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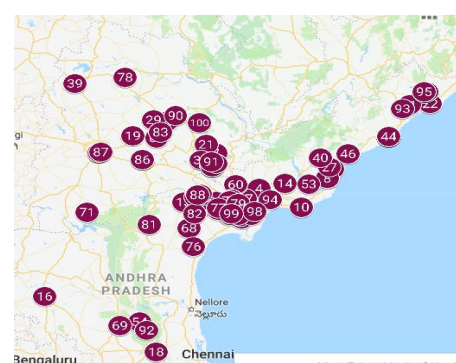
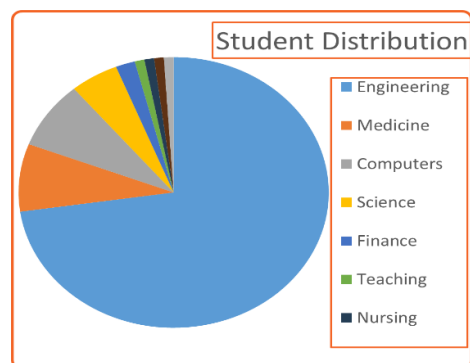
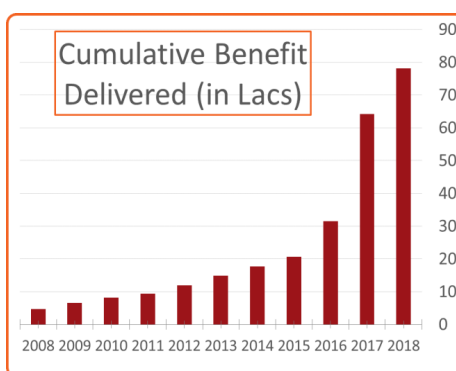
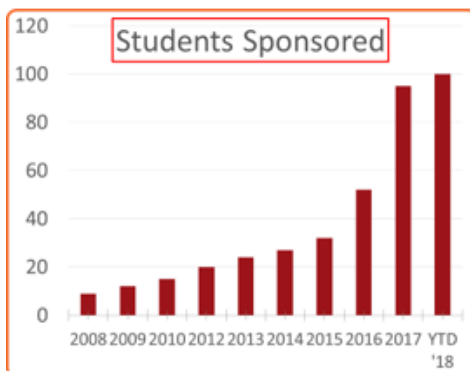
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## Newsletter

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**Spring '18**

HELPING UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS PURSUE THEIR DREAMS



Message from President

Message from Treasurer

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# President's Message

By Prasad Kunisetty

Mentor. As we are growing, Student Engagement alone has become a major task and Krishna Kotha is unable to handle both the Operations as well as Student Engagement tasks.

## Getting ready for 10th Anniversary



We officially incorporated in 2008. We have decided to have our Donor Appreciation and Student Success Celebration on May 19th in New Jersey. Our IT Director Satya Yerraganti has taken up the task of coordinator for the event. Under her leadership, a dedicated Team of volunteers are working together to host a memorable event. Please mark your calendars, and please do not forget to [RSVP](#)

## Requesting all of you!

All I can ask you is to spread the word about us. One of our dedicated team members Partha Saradhi Vallabhajosyula from Phoenix, AZ had setup a booth for TPF at Arizona Telugu Association's event and introduced us to the Phoenix Telugu community on April 7th. Please see what you can do in your community to spread the word about TPF.

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## ear Supporters

First of all, wishing all of you a Happy,

Prosperous and Peaceful Telugu New Year **Ugadi!**

Keeping the upcoming Admissions time in mind, we decided to separate Student Engagement and Operations in to two different Director Level posts. Krishna garu will now focus on student applications processing and all other



I am glad to announce that Dr. Surya Akella Dhulipalla has agreed to be our Director of Student Engagement. She has been with us for quite some time and learned the process as a

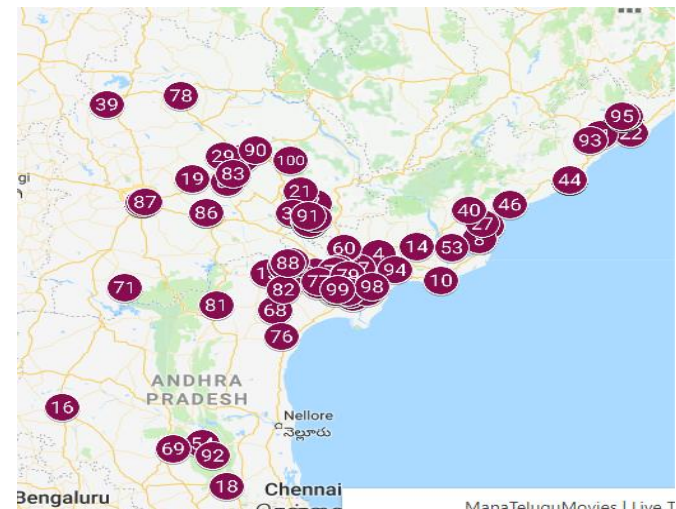
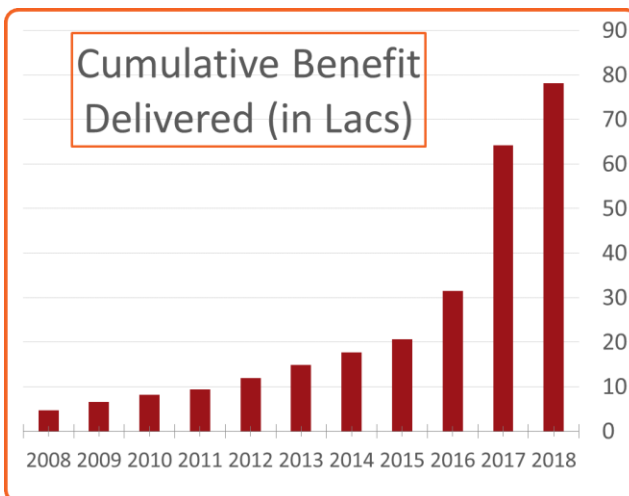
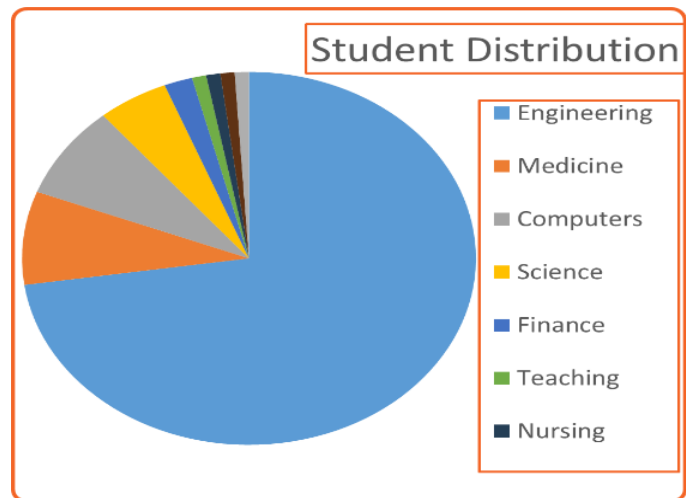
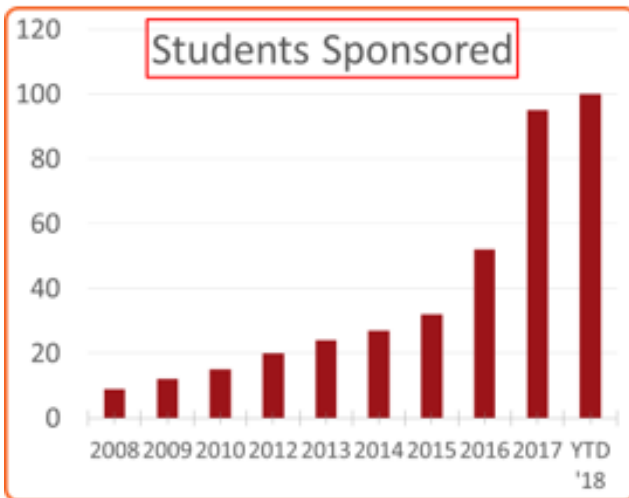
operations. Kiran will be Joint-Director of Operations reporting to Krishna. Please join me in welcoming the promotion of Dr. Surya as a Director.



# Scholarships at a glance

By Director, Operations - **Krishna Kotha**

Years Established	Students Sponsored	Graduates Employed	Projects Sponsored	Money Disbursed (₹)
10	100	26	16	78,14,743



# Treasurer's report

By Lava Boggavarapu

This has been a very productive quarter for us. Thanks in part to the Corporate Donations and Matching Donations from Corporations, we had a big influx of money in 2018 Q1. Our bank balance has crossed 50K for the very first time since our existence. We are very encouraged by that.

collection amount of \$100,000 and also a cumulative count of 150 sponsored students. We are pretty excited about that.

Here are the unofficial (these aren't yet blessed by the CPA) numbers for 2017.

	Debit	Credit
<b>Brought forward from 2016</b>		<b>13,152.53</b>
Scholarships	(37,098.00)	
Adopt-a-Project	(18,537.87)	
Adopt-a-Student	(318.52)	
Annual Event	(3,150.00)	
NJ Annual Filing Fees	(25.50)	
Bank Fees	(42.00)	
Website Hosting	(100.00)	
Website Updates	(100.00)	
TAGB Booth Fees	(250.00)	
Supplies for the booth	(77.97)	
TPA Fees	(335.38)	
PayPal Commission	(289.66)	
Amazon Smile		55.54
Corporate/Matching Donations		29,381.75
Individual Donations		43,988.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>(60,324.90)</b>	<b>73,426.15</b>

2018 looks very promising and we are all set to reach a donation

Amazon Smiles continues to be generous to our cause – in all of 2017, we received a total of



\$55.54 from them. When you purchase from Amazon, please

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Our **Endowment Fund** and the **Rainy Day funds** at T. Rowe Price had a good year and in view of our conservative asset allocation, wasn't hurt that much by the recent turmoil in the US Stock Markets.

The recent **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act** (TCJA) has some significant changes to the donations to Charities. You are best advised to meet a certified professional for the full implications on a personal basis. Please refer to [TheBalance.com](https://www.thebalance.com) for some basic information.

# Students Roundup

By Director, Operations - **Krishna Kotha**

## Scholarships offered during the quarter

**W**e have reached a milestone of sponsoring 100 students. This is the goal we had set for ourselves during our last anniversary event in May 2017. I am glad to announce that we have achieved this goal during this quarter, with enormous support from our generous donors, diligent partners and our committed volunteers.

Our challenge now is to support them through their graduation, mentor them and help them find employment. Furthermore, we have exceeded **\$100,000** in cumulative benefit delivered. We have not imagined that we would create such an impact

**100<sup>th</sup> scholarship granted**

**Exceeded \$100k  
cumulative funds raised**

when we started 10 years ago. We will continue our journey along the path to maximize the value for every dollar donation we receive.

Although the academic year is half way through, we continued to receive scholarship requests during the first quarter of 2018. This is primarily from students, who are enrolled using temporary hand loans from friends & family and are looking to repay them in time. Furthermore, our scholarship offers a sense of financial security for them to stay focused on studies. From those requests, we have offered scholarships for five students to pursue various courses.

What's more gratifying is that these requests are referrals from existing students, who were earlier sponsored by us.

We are extremely pleased that our students are not only taking full advantage of the scholarship we offer, but also spreading the word to other students genuinely in need within their circles. This shows their concern for their fellow classmates in

particular and society in general. I am sure they will mature to be socially responsible professionals and citizens.

## Students house pictures

One of our student's house pursuing Diploma:





Other students' houses; they are pursuing **Engineering**:



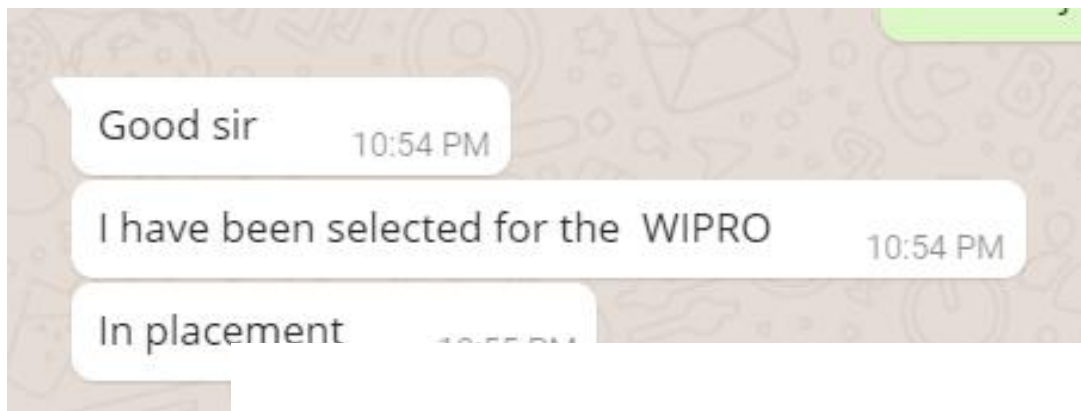
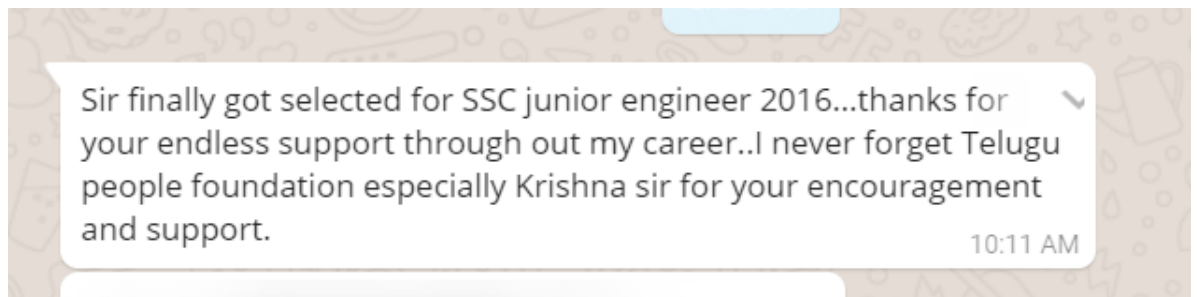
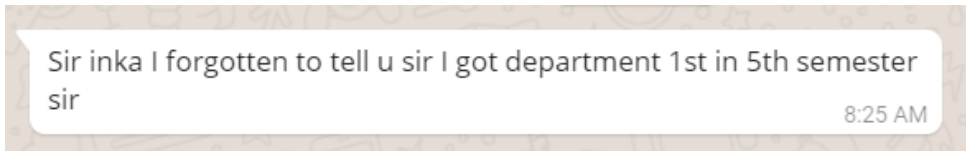
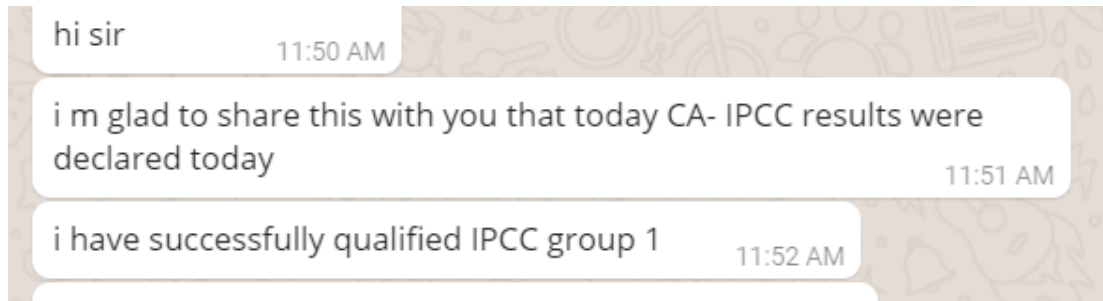
### Student accomplishments:

Our students continue to make us and our donors proud with their accomplishments, both in academics and profession. The fact that these are achieved against all economical/social odds, competing with the rest of their classmates, having access to more resources, make them very special for our students and for us. Their achievements reinforce our faith in our scholarship program and encourage us to do more.



## Messages from students

Here is a collection of messages we have received during the last quarter. I can tell you: it's an absolute joy to receive one of these messages from students.



# Adopt-a-Project(s)

## Update of Projects from Previous Quarters:

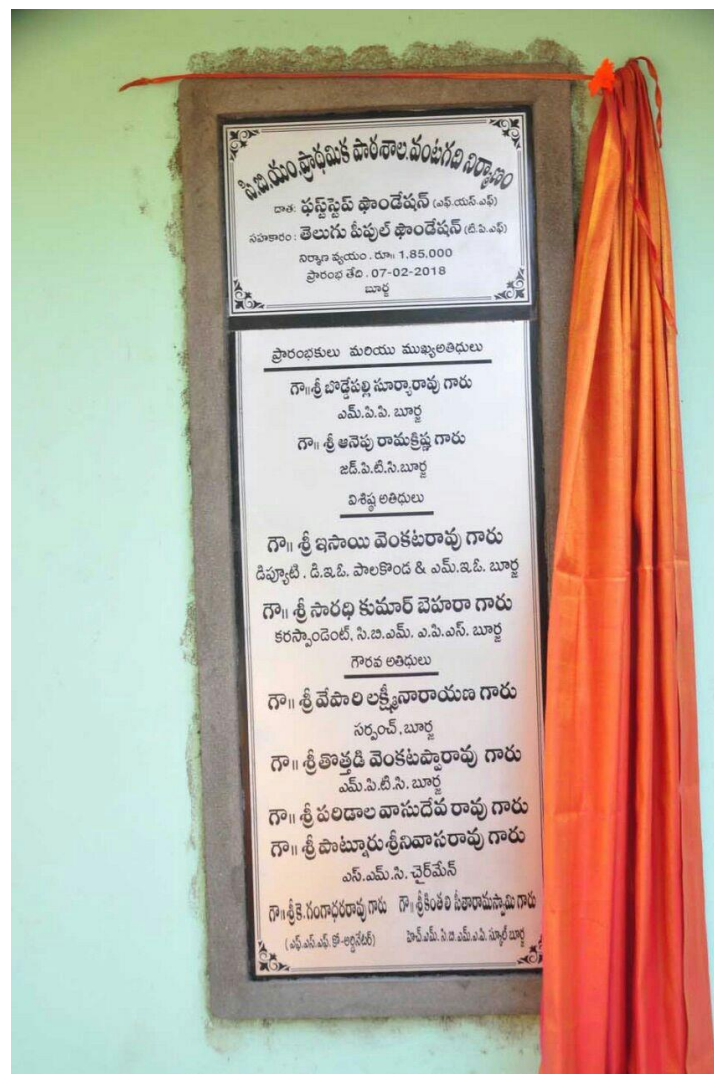
I am pleased to report that the Kitchen project, sponsored in partnership with **First Step Foundation** in 17Q4 has been completed and inaugurated in Feb,



2018. It costed a small sum of \$2,500 (along with a dedicated team) to complete and will serve the students for many years to come through my association with TeluguPeople Foundation, I have had opportunity to work with Principals and Head Masters of several elementary and high schools all over Andhra Pradesh. I find that they are not only most qualified; but are very committed towards teaching their underprivileged students. Unfortunately, they lack the resources they need to effectively educate their students.

Over the last couple of years, we have partnered with Sneha Hasthaalu to bridge this gap through our **Adopt-a-Project** program. One of the initiative is to install digital class rooms at multiple government schools. Last quarter, digital classrooms were installed at **11 government schools**. The key to success of this initiative is to not just install the hardware, but to provide high quality digital content to engage students. We couldn't have found a better partner than, Sneha Hasthaalu, our partner on the ground, to manage the content and hardware. More classrooms will be installed in upcoming quarters.

Digital classrooms were installed in 11 govt schools









## New projects undertaken during this Quarter:

Once again, this year, we are preparing to provide school supplies to over 110 schools adopted and managed by our partner Sneha Hasthaalu. The books are printed and delivered already; once the school year starts, the supplies will be distributed as similar to last year.



During this quarter, we have undertaken two new projects to provide or repair existing drinking water facilities for two schools, one in *Mothadaka* village, Guntur and another in *Kanigiri* town in Prakasam district. The project for Mothadaka is in partnership with **First Step Foundation**. The work is currently in progress and expected to complete in couple of months. We will continue to provide updates in forthcoming newsletters.

# Change in the air

By Director, Student Engagement – **Surya Dullipalla**

**C**ertainly this year is a 'landmark' year in United States. The kids marching on the streets for their safety is reminiscing the 1960s of United States when women marched for their rights! The air is charged for change! The kids in 60s did it then and kids in 2018 are doing it now! Its again only kids! I mean teens! I wondered how these kids managed to bring this movement! I hear their *speeches* with awe!

Just as much as Science and Math are needed in a curriculum, arts education plays a great role in the human mind. Debates, public speaking, drama, writing blogs, expressing your thoughts without any bias are indispensable to the human mind.

TeluguPeople Foundation volunteers are relentlessly working towards the shaping of those kids in India who do not have the privileges or support the kids in Stoneman Douglas have. This year is a landmark year, here at TeluguPeople Foundation! We had a great start this year with

the kick-off meeting to establish the **Student Engagement Wing** in our organization. Several volunteers have come forward to participate in this philanthropic activity. The organizers recognized gaps in their direct involvement with students throughout their academic year! This could be attributed to the lack of volunteering resources as well.



Due to the wide spread of Foundation's funding activities, there is a large pool of applicants seeking funds for their education. There has been a toil on a few volunteers who spent many hours of their personal time towards the applicant screening process as well as monitoring students' progress and providing mentorship. They deserve a 'Shout Out'. If not for them, TPF



could not be in the forefront of the Google searches. We need volunteers! A few kind-hearted individuals stepped forward to do their piece. This has given a great encouragement to the Foundation and hence the inception of the **Student Engagement Wing**. It was a great brainstorming session. Our discussion included - Interaction among mentors; Interaction between mentors and students; Strategies/Guidelines to train mentors; Ways we can utilize technology like conference calls to bring a mentor closer to a student.

We hope to keep this momentum and vibrancy at TPF! Look forward to exciting and fulfilling updates, stories and interactions from our Mentors in the next issue.



# A Memoir

By Dr. Navin Bogg

My mom always taught me to give. She was a teacher and girls scout leader in the same school that I studied at. So, I would wait for her to finish her work before we headed home. In particular, I remember this one

housing complex, gave company to lonely people, became a Counsellor through Banjara, Helping Hand, & Cristal House and helped women and children. She volunteered at Bowring hospital and M. S. Ramiah hospitals. She wasn't a medical



day when I was in fourth grade. She would ask me to help the peon's kids' homework. They were failing. And I would ask her why I couldn't spend time in the playground while I waited for her. She always said that helping those kids will give me more and that I would understand it someday.

She gave all through her life. Not necessarily money.

When she retired as a teacher she helped the older people in her

professional, but she talked to lonely patients and boosted their spirits. She volunteered at an orphanage, Indira Gandhi International Academy which housed orphans from Sri Lanka, by collecting funds for their food and taught there a few days a week. She never once asked what was in it for her. She continued till she could no longer do it. She had no regrets. She may be gone but she lives in so many people's hearts.

I went back to India to say goodbye and it was an overwhelmingly incredible feeling to listen to the people whom she helped.

Then it dawned on me that instead of spending the time at the playground, the few hours I spent helping those less fortunate kids must have helped them long term and changed the course of their lives. (it might have helped them do better in the test and not lose a year and maybe gave them some confidence to do better). What I would have gotten from that time at the playground would have been temporary and instant satisfaction instead of long term inner peace. Suddenly I got what my mom said to me in fourth grade that day. I am so glad I listened to her that day.

It's an incredible feeling to help someone in whatever way you can. It leaves a warm feeling in you that you can revisit whenever you feel you need a boost in your life; and imagine what it can do to the person you helped.

**I honored her in her death by requesting people to offer their condolences by donating to help a child's education instead of bringing me flowers or other gifts.**

Peace

In loving memory of my mom

**Dr. Navin Bogg**

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**2018 New Year's Resolution**

- ☐ Go to GYM
- ☐ Eat Healthy
- ☐ Get Life Insurance
- ☐ Spend more time with family
- ☐ Save for Diya's college
- ☐ Get organized
- ☐ Plan for retirement

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