

SEBS NA, Inc. (Formerly SEBS-North America)

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Annual Report 2023-24
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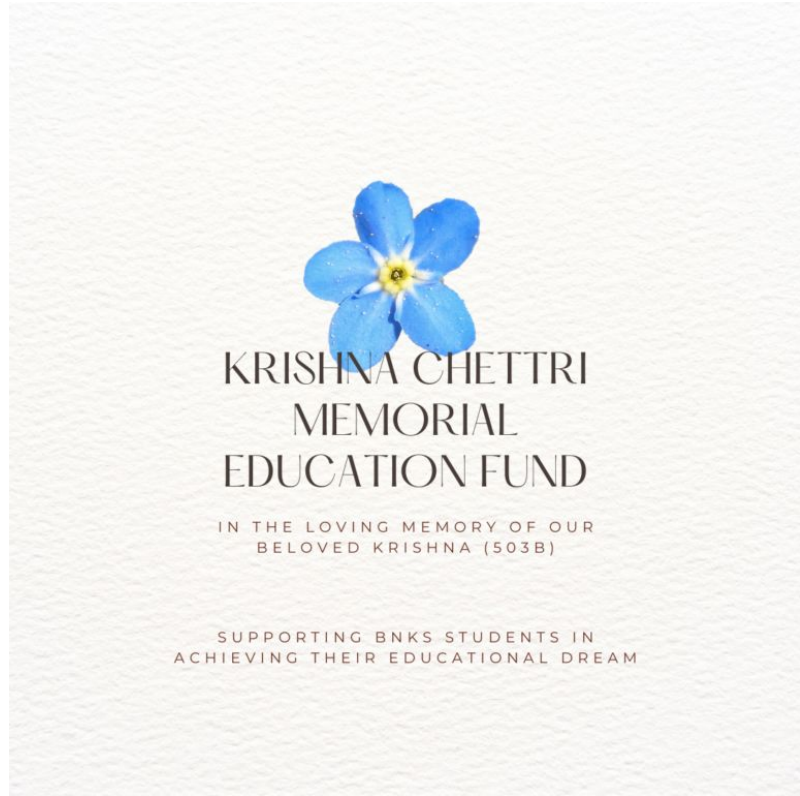
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Krishna Chettri Memorial Education Fund

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Krishna Chettri Memorial Education Fund

The Krishna Chettri Memorial Education Fund (KC Fund) supports **current students of Budhanilkantha School with need-based micro-grants for college admissions expenses, specifically for institutions in North America.** The fund covers up to 50% of fees related to college applications, such as application fees, standardized test fees (SAT/TOEFL), visa fees, and SEVIS fees. The fund aims to provide up to \$100 to 10-15 students each year, disbursing at least \$800 annually.

To date, the KC Fund has raised \$16,887.50, primarily from SEBSers, and will invest \$15,887.50 in a Vanguard account, reserving \$1,000 for this year's scholarships. The Fund was officially announced by Bharat Kandel (Immediate Past President of SEBS-NA) at the Budhanilkantha School assembly in June 2024, and the application process was launched. **Currently, six students have applied for assistance with SAT fees, each receiving \$55.**

The fund was established in the loving memory of our beloved former president, advisor, and dedicated volunteer Krishna Chettri (503B). SEBS North America manages the KC Fund under the guidance of the fund's stewardship committee, which comprises Pooja Sherchan (Krishna's partner, batchmate, and family representative in the committee), Batsal Devkota (Krishna's batchmate) and Laxman Udas Pandey (President of SEBS North America).

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SEBS North America's Library & Educational Project

SEBS North America's eLibrary Project

Since 2019, SEBS North America has partnered with Open Learning Exchange (OLE), a registered non-profit in Nepal, to establish eLibraries in different public and community schools in Nepal. The eLibrary project is an initiative to establish online libraries in schools in rural Nepal where there is limited or no internet connection. Accessibility to the library content, which includes resources from course books to various educational videos, is provided by helping the schools set up devices and servers that host those contents. As such, the project aims to bridge the digital divide in Nepal by establishing digital libraries in community schools that lack reliable internet access. With the eLibrary project, SEBS NA empowers both, teachers and students, to integrate modern technology into the classroom, providing them with the tools they need to enhance the learning experience. **So far, we have implemented eLibrary Projects in 10 schools in Nepal.**



2024 Library Project in Jajarkot Post-Earthquake

In 2024, SEBS NA established two physical libraries and eLibraries in the earthquake-affected district of Jajarkot. A total of 800 books were donated and fully equipped eLibraries with offline systems to access resources like educational videos, PDF books, notes, and other e-learning resources were set up in **Shree Janata Secondary School of Paiink** and **Shree Tribhuwan Secondary School of Khalanga**. Students and faculty members were trained to use the resources. SEBS NA would like to thank Uttam Sharma, Ram Rijal, Mangesh Thapa (SEBSers), Deeptika Karki, Bharat Kandel, and Laxman Udas Pandey (ex-com members) for leading the project's implementation on the ground. We would also like to thank Sudarshan Basyal (SEBSer) and Competition Dynamics Inc. (MA) for their generous donation of \$2,500 that made the project possible.

Earthquake in Western Nepal: On November 3, 2023, an earthquake hit Nepal mostly affecting areas in the hills of the mid-western region, which also happens to be one of the more rural areas in the country. Government officials report that more than 12,000 children are grappling with the aftermath of the earthquake. It is also estimated that around 1,900 pregnant women and more than 1,000 new mothers find themselves living under temporary tarpaulin shelters. The earthquake also caused significant damage to educational infrastructures. 898 schools were impacted among which 294 were completely destroyed and the remaining were partially destroyed. About 125,000 school-aged children will experience a disruption in their learning with some facing a serious risk to their access to education.







Expense Report: Library Project in Jajarkot

SEBS North America Library Project in Jajarkot 2024

| | Amount (NPR) | Amount (USD) |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| OLE Nepal eLibrary License | 20,000.344 | 151.06 |
| Standard Computers - Servers and Routers | 121,400.208 | 916.92 |
| Educational Book House - Books | 57,931.62 | 437.55 |
| Ratna Book - Books | 121,923.188 | 920.87 |
| Trishakti Pustak Bhandar - Books | 8,206.00 | 61.978852 |
| Trishakti Pustak Bhandar - Books | 550.00 | 4.1540785 |
| Mt. Everest Books and Sports - Stationaries | 5,550.00 | 41.918429 |
| Airfare - 3 tickets from Kathmandu to Nepalgunj, 2 tickets from Surkhet to Kathmandu | 39,720.00 | 300 |
| Airfare - 1 ticket from Surkhet to Kathmandu | 9,000.00 | 67.975831 |
| Square Creation and Printing - Stamp and Flex Banner | 2,500.00 | 18.882175 |
| Jeep reservation - NepalGunj to Jajarkot to Surkhet | 50,000.00 | 377.6435 |
| Buddha Air cargo for Book Transportation from Kathmandu to Nepalgunj (164 KG) | 0 | 0 |
| Accommodation - 2 rooms for 1 night | 2,400.00 | 18.126888 |
| Food - Bharat, Uttam, Deepika, Ram and Jeep Driver | 6,693.00 | 50.55136 |
| Books pickup and airport cargo drop-off | 2,850.00 | 21.52568 |
| Costs incurred during book research, servers, and other devices pick up, and general travel costs for eLibrary preparation | 5,638.00 | 42.583082 |
| Total: | 454,362.36 | 3,431.7399 |



SEBS North America's eLibrary Project

We plan to continue raising funds to establish eLibraries in public and community schools of Nepal. **For just \$600 USD, SEBS-NA can set up a fully functional eLibrary in a school.** This includes installing servers and Wi-Fi devices and providing an offline digital library that features gamified learning modules, audio-visual content, and indexed course books. Once the system is in place, students and teachers can access these resources through local Wi-Fi without the need for an internet connection or data plan. We encourage SEBS NA members to collaborate in this process.

How about establishing an eLibrary in the school you studied before joining Budhanilkantha School or the school in your home district? Let's do this! Please let us know if you are interested.

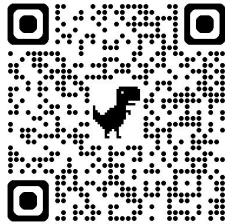
So far, we have implemented eLibrary Projects in 10 schools in Nepal: Raluka Secondary School (Nuwakot), Sharada Secondary School (Bhojpur), Rastriya Secondary School (Nawalparasi), Laxmi Secondary School (Chitwan), Dupcheshwor Secondary School (Nuwakot), Chilaune Secondary School (Sindhupalchowk), Shree Janakalyan Secondary School (Makwanpur, in partnership with SEBS Member Digbijay Bista), Pyang Secondary School (Illam), Shree Janata Secondary School and Shree Tribhuwan Secondary School (Jajarkot).



“क्या राम्रो” Book Project with Mr. Rambabu Subedi



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SEBS NA is collaborating with **Mr. Rambabu Subedi**, a renowned children's poet and former teacher at Budhanilkantha School, to publish a book titled ***Kya Ramro***. In partnership with a local press in Nepal, we plan to print around 1,000 copies, with Mr. Subedi generously offering the proceeds to SEBS North America. Mr. Subedi has authored over thirty-five books, including poetry, picture stories, plays, and educational works, most of which are designed for children. His poems are featured in school textbooks. Mr. Subedi has also taught at Eton College in the U.K. We are currently calling for sponsors/donors to support the cost of publishing the book. **We are aiming to raise around 1,500 USD. Please consider donating to “Rambabu Subedi Sir Book Fund” by scanning the QR-Code.**

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रामबाबु सुवेदी

कवि रामबाबु सुवेदीको जन्म २००४ सालमा कास्की, रूपा गाउँपालिकाअन्तर्गत हंसपुर गाउँमा भएको हो। उनका मातापिताको नाम पवित्रा सुवेदी र देवीदास सुवेदी हो। बाँ! बाँ! वाच्छी, जनुनीको छोरो, नेपाल आमा, भोगरी, पानी! पानी!, आमाजस्ती गुरुमा, चमेलीको बास्ना, उपमा मामापरमा, धरतीमा जतुकिरी, आफ्नै आमा जातीलगायत तीन दर्जन जति बालकृतिका रचयिता सुवेदीका ४० भन्दा बढी बालगीतका भिडियोहरू युट्युबमा छन्। बीचमै आइतवार बिहानै र

मेरो गाउँ ज्यामिरे गीत त हाम्रा बालबालिकाका मुखमुखमा झुन्डिएका छन्। बृहानीलकण्ठ स्कूलमा २८ वर्ष, बेलायतको इटन कलेजमा २ वर्षसहित ३५ वर्षक अद्यापन कार्य गरेका सुवेदीले प्रख्यात त्रिशक्तिपट्ट, प्रबल गोरखादक्षिणबाहु, साक्षा बालसाहित्य पुरस्कार, शिक्षा पुरस्कार, सुप्रबल जनसेवाश्रीसहित अनेक पुरस्कार र सम्मान पनि पाएका छन्।



युवक श्रेष्ठ

आमा कृष्णमाया श्रेष्ठ र पिता सूर्येकृष्ण श्रेष्ठका सुपुत्र युवक श्रेष्ठको जन्म ज्याठाटोल, काठमाडौँमा २०२८ साल साउन १२ गते भएको हो। सानै उमेरदेखि चित्रकलामा लगाव भएका श्रेष्ठले आजसम्म नेपाली बालसाहित्यका अनगिन्ती कृतिमा चित्राङ्कन गरेका छन्। उनको कुची परिस्कृत र लोभलाग्दो छ। मौलिक सिर्जनशीलतामा उनी माहिर छन्। नेपाल बालसाहित्य समाजबाट तीनपटकसम्म तीनोटा कृति शान्तिको आत्मकथा, सानी र सुरी र आमाको उपचारमा उनले

उत्कृष्ट चित्राङ्कन पुरस्कार पाएका छन्। रामबाबु सुवेदीका रुम टु रीडबाट प्रकाशित म हुँ फलाम र पहिलो टिकट कृतिमा समेत चित्राङ्कन गरेका श्रेष्ठ सधैं रङ र कुचीसित खेल रुचाउँछन्। उनी अन्तर्मुखी प्रकृतिका छन्। शिष्ट र मृदुभाषी श्रेष्ठ कम बोल्छन्, धेरै काम गर्छन्। उनी हाल नागरिक दैनिकसित आबद्ध छन्।

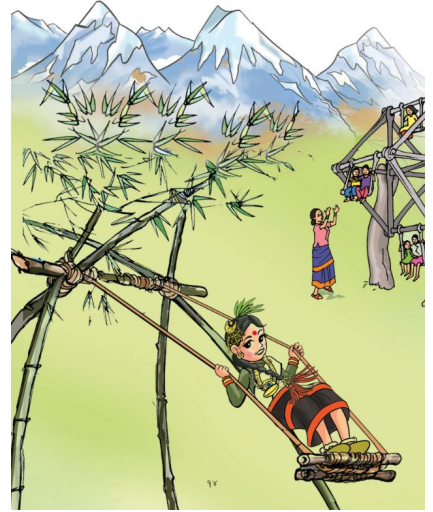
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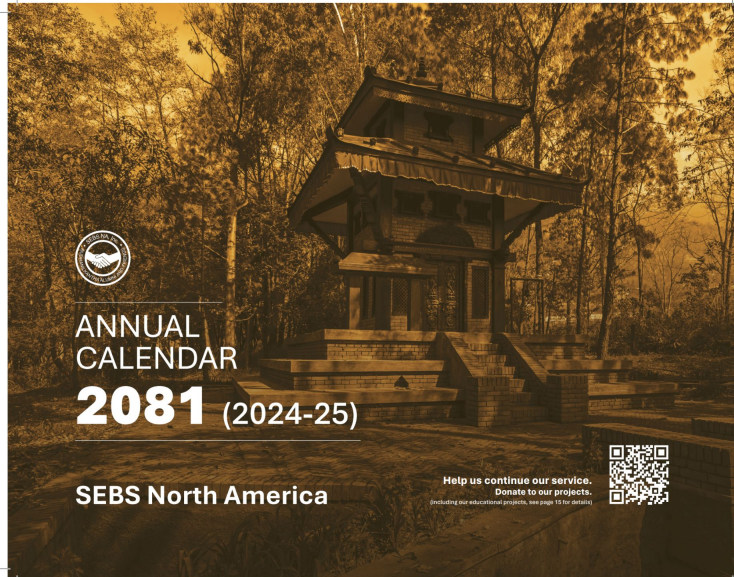
चित्र : युवक श्रेष्ठ



A group of people are gathered in a room, likely a computer lab or meeting room, working on laptops. The room has a patterned carpet, a window with blinds, and a projector screen on the right wall displaying a website. The scene is dimly lit with a blue tint. A man in a white shirt is standing and talking to a group of people seated at a table with laptops. A woman is sitting on a couch on the left. A tripod is visible in the foreground on the right.

Other Program Updates

SEBS North America's Calendar Project



We recently distributed desk calendars of the Nepali Year 2081 to key donors, advisors, active members, volunteers, and other stakeholders. These calendars, which include both American and Nepali dates, illustrate SEBS North America's rich history of serving its members, Budhanilkantha School, and the wider Nepali diaspora. Featuring photos that highlight key activities and milestones since 2001, the calendar also supports fundraising for our flagship eLibrary Project. Please let us know if you would like to receive a copy of the calendar in exchange for a small voluntary donation to the organization.

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Collaboration with SEBS for Alumni Building



The Society of Ex-Budhanilkantha Students (SEBS) is leading an initiative to construct an alumni building on the premises of Budhanilkantha School. The BNKS Alumni Building project received formal approval on June 21, 2024, from the School Management Committee (SMC) and was officially endorsed by the Board of Trustees (BOT). SEBS North America is partnering in this significant project, contributing through project endorsements, fundraising efforts, and participation in the core committee. Bharat Kandel is representing SEBS NA in the project. Details of our collaboration will be discussed in subsequent meetings.

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BNKS Alumni Building Committee



SUMAN MEHER SHRESTHA - 533A
(Chairperson)



AMOD PYAKURYAL - 415A
(Member)



NAVIN SHRESTHA - 850A
(Member)



SANJAY SHRESTHA - 201B
(Member)



UMANG SHARMA - 597B
(Member)



MANUSMRITI BARAL - 4017D
(Member)



HEMENDRA BOHRA - 978A
President : SEBS



BHARAT KANDEL - 819B
President: SEBS NA



HARIT POKHAREL - 153C
President: SEBS UK-Europe

A group of people are gathered in a room, likely a meeting or workshop. They are seated around a table with several laptops open. One person is standing and looking at a device. A large projector screen on the right wall displays a website or application. The room has a patterned carpet, a window with blinds, and posters on the wall. The overall lighting is dim, with a blue tint.

Partner Organizations

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Budhanilkantha School



Young Economists Society, Nepal



Bloom Nepal Foundation/School



Society of Ex-Budhanilkantha Students (SEBS)



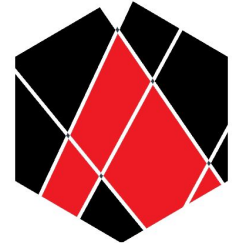
Open Learning Exchange (OLE) - Nepal



Ujwal Thapa Foundation



Nepal Antariskhya Pratisthan (Foundation)



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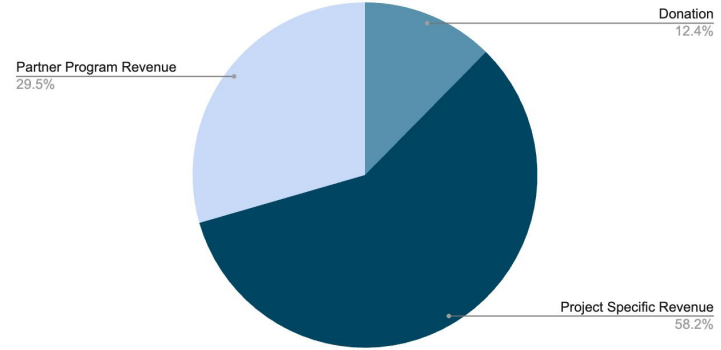
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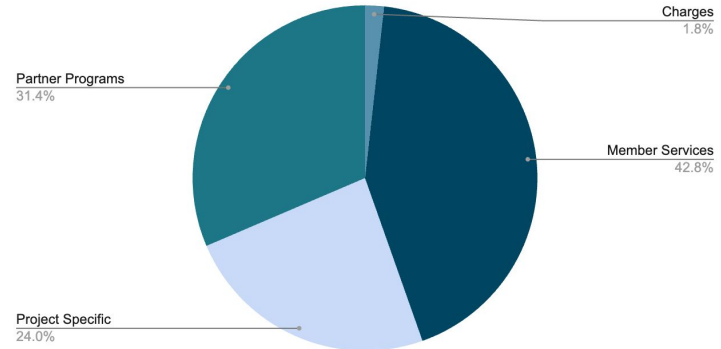
Financial Statement for FY 2023-2024

| PARTICULARS | \$ | \$ | |
|---|----------|-----------------|------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE (7/1/2023) | | | |
| Bank of America | 66130.08 | | |
| Paypal | 3481.73 | | |
| Total Opening Balance | | 69611.81 | A |
| REVENUE | | | |
| <i>Donations</i> | | 5458.51 | |
| General Donation | 5293.51 | | |
| Monthly Giving | 165.00 | | |
| <i>Project Specific</i> | | 25642.80 | |
| Reunion and Merchandise | 5948.40 | | |
| Alumni Building O C | 306.90 | | |
| Krishna Chhetri Memorial Fund | 16887.50 | | |
| Jajarkot eLibrary Project | 2500.00 | | |
| <i>Partner Programs</i> | | 12996.12 | |
| Bloom Nepal | 8425.27 | | |
| Ujjwal Thapa Foundation | 4000.00 | | |
| Young Economists Society Nepal | 570.85 | | |
| Total Revenue | | 44097.43 | B |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| <i>Charges</i> | | 426.01 | |
| Paypal Charges | 155.60 | | |
| Bank Charges | 56.00 | | |
| Webhosting Fees | 204.50 | | |
| Exchange rate differences | 9.91 | | |
| <i>Member Services</i> | | 10315.75 | |
| Micro-Loan Program (Emergency Assistance) | 1000.00 | | |
| Reunion | 4763.07 | | |
| Merchandise | 3389.59 | | |
| Calendar Project | 1163.09 | | |
| <i>Project Specific</i> | | 5779.15 | |
| Krishna Chhetri Memorial Fund - BNKS | 955.39 | | |
| Jajarkot eLibrary and Library projects | 2973.76 | | |
| BNKS Student Support | 1850.00 | | |
| <i>Partner Programs</i> | | 7570.85 | |
| Ujjwal Thapa Foundation | 7000 | | |
| Young Economists Society Nepal | 570.85 | | |
| Total Expenditures | | 24091.76 | C |
| Net Income/Deficit for the period | | 20005.67 | D = B - C |
| Closing Balance (06/30/2024) | | 89617.48 | E = A + D |
| Paypal (06/30/2024) | 9266.94 | | |
| Bank of America Balance (06/30/2024) | 80350.54 | | |

Revenue (2023-24) (Total Revenue: \$69,611.81)



Expenditures (2023-24) (Total Exp.: \$24,091.76)



Resolution: Investing SEBS North America's Assets

To secure SEBS North America's long-term financial stability to continue serving our members, the Nepali diaspora, Budhanilkantha School, and the wider community, the Board is considering an investment of US\$ 30,000 (initially) through Vanguard. Known for its low fees and reliable, long-term strategies, Vanguard offers a prudent way to grow our funds and support our mission.

This investment would ensure responsible stewardship of our resources, providing financial security for future initiatives and mission-driven initiatives. Vanguard estimated an annual returns of 10%.

We are proposing the following resolution for your approval: **Are you in favor of SEBS North America investing US\$30,000 (initially) through Vanguard to ensure financial sustainability?**

Please share your approval or concerns in the chat.

NOTE: The resolution was approved during the AGM on September 15, 2024.





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Home of Budhanilkantha School Alumni in North America

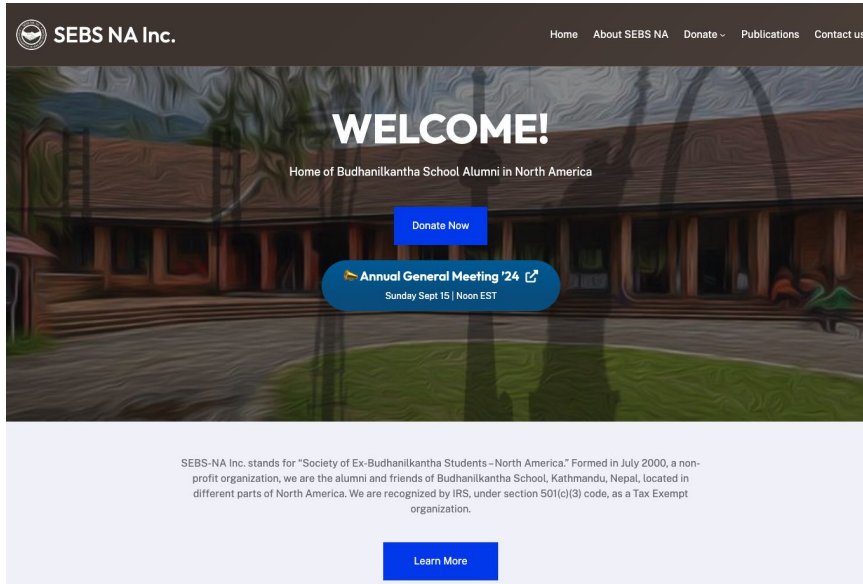
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[Annual General Meeting '24](#)

Sunday Sept 15 | Noon EST

New Website

SEBS North America's New Website



We are excited to announce the launch of SEBS NA, Inc.'s new website at <https://sebsna.org>. This marks a significant milestone in our transition from SEBS North America to SEBS NA Inc. (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation), which began in 2021. The revamped site highlights SEBS NA's programs and provides access to past publications and documents, including annual reports and organizational charters. Additionally, the website offers a streamlined process for making online donations. Stay tuned for more updates!

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New Program: Female Mentorship

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A new Female Mentorship Program is designed to **connect, support, and empower female members within the SEBS community and beyond**. It features a comprehensive database of mentors with diverse areas of expertise, available to mentees from all academic backgrounds and locations, including Nepal, North America, and beyond.

Mentors can join by submitting an interest form through the SEBS NA website, while mentees gain access to the database by completing their own form. Once access is granted, mentees can select a mentor whose expertise and background align with their specific interests and goals. Communication between mentors and mentees is flexible and can take place in a format best suited to the pair. The frequency of meetings is determined by mutual agreement based on availability and needs. Through this personalized and inclusive approach, the program fosters guidance and connection across borders, provides a safe space for sharing their unique issues, and, ultimately, empowers female-identifying individuals to achieve their goals.



Thank you, please continue to support us!

Join, volunteer, fundraise, donate, develop programs, and/or participate.

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