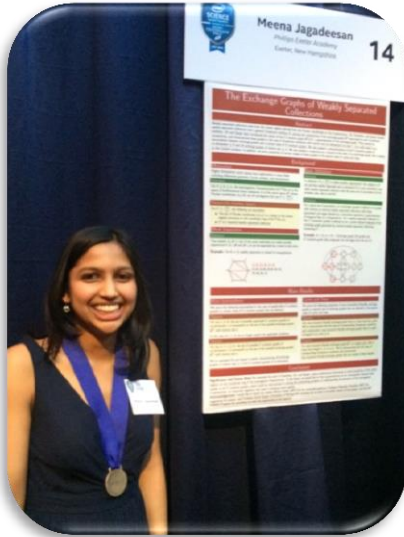


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*Meena Jagadeesan, RSI '15 with her 2<sup>nd</sup> place project poster at the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search*

**Meena Jagadeesan** seems to have the winning formula!

The Research Science Institute (RSI) '15 alum was recently named the recipient of a 2016 Davidson Fellows Scholarship of \$50,000 for her studies in mathematical biology.

She was previously awarded second place in the Intel Science Talent Search and received a \$75,000 scholarship earlier this year.

“Winning the Davidson and Intel awards have been super exciting,” Jagadeesan said. “Intel was a really fun experience, both in terms of getting the opportunity to talk about my project with so many people and also meeting so many other students passionate about STEM. I'm looking forward to the Davidson ceremony and meeting the other Davidson Fellows in September.”

Jagadeesan credits both her family and RSI for paving the way. Her brother Ravi, also a Rickoid (2013), won a Davidson Fellowship as well.

“My brother has always been a role model to me, and it was exciting for me to receive an award that he had won,” Jagadeesan said.

“Participating in programs like RSI in high school allowed me to see what most excites me in different areas of math and science,” she added. “I think this has really helped me decide what interests to pursue further and has deepened my passion for research.

The budding mathematician takes her talents to an Ivy League school this fall.

“Part of the reason why I chose Harvard was due to my amazing social experience at RSI,” she said. “I'm really excited to be among the many ‘Rickoids’ in Cambridge this year!”