



This Summer we would like to honor our very first member and Youth Co-Chair of the NJAAP Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), Ani Muralidharan. Ani's involvement with NJAAP started in 2017 after receiving the NJAAP Youth Achievement Award that recognized his work with FuelUpToPlay60, an in-school physical activity and nutrition program launched by the National Dairy Council and the National Football League, in collaboration with the USDA. to help encourage youth to lead healthier lives. Ani's involvement of promoting health and wellness at his school, resulted in him being selected as the FuelUpToPlay60 Ambassador for New Jersey.

Ani took this a step further by submitting his "strong idea" to make his school healthier to Adventure Capital (AdCap). He received \$3000 to implement a breakfast program at his school so students could select from a menu of healthy breakfast options to fuel- up for the day! As a result, Ani's school superintendent, of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District, designated him as the first Student Ambassador to the Wellness Committee of his school. In May 2016, he was invited to Washington D.C. to participate in an in-person panel discussion with the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition and had a one-on-one discussion with the Secretary of Agriculture.

As a member of the Youth Advisory Committee at NJAAP since 2018, Ani has demonstrated his willingness to lend a hand with ongoing projects as well as immersing himself in new projects and contributing innovative ideas! Ani graduated from Kingsway Regional High School this June where he was an honors student of the S.T.E.M. Academy, which offers a four-year program of interdisciplinary studies for academically motivated students interested in pursuing careers in mathematics, engineering, or the sciences. In addition, Ani participated in several activities including Student Council, Chemistry Club, Marching Band and Jazz Band. He will be off to Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH this coming August. His goal is to pursue his dream of becoming a health care professional to continue his to work and passion for health and wellness.

Our YAC would like to wish Ani all the best in his new chapter; we and our NJAAP chapter will certainly miss him!

Ani's Fellow YAC peers would like to share the following about Ani.....

"As co-chair with Ani on the Youth Advisory Committee, I found Ani very easy to communicate with and always willing to lend a hand, especially when there was a need to "step-up." I also note his empathetic contributions in some of our harder group discussions. We will miss Ani and wish him all the best in his next chapter!"

"What I will always remember about Ani will be when he came up to me after I received the Youth Achievement Award, and introduced me to the NJAAP YAC. He was so friendly and so determined to do whatever it took to benefit those around him, and once I joined the YAC, he showed it all the more by always taking on every opportunity he got, and always giving 110%."

I have loved getting to work with Ani these past two years. He is always full of ideas and great at following through on them. We will definitely miss him!

Thank you Ani for your dedication to our YAC! Your positive energy, great leadership skills and passion to make a difference always shined! It has been such a pleasure working with you and we will miss you