

Presidents' Student Leadership Award

Subhash Ghimire

St. Olaf College



Subhash Ghimire demonstrates deep commitment to civic responsibility and leadership in his two homes: Northfield, Minnesota and Arupokhari, Nepal. As a political science major, Subhash puts into action the lessons, theories and ideals of the classroom in order to create opportunities for people in need and to engage his peers in these projects. Subhash utilized funds from a Davis Project for Peace Grant to sponsor a summer school for children in Nepal affected by war and caste divisions. He developed and implemented his vision, launching a summer camp that impacted 42 children over six weeks in 2009. With a desire and commitment to sustain his vision, Subhash founded the [Sarswati Foundation](#) and has now raised over \$100,000 to build a peace school for 4-15 year olds in his community by 2011. Subhash also organized a “St. Olaf response” to the devastation in Haiti (January 2010) and raised over \$2,000. In sharing his story in presentations across campus, and by working with faculty and peers, he garners kindred spirits in his mission to improve lives, and he challenges those around him to view the world in a progressive, more nuanced way.

