



Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America

Congratulations to our 2009-2010 Scholarship Recipient

We received applications from several of our alumnae who have demonstrated excellence in their academic achievements, leadership ability, and participation in extracurricular activities. We would like to thank all our outstanding applicants who took the time and effort to send in their application. It was not an easy task for the Scholarship Selection Committee to select the finalist from this most qualified applicant pool.

Our goal is to motivate our student members to shine academically as well as personally, so we truly hope that you all will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in the years to come. For your convenience, we have also made the scholarship application available online. As always, if there is anything that we can do to help you, please let us know.

We are extremely proud to announce our 2009-2010 MGCAANA Scholar – Pawani Mihirangi Jayaratna. She received a \$250.00 scholarship.

Pawani Mihirangi Jayaratna is a freshman at the University of Mississippi, and her major is secondary education with an emphasis in biology. After completing the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination in arts at Mahamaya, she migrated to the U.S. with her parents. At Mahamaya, she was an active member of many societies and groups, including the Art, Media, ADIC, and Astronomy Societies, as well as the dancing group. She has trained in both *Kandyan* and *Kathak* dancing. Pawani has also received numerous awards in the field of dancing and has represented Mahamaya at the national level. Upon completing the Bachelor of Arts degree in education, she hopes to teach biology to middle and high school students. She also wishes to pursue higher studies while serving as a teacher. Moreover, given Pawani's interest in dancing, she plans to join the university ballet group in the future.

On behalf of MGCAANA, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Scholarship Selection Committee would like to sincerely congratulate Pawani and wish her continued success in her academic and professional pursuits.

Best regards,
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Chairperson, Scholarship Selection Committee
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