



This is a tale of two super-smart students. They don't live in the same town. They don't attend the same high school. Why, they don't even know each other. But, they're both on the same trajectory--to outer space.

In Kindergarten, Daniel Remie was "futilely attempting to solve multiplication problems." This year, he was "wrestling the intricacy of dark energy" at Barnstable High School (BHS).

When asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, then-first-grader Jashan Chopra picked "geologist." However, over the years he decided to trade rocks for rockets. For his senior project at Mashpee High School (MHS) this year, he designed his own jet engine.

Next month, both students, fueled by intelligence, curiosity and a scholarship from The Cape Cod Foundation, will launch their undergraduate studies in aerospace engineering.

Daniel was awarded the George E. and Doris K. Parmenter Aeronautical Scholarship. He will be heading south to the University of Central Florida. At BHS, he was Treasurer of his graduating class and a member of the National Honor Society. He was also a three-time State Qualifier and International Qualifier for the renowned Future Problem Solving Program International and a 2-time State Qualifier for DECA. Both organizations prepare promising students for future leadership roles. Daniel was also on the varsity basketball, soccer and winter track teams.

Jashan will be attending the University of Colorado, Boulder. He received the Adair/Collins Science & Engineering Scholarship of Barnstable Legion Post 206. The straight-A-student was President of the MHS National Honor Society, a member of the Key Club and Former Secretary and Cabinet Member of the student government. He was also the school's tennis ace, qualifying and obtaining the best record in MHS history. Off the court, Jashan volunteered extensively in the community and held a part-time job.

Daniel says he has always had an unbridled passion for the unknown. He hopes to work for NASA or Space-X and help colonize Mars or search for other life. "There is another whole world out there begging to be discovered. My goal is to discover it."

Jashan, propelled by the need to "help contribute to our understanding of the vast universe," also has his sights on NASA. "Unfortunately, you can't go to college to be an astronaut; it's more of an unexpected opportunity," he concedes. But a career in aerospace engineering "satisfies my curiosity through solving new problems and allows me to explore my interest in space and flight."

Daniel Leader, a physics teacher at Mashpee High School said "Jashan is someone who will pay back the world many-fold for the financial assistance provided him now."

Joshua Fazio, one of Daniel's mentors, says the aspiring astronaut "will do great things in a world that truly needs it."

We know both achievers will. We also think they'll meet someday. Probably in space.