

SABAA 2021 Accomplishments



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Dear Community Members:

The year 2022 didn't start the way we all anticipated. Unfortunately, the United States and other parts of the world continue to report an exponential surge in infections and record-high Covid-19 hospitalizations, largely driven by the highly contagious Omicron variant. This could be our new normal for now but hope to see better days in the near future.

Having said that in 2021 the SABAA team and a few community volunteers relentlessly worked on several projects and events; and executed and delivered them because of your genuine in-person and virtual participation, generosity, and kindness. With all these considerations, we want to share with you the following 2021 accomplishments summary:

1. ***Career Search Workshop (Virtual)*** – The purpose of this workshop was to provide tools to the interested community individuals who want to learn more about joining the State and Federal Government workforce. February 20, 2021
2. ***BMANA-CA Chapter COVID 19 Q&A Session (Virtual)*** – SABAA informed our community that medical doctors from SABAA Executive Committee and collectively, the BMANA-CA medical doctors held a session to respond to any pandemic related questions. March 9, 2021
3. ***College Admission Workshop (Virtual)*** – The purpose of this workshop was to provide tools to the interested student who wants to learn more about how to apply, what to look for, and what to expect. April 10, 2021
4. ***Eid Adda (Virtual)*** – a magnificent Eid program because of the talented performers and volunteers from our community and from Los Angeles, Cleveland, Washington DC, New York, and Bangladesh. May 15, 2021
5. ***Integration of TINKERS- Amar Vasha to SABAA Platform*** – SABAA integrated TINKERS Technologies, Ltd. - Amar Vasha on the SABAA platform. TINKERS is a Bangladeshi-based Bangla learning institute, and its mission is to assist, encourage, and inspire every Bangladeshi-American child from age 4-19 to speak, read, and write in their mother language. June 9, 2021

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6. ***Picnic and Eid-ul Adha (In-Person)*** –It was indeed an excellent outdoor gathering which provided us an opportunity to catch-up with community friends and families since the pandemic started last year. With an informal cultural program, outdoor adults’ and kids’ games, and yummy foods really made this program very enjoyable. July 24, 2021
7. ***Congratulate 2021 Graduates*** –Recognized 2021 Graduates from our community for their extraordinary talents and success from preschool, kindergarten, primary school, middle school, high school, college, or university – May 27, 2021
8. ***Consular Services*** – SABAA organized and facilitated the Consular Services in the Sacramento area and the Consul General of Bangladesh provided- No Visa Required Visa, Dual Citizenship Visa, Attestation, Machine Readable Passport, and Visa Renewal services. June 26, 2021
 - a) On behalf of SABAA and the Bangladeshi community in the greater Sacramento area we officially invited the Consul General Mr. Tareque Muhammad and his team for the above mobile full services from the Los Angeles Consulate. April 19, 2021
9. ***Camping at Collins Lake, CA*** – This year there were 22 families including kids and a few daytime campers who joined enthusiastically to have some exciting fun together. The team SABAA planned and worked relentlessly on logistics to serve an estimated 70-80 people at the campsite during our two-night stay. In addition, many volunteers have provided their undivided attention and assistance organizers for their heartfelt support from shopping, cleaning, cooking, contributing food, boating, kayaking, swimming, fishing, singing, laughing, joking, playing cards, to hiking activities. August 20-22, 2021
10. ***2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election*** – We informed our community members about the recall election on September 14, 2021, because every election outcome has consequences in our life, and we strongly encourage all Bangladeshi-Americans in this community to express their opinion in the ballot box. August 29, 2021
11. ***Aid Caldor Fire Victims: SABAA and HBB Joint Project*** – Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated as the fire advances, covered over 218,000 acres, and affected more than 50,000 people per Cal Fire reporting. We are proud of our community members for their quick responses and generous donations to assist the El Dorado County fire victims. We are delighted to report that with your sincere collaborations and generous contributions, SABAA raised a total amount of \$2,193 for this project while HBB raised a total of \$3,325. SABAA and HBB officials met with a few community coordinators of the El Dorado Community Foundation and donated the collected fundings. October 1, 2021

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- 12. *Protest to Protect Hindus in Bangladesh*** - SABAA sent out an email to our community and calls for Solidarity, Justice, and Peace to Protect Hindus in Bangladesh. The protest was held in front of the State Capitol, Sacramento California on October 23, 2021
- 13. *Bijoy Dibosh (50th Anniversary) Celebration*** – The Golden Jubilee marks a milestone in the history of Bangladesh, and it was indeed a joyous feeling for SABAA to arrange this special festive event for the community. Over 350 people attended the festival. This event was a huge success with a fabulous cultural program and Bijoy Mela along with varieties of mouthwatering foods, other commodities, and services. December 11, 2021
- 14. *Introduce UFF fund to SABAA Platform*** – SABAA Executive Committee decided to give an annual achievement award every year starting 2021 to an adult, or a youth, or an organization for a significant contribution to our society. This award has two parts: 1) a recognition certificate, and 2) a cash award of \$250. The Uddin Family Fund (UFF) is a continuous commitment from Dr. Meskath Uddin. SABAA commends the Uddin family for their commitment. The 2021 recognition award went to Mr. Mohammad Billah (Rana) for his significant contributions and dedication to our community. December 11, 2021
- 15. *SABAA Inspires Community Youth Students*** – SABAA provided a recommendation letter to a student as well as offered volunteer hours to another individual student.
- 16. *Youth Award from SABAA*** – SABAA presented two youth recognition awards to Zarin Hasan and Adeena Rahman for their extraordinary work and contributions to enhance the SABAA website. December 11, 2021

Please check the SABAA website for detailed updates of the above-highlighted projects and events including many pictures and media news from a few TV channels of Bangladesh. We look forward to conducting SABAA businesses, events, and other projects for this year and the years to come with your continuous and sincere support.