

It is a rarity to find mentors and teachers who will provide a spark to an inquiring mind. I have found that my experiences at Sidak have led me to seek a better understanding of my faith. The spark I received at Sidak was the beginning of a journey. I set out to learn as much as possible about Sikhi and Gurbani. I wanted to learn about the social and political issues affecting us as a people. From human rights abuses in Panjab to civil rights issues in the diasporas, it is imperative that we become cognizant of the issues affecting us. Once we gain awareness, hopefully we can begin the process of addressing these issues.

Education is the first step and that is what the programs at Sidak provide. In the year following completion of the Sidak program, I was able to help develop lectures and small group discussions for a national Sikh conference. I attended the Sidak program twice in the summers of 2006 and 2007. Three years later, my brother and I still have weekly Gurbani vocabulary quiz sessions.

Sidak was a life changing experience. There are very few programs that can provide a positive influence on one's life. I am extremely grateful that I had the opportunity to learn at Sidak and I hope others are able to share my experiences by attending Sidak.

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