

SABAA 2023 Accomplishments



December 29, 2023

Dear Community Members:

We wish you all a safe and happy 2024! In 2023, the SABAA team and many dedicated community volunteers relentlessly worked on several projects and events; and executed and delivered them because of your genuine in-person participation, generosity, and kindness! With all these considerations, we want to share with you the following **2023 accomplishments summary**:

1. **Career Search Workshop (Virtual)** – This workshop aimed to provide tools to interested community individuals who want to learn more about joining the State and Federal Government workforce. Several presentations were made. *February 11, 2023*
2. **Eid-ul Fitr Adda** – The Eid-ul Fitr Adda was simply magnificent because of the unprecedented participation of our community friends and families, and varieties of mouthwatering foods. The Eid event featured fabulous performances from the community’s talented adults and youth performers along with a guest artist, Shayanti Ghoshal (Tithi). We thanked our community volunteers for helping with the event logistics. *April 22, 2023*
3. **Congratulate 2023 Graduates** – Recognized 2023 Graduates from our community for their extraordinary talents and success from preschool, kindergarten, primary school, middle school, high school, college, or university. *May 21, 2023*
4. **Free Community Health-Care Medical Service Seminar** – SABAA organized a **FREE HealthCare Service and a Health Seminar** on preventive cancer screening. This service was for Bangladeshi and non-Bangladeshi community members who have limited access to healthcare services, where they can use extra medical advice from the Bangladeshi medical doctors in our community. Both male and female doctors were present for any health concerns in their privacy settings with their choice of doctors. At the same time, an interactive short Bangladeshi Healthcare Educational Seminar on preventive cancer screening was presented by the Cal State East Bay College of Science, Department of Public Health. *June 3, 2023*
5. **Consular Service** – SABAA organized and facilitated the Consular Services in the Davis area and the Consul General of Bangladesh provided- No Visa Required Visa, Dual Citizenship Visa, Attestation, Machine Readable Passport, and Visa Renewal services. *June 25, 2023*
6. **Eid-ul Adha Celebration** – An excellent outdoor gathering that allowed us to catch up with community friends and families and introduce new families since the pandemic started last year. With an informal cultural program, outdoor adults’ and kids’ games, BBQ, and yummy foods made this program very enjoyable. *July 1, 2023*
7. **Camping at Findley Campground, Sierraville, CA** – This year there were 39 families (140 total) 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 110-120 people at the campsite during our two-night stay. In addition, many volunteers have provided their undivided attention and assistance to organizers for their heartfelt support from shopping, cleaning, cooking, contributing food, singing, laughing, joking, playing cards, to hiking activities. *August 4-6, 2023*

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8. **College Admission and Essay Writing Workshop (Virtual)** – The purpose of this workshop was to provide tools to interested students who want to learn more about how to apply, what to look for, and what to expect. The *Essay Writing* part of the workshop is the new addition to the educational series. The presentations and interactive discussions among parents, students, and panelists appeared to be an excellent way of sharing information and responding to their questions. In this virtual workshop, the college student panelists have provided their personal experiences and stories to school students as guidance so that students can process their college applications to choose a pathway. This event not only benefits high schoolers but also provides tools to middle schoolers, and other students for their future endeavors. It was a great turnout. *September 2, 2023*
9. **Picnic** – An excellent outdoor gathering that allowed us to catch up with community friends and families and introduce new families at Elk Grove Regional Park. This year, we had an overwhelming community members attendance from all over the Greater Sacramento area which truly made the event more enjoyable and memorable for everyone. Among your gracious presence, we had Bobbie Singh-Allen, Mayor of the City of Elk Grove, and YK Chalamcherla, Vice-Mayor of the city of Folsom as our invited honorary guest speakers who were very interested in learning more about the vibrant Bangladeshi community in the Greater Sacramento area. With an informal cultural program, outdoor adults’ and kids’ games, BBQ, and yummy foods made this program very enjoyable. *September 30, 2023*
10. **UC Davis Pediatric Cancer Program** – SABAA has supported and sponsored the UC Davis Pediatric Cancer Program since pre-pandemic. As part of Shashwati Roy’s annual charitable fundraising activities, the 5K Fundraiser Walk was held *at the Johnny Cash Trail of Folsom*. This year Shashwati Roy along with our community member Towhid Rahman invited us to participate in and support the 5K Walk. This was a youth-organized event with multiple community participation. Approximately, 10,000 children under the age of 15 have already been diagnosed with cancer this year. With our community support, we raised and donated **\$833** for this great cause. SABAA awarded four (4) hours of youth volunteering hours for each student for a total of eight (8) students for their schools. It was a great success! *October 1, 2023*
11. **Bijoy Dibosh Celebration** – We want to convey our humble gratitude and sincere appreciation to all community members, talented youth and adult performers in the cultural program, Bijoy Mela stall-representers, and volunteers including kids who attended, participated, and supported the celebration of Mohan Bijoy Dibosh, 2023. The Bijoy Dibosh commemorates the birth of Bangladesh as a free nation, and it was indeed a joyous feeling for SABAA to arrange this special festive event for the community. Over 350 people attended the festival on December 16, 2023. This event was a huge success with a fabulous cultural program, Bijoy Mela, and a variety of mouthwatering foods, other commodities, and services. We hope you have enjoyed this gala.
A few highlights of this magnificent event are:
 - ❖ The SABAA Executive Committee started to give an annual achievement award in 2021 to an adult, 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 support and commitment. SABAA encourages interested individuals to engage in community activities.
 - ❖ This year SABAA’s prestigious recognition and UFF cash awards went to Mr. Salam Khan for his significant contributions and dedication to our community.

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- ❖ SABAA organized Mohan Bijoy Dibosh, 2023 celebration is covered by a few prints and electronics *news media in Bangladesh*. Please read the news below. **December 16, 2023**

Daily Kolom Kotha: click [here](#)

Desh Chitro: click [here](#)

Swadesh Barta24: click [here](#)

Dhaka Post: click [here](#)

Desh Rupantor: click [here](#)

Kaler Kantho: click [here](#)

Dhaka Morning News: click [here](#)

12. Other Collaborations – SABAA enthusiastically collaborated with other organizations and shared their events or program information with our community to keep them conversant with the latest updates. They were as follows:

- ❖ Shared the invitations and information on various events organized by the Los Angeles Consulate Bangladesh, related to the Independence Day celebration and art competitions.
- ❖ Shared information on different events related to career fairs, summer camps to promote science, Muslim Cemetery construction initiatives, and business promotion led by local Bangladeshi professionals and university professors.
- ❖ Redirected invitations from different associations including a concert arranged by the Bay Area Bangladesh Association (BABA) and Bengali movies brought by Star Synergy Entertainment.
- ❖ Shared news to create awareness during challenging times, such as solidarity with Asian American and Pacific Islanders during the incidents in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay, and offered assistance to the 2022-2023 California flood victims.

Please check the SABAA website for detailed updates on the above-highlighted projects and events, including many pictures and media news from 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.

Keep in mind, the **SABAA platform is yours to join anytime** to promote and flourish our next generation to the mainstream of the USA. If you want to solicit positive ideas to create an impact in our society and our next generation, please drop an email, text, or call any of the SABAA executive members to discuss. In the meantime, please take care of yourself and each other. Together, we can always succeed!

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, SABAA

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