

## Rakesh Gajagowni for Director (BOD) In Jitender Aluri Panel



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My wife and I have been married for 22 years, and blessed with two wonderful kids. My wife is an IT professional and instrumental in creating a positive family culture incorporating our traditions, values and Indian culture to make sure we pass on those precious assets to our kids. Sai Varoon, our son, is a Sophomore at Mizzou pursuing Pre-Med. and is an honor student. He made it to the Missouri Top 100 High School students list and has achieved "Wall of Honor" at Fort Zumwalt West High School. Sonika, our daughter, is a high school student and has been a student of Kuchipudi Art Academy for the past 7 years.

### **Community Service:**

- ✓ I've been an active member of TAS for over 6 years. I've been assisting in stage decorations, kid's lineup, and registrations for the yearly TAS cultural events. Helped TAS organize "Day at the Food Bank" event. I have been a panel member of the recently conducted TAS Educational Seminar. Encouraged my family to actively participate in all events organized by TAS.
- ✓ I've been a core member of Bathukamma Festival organizing committee in St. Louis. Actively participated in financial planning, food arrangements, venue selection and setup for the event that has witnessed exponential growth in participation.
- ✓ Active Volunteer for ISCKON and helped them conduct weekly home spiritual events.
- ✓ My family participates in all major events at the temple and we have been assisting with floral decoration for poojas and prasadam preparation in the kitchen.

### **My Commitment:**

- ✓ I truly believe that education and the success of our youth should become one of the major priorities of TAS.
- ✓ I wish to implement is the distribution of information and resources, in terms of education and scholarships, to students and their families.
- ✓ Extending College financial planning, ACT/SAT knowledgebase and shadowing/volunteering opportunities. The goal here is to formalize facilitation of such information from different members of our organization and other organizations for mutual success and well-being.
- ✓ This is a part of my vision for TAS and I strongly believe that being a part of its decision-making body will give me a platform and allow me to effectively work to achieve this common goal.