an operation.





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### **HOINA's Toppers Are A+ Winners**



Bhavani, Pujitha, Divya, Lahari, and Abiya are HOINA's 8th grade girls who got A+ in all their subjects.



Little Yasaswini was the only 2nd grader to earn A+ in her studies.



Arjun and Teja Ram (10th and 8th grade, respectively) both earned A+ rankings within their own grades.



HOINA's A+ 9th Graders (Left to right): Durga Prasad, Tarun, Jagadish, Dhanunjay, Sai Ram, and Yogendra.

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Yaswanth's parents were married for eleven years, allowing them time to have two children, a baby girl followed by their son, Yaswanth. The parents weren't rich by any means. After her husband died due to kidney failure, the children's mother took a job working as a daily laborer. Unfortunately, she was unable to earn enough money to provide for the three of them. When she approached HOINA to ask if she could admit her younger child, our staff accepted him. Someday he hopes to be a military officer. Will you help him achieve his goals?



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