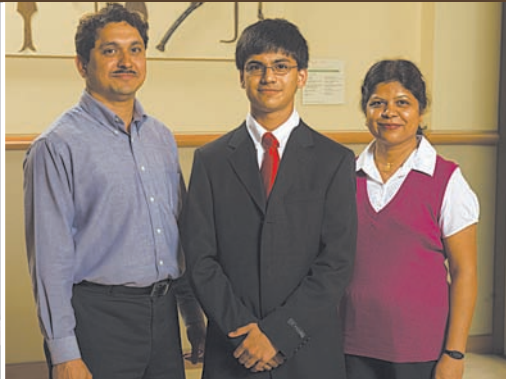




2009 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, honoree Amit Kulkarni, and Daria Placitella, Executive Vice President, Eastern Region, PNC Wealth Management

Honoree Amit Kulkarni with his parents

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Linda Bowden, President
PNC Northern New Jersey

Honoree Amit Kulkarni

Amit Kulkarni of Kendall Park was nominated by Dipesh Patel for his active volunteerism since age 10, starting with his newspaper club in sixth grade which helped raise money for local charities. Amit joined a youth leadership club and advanced to assistant instructor at his international martial arts program. Most notable is his commitment to the Youth Advisory Council, a volunteer program at his local library, in which he helps plan events, activities and crafts for local teens. He has participated in food drives and community clean-ups, as well as many fundraising activities including a Theatre Club benefit for Katrina victims. Amit is an honor student and a member of the marching band, and he continues to volunteer in his community.

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