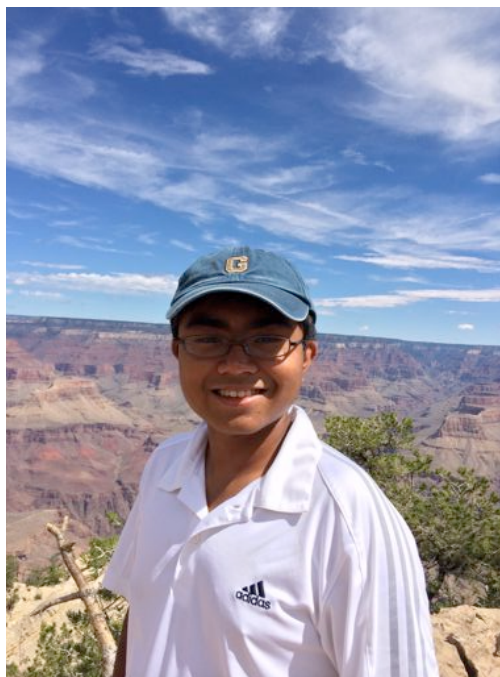


Mr. Anik Parayil



According to my passport I am from India but I do not feel this description encapsulates my origin fully for I have never lived in India and do not practice Indian culture or traditions. My father Prof. Govindan Parayil is from the state of Kerala in Southern India and my mother Olive is from the Philippines. In July 2014, I moved to the fifth place where I have lived, California where I will continue my high school education.

My place of birth is the Semi-Autonomous Region of Hong Kong where my father was teaching at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. At the age of three my family and I moved to the equatorial city-state of Singapore. Another three years later, we relocated to Arctic Norway where I developed an affinity to the cold. In 2008 we moved yet again to the Far East to the land of the rising sun, Japan. During the six years there I experienced and learned about the unique Japanese culture and language, and occasionally I awoke to splendid silhouette of Mt Fuji on a clear winter morning. There I also felt the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, but as I was living in Tokyo, I was far from the danger. Fast forward to 2014 I have started a new chapter of my life in sunny Southern California. It would be no understatement to say I am a real globetrotter having circumnavigated the world extensively.

I am interested in history, geography and science. I am also interested in languages and I speak a little French and Japanese as well as my mother tongue, English. I look forward to university and other challenges life throws my way in addition to visiting new places and encountering new people.