



What is your name? Where are you from?

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Hari Ganesh. I am from Salem, in the southern part of India.

When were you at Stanford? For how long?

September 2011 – March 2013.

Were you a student or a spouse at Stanford? What were you/your spouse studying?

Student. I was doing my MS&E Masters.

Where do you live now and what are you doing?

Dallas, Texas. I am working for BCG.

When you were at Stanford, how did you hear about the CCIS?

At Bechtel International Center, when I went for orientation, Donna Shoemaker was at Bechtel, informing all new international students about the Hospitality program. I was very enthusiastic and signed up immediately.

Which CCIS programs did you participate in and in what capacity?

The Hospitality program, also known as having “house parents.” I was lucky to be chosen to have two house parents.

When and how did you decide to participate in these CCIS programs?

I decided to participate that orientation day at Bechtel International Center when I was told about the Hospitality program by Donna Shoemaker of CCIS.

How was your experience taking part in CCIS's programs?

Absolutely wonderful. I had the unique opportunity to partake in the life of an American family. I learnt a lot about the culture and heritage of the USA. And I had the greatest experience as I was totally made to feel like part of the family. It was like a real family for me and helped me weather the difficult and stressful times of college.

What message would you like to give to the CCIS?

Dear CCIS,

The Hospitality program is a most wonderful program. Thanks so much for initiating this. Please keep it active always. It's a great support to students.

Hari