



### **Dr. Vinay Y. Pandit – A Profile**

Dr. Vinay Pandit received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from IIT-Bombay and a Master's degree in Powder Technology from King's College in London, where he graduated with a Mark of Distinction (one of only two so recognized that year). He also earned the Merck, Sharp and Dome Award for Excellence in both 1968 and 1969. He followed this with an MBA, Masters in Philosophy and PhD from Columbia University. He has passed the CPA exam and is a Certified Management Accountant. He is currently a Professor of Management Sciences and Marketing at

St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY. He has served as Department Chairman for five years and on St. Bonaventure's Faculty Senate (three years as Chairman) or its committees for the past 20 years.

Dr. Pandit's training in social responsibility started early under the guidance of his mother. She often took him to the local orphanage and encouraged him to embroider handkerchiefs to help raise funds. He has endowed an annual scholarship at St. Bonaventure University and for several years funded an annual essay competition for students. His tenure as Chairman of the Senate is remembered for taking up issues related to the employment and treatment of women and ethnic minorities in this institution largely dominated by white males.

In England and at Columbia, Vinay earned a reputation amongst his fellow students for his willingness to help with academic problems, social adjustment and even financial needs. He often channeled his funded projects to other students who found it difficult to get campus jobs on their own accord.

His other passion is working for the Asian Indian Community Foundation (AICF), which provides a tax-deductible alternative to those interested in funding charities in India. The Foundation is guided by such luminaries as Drs. Bhayana, Kansal, Bedmutha, Khurana, Jashbhai Patel, Ramesh Shah, and a host of others. AICF has sponsored rebuilding of schools destroyed during disasters, building of medical facilities, caring for orphans, etc. AICF is also active in the City Mission and fund raising for public TV network (WNED).

Dr. Pandit is also actively involved in charitable and non-profit organizations outside our own community and has served for several years in Olean on the Boards of The Exchange Club, National Accounting Association, United Way and X'mas In April (an organization similar to Habitat for Humanity).

Vinay served as treasurer of the India Club of Columbia University, the largest such community organization in the city in the early seventies, for three years. Vinay has served as treasurer of IAB for three years and continues to be an active member of the IAB Board of Directors. He has just been reelected for another three years and is currently Chairperson for the IAB By-Laws committee. Vinay is caring and is always willing to provide unconditional support to the association and the Indian community at large.

Dr. Pandit lives in Clarence with his wife Rajashree, daughters Ungira and Meghana and parents-in-law, Avadhoot and Jyotsna Agharkar.