

IAYP Gold Awardees For the Year 2020

*IAYP is known for its uniqueness in enhancing skills and developing Team spirit in non-competitive environments amongst young people. It's a proud moment to announce that three Jindalites **Harnoor Kaur, Tanushree and Yashnoor Kaur from the Batch 2020** have been awarded with an IAYP distinguished "Gold Award" for their continuous contribution in different areas like Residential Project, Social Service, Sports and Adventure Journey.*

Read on their reflections

"John Lennon once said, 'There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be.'

Today as I stand nominated for the Gold Award for completing my journey for the International Award for Young People, I feel elated to share my experience, which started purely by chance but was sustained through wilful determination. It's undoubtedly been an experience of a lifetime which bore the sweetest fruits for me.

It was three years ago when I, a grade IX student then, ventured into this unexpected journey via a call of the herd. I got myself enrolled not thinking much about what it actually entailed. The only thing I was conscious of was constantly recording my progress in sports (hockey for me) and curricular activities (dance specifically) on a daily basis in a record book or a diary. At the same time, I was extending my service to the community by teaching lessons as well as dance to the kids of our support staff, unbeknownst of any kind of reward that it may offer. I did it simply for the joy of service.



The following year, I started with ticking off all the different areas under the programme including service like aiding our bhaiyas in the dining hall by arranging the utensils. The other activities I engaged in were surveying the students about the issues they may be facing and attending workshops on health, NCC, etc. Some of the tasks seemed mundane but there were exciting bits too like the adventurous trips to amazing places which offered a fair amount of challenge as well as a refreshing break.

Having got the Bronze and Silver Award the journey for the gold became a bit more immersive. I often volunteered to guide the visitors and participants during competitions and extended my service for keeping our school area clean in order to complete the 52 weeks of service.

The day I received a confirmation call regarding my nomination for the gold award, I felt extremely delighted for the recognition and acknowledgement of my efforts. I honestly owe this success to my teachers-Sir Rupesh and Sir Dinesh, who constantly guided and motivated me. They're the ones who helped me develop my skills and excel in my passion.

Therefore, taking this opportunity, I'd like to suggest the readers to enrol themselves for this amazing programme which will not only help you achieve your goals but will also provide you with the greatest contentment in the form of joy and recreation. I hope you grab this opportunity whenever it's available and make the best use of it.

Thank you, IAYP!"

Tanushri, Batch of 2020

“The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.”

As conventional as it sounds, it all started one fine morning, three years ago, in the school assembly hall, when I, a ninth-grade student was apprised of a seemingly interesting programme called the International Award for Young People, a journey that I gradually realised is as worthwhile as it appears to be.



For partaking in this youth empowerment programme, I chose ‘shooting’ and ‘cooking’ as my physical activity and skills. As I progressed with this journey, I got to embark on various adventure trips and activities, organised by Sir Dinesh and Sir Rupesh, the programme coordinators. In order to extend my service for society, I went on to teach the children of our support staff and engaged in various rallies on issues of awareness, with continued support from Ma’am Suman Arora.

As I stand here, having received the gold medal for completing this project, I feel extremely grateful to every single teacher who has been truly supportive of my journey and helped me cross numerous stepping stones towards the end of this journey. It is the finest feeling of accomplishment as I look back on all the meaningful things I did.

However, IAYP for me has been more than a certificate or a medal. It's been a valuable experience of a lifetime, that has consistently shaped me into a more mature and confident adult.

I still feel short of words to thank everybody who’s helped evolve this journey into real education for the youth across countries.
It’s such a pleasure to have been a part of it.

Thank you once again.

-Yashnoor Kaur, Batch of 2020

Sometimes, it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination and turns out more important than the outcome. As I sit here, proud and ecstatic of the gold medal I've been bestowed with, I can't help but reflect on how abruptly this journey started, and how precious it turned out to be.

I joined IAYP in 2016 after attending an assembly conducted by Santosh Mishra Sir, highlighting the prospects IAYP provides. And today I can only be grateful for the experience I've had after that.

IAYP has helped me shape my personality holistically. It has changed my outlook for life and has made my interests more diverse, refined and socially impactful. I have understood the significance of service in my life, and it has only made me more fulfilled. Moreover, IAYP has greatly helped me improve my game (Basketball).



A lot of students wrongly presume that IAYP is only about social service, but it is so much more than that. It includes a lot of other activities like adventure and field trips in its journey to make it more exciting and all-inclusive. You interact with a plethora of people, get different ideas and experiences, and it really widens your

mental horizons. Most importantly, IAYP does not force you to stick to the conventional methods of social service. It focuses on learning and gaining experience by teaching and sharing.

I can also very happily say that the role of teachers in this journey has been vital. All of my teachers have been extremely supportive and encouraging. I am grateful to Dinesh sir, Rupesh sir and Suman ma'am, and all the other teachers who provided us with various opportunities and organised adventure and field trips.

I felt at home at IAYP, I was happy, and this was the perfect platform for me. A perfect blend of service and enjoyment. I have learned so much from this experience, and it's an honour to receive a gold medal. I cannot express in words the immense joy I felt after receiving the confirmation, and I can only say that all the time and hard work I put in, has truly paid off! The experience of this journey has been all-giving, and because of the place it holds in my heart, I plan to be involved with it even after I graduate.

And lastly, my dear friends, I encourage all of you to give IAYP a chance, and you'll learn so much in return. This is an opportunity of a lifetime, and there is no other experience like it.

If I can do it, so can you!

Thank you!

Harnoor Kaur, Batch of 2020