

Congratulations to the Winners of Mar Barnabas Educational Award 2017

The Mar Barnabas Educational Award is established by the Diocese of South-West America in the Blessed Memory of our previous Metropolitan, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, to honor and recognize the children of our Diocese, who graduate each year from Grade 12, with academic excellence. The selection is based on the outstanding academic merit in Grade Twelve along with active participation in Sunday school and other activities of the church, sincere desire to serve the church and the community, as well as the demonstration of good character and a clear vision of personal academic future.

This year we had more than usual number of applicants. All the applicants' academic achievements and church involvements were excellent, making the selection a difficult task. We are proud of all the applicants and congratulate all of them for their excellent academic achievements and faithfulness to the Holy Church. We pray and wish them all the best and success in their chosen academic and career path.

The Assistant Metropolitan of the Diocese of South-West America, **H.G. Zacharias Mar Aprem** announced the names of the 2017 Award winners through the Kalpana No. 10/2018 on January 5, 2018. Here are the winners from each region of our Diocese.



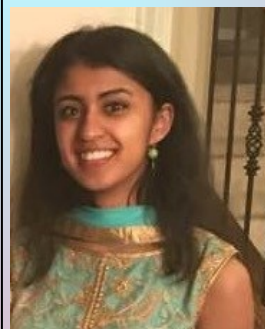
First Place: SE Region
Steven Philip Joseph
St. Gregorios orthodox Church of
India, South Florida
Enrolled at:
***North Carolina State
University , Majoring in
Chemical Engineering***



First Place: MW Region
Kevin Varghese
St. Gregorios Orthodox Church
Kansas City, Missouri
Enrolled at:
***The University of Missouri,
Kansas City, in the Six Year
Medical Program***



First Place: South Region
Joshua Johnson
St. Gregorios Orthodox
Church, Austin, TX
Enrolled at:
***University of Texas at Austin
In Electrical and Computer
Engineering***



First Place: NW Region
Rebecca George
St. Mary's Malankara Ortho-
dox Church, Calgary, Canada
Enrolled at:
***The University of Calgary
In Health Sciences Honours
Program***



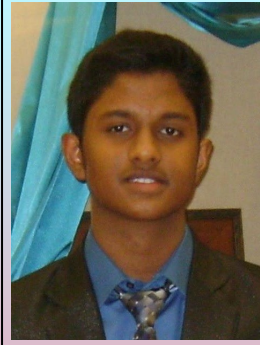
Second Place: NW Region
Cephen Binny Kuruvilla
St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox
Church, Calgary, Canada
Enrolled at:
***The Mount Royal University,
Calgary, AB, Canada
In Bachelor of Health Sciences***



Second place: MW Region
Thomas Simon
St. Thomas Orthodox Church
of India, Chicago, IL
Enrolled at:
***The Northwestern University
in the Biomedical Engineering
program***



Second Place: South Region
Mathew Geevarghese
 St. Mary's Orthodox Valiyapally,
 Farmers Branch, TX
 Enrolled at:
 The University of Texas, Dallas
 Bachelor of Science in Biology,
 Pre-Medical Track.



Second place: South Region
Sherwin Sajan Philip
 St. Gregorios Malankara
 Orthodox Church, Houston,
 Texas.
 Enrolled at:
 The University of Houston.
 In Accounting and Finance



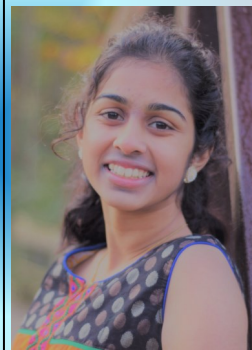
Second Place: SE Region
**Philip Varghese
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 St. Thomas Malankara Orth.
 Church Pompano Beach, FL
 Enrolled at:
 The University of Florida
 Majoring in Biology



Third place: SE Region
Sheba Ann Mathew
 St. Mary's Orthodox Church,
 Roswell (Atlanta), GA
 Enrolled at:
 The University of Georgia
 Majoring in Health Promo-
 tion with a Pre-Med track



Third Place: SE Region
Shani Mary Abraham
 St. Gregorios Malankara
 Orthodox Church, Tampa, FL
 Enrolled at:
 University of Central Florida
 In Biomedical Sciences (Pre-
 Med) minoring Legal Studies.



Third place: MW Region
Rebecca John
 St. Thomas Orthodox Church of
 India, Warren (Detroit), MI
 Enrolled at:
 The Wayne State University in
 Detroit, Majoring in Biomedical
 Engineering.



Third Place: South Region
Bethany Zachariah
 St. James Orthodox Mission
 Church, Dallas, TX
 Enrolled at:
 The University of Texas at Dallas
 In the Davidson Management
 Honors program and in the
 Collegium V Honors program



Third place: South Region
Isaac John
 St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral,
 Houston, TX
 Enrolled at:
 The University of Houston
 In Mechanical Engineering

Once again, congratulations to all the winners of the Award. Best wishes for their successful academic endeavors. May the Almighty God guide them through out their campus life and grant them the wisdom to be good citizens and to serve the church and the community at large.

For the Award Committee
 George Geevarughese