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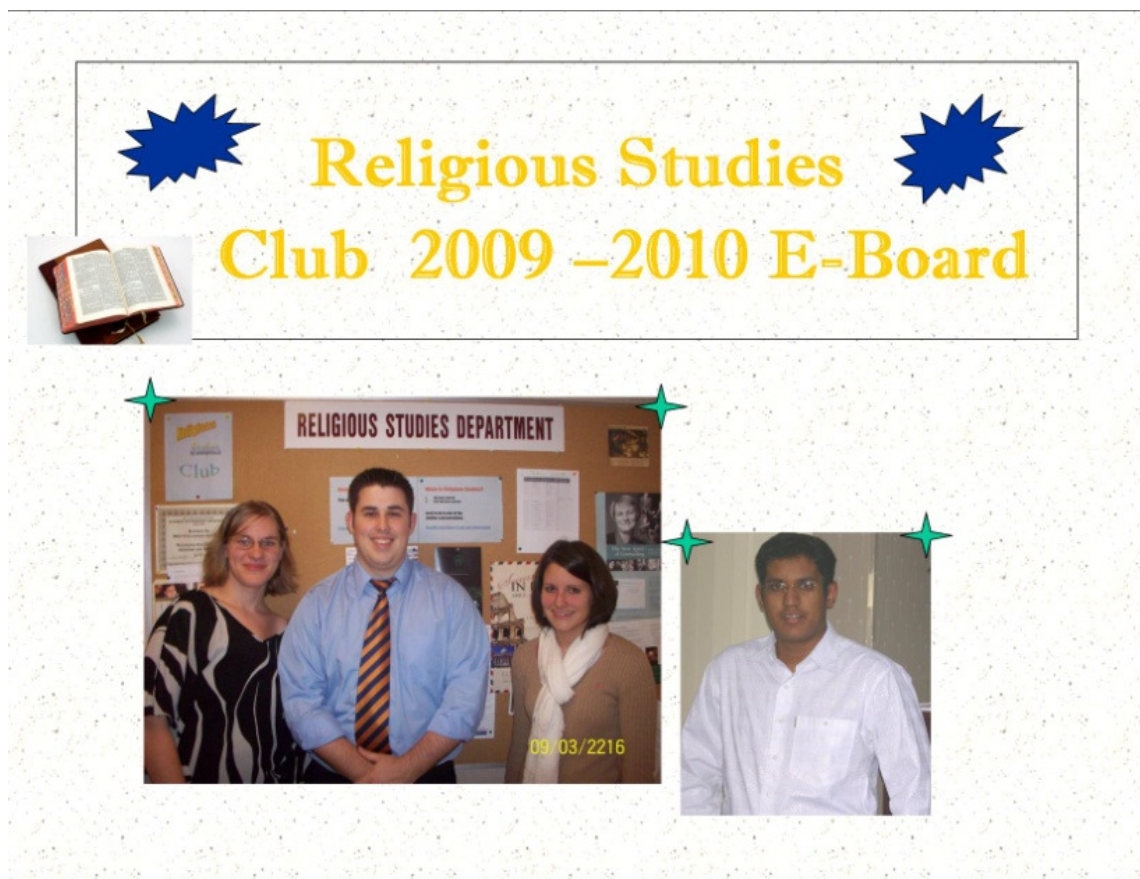
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## Rising Star Award



This certificate is awarded to

REST CLUB

In recognition of great club achievement and promotion of diversity with "A Trip to the Hindu Temple of Rochester" at:

**St. John Fisher College**



  
Eddie Sundquist, Council of Presidents Chair

11/3/2009  
Date

The trip to the Hindu Temple of Rochester was a unique addition to the ongoing diversity events on campus. In conjunction with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity, the Religious Studies Club cosponsored this event. Approximately 20 students participated in the trip which inspired inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue. The trip included a tour of the Hindu temple and a chance to observe a Puja, which is a special religious ceremony within the Hindu faith. A representative of the temple gave a brief lecture on the Hindu faith that both emphasized important aspects of the Hindu faith and addressed common misconceptions. As a result, students had the opportunity to witness the Hindu faith in context and interact with a different culture.

## Letter from the Editor

*Dear Reader,*

*This copy of Verbum that you have selected to read is truly a great piece of work. The submissions from students, faculty, and alumni both touch the heart and engage the mind. There are pieces that encourage growth in your relationship with the divine and with the people you surround yourself with. Concurrently, there are writings that help expand our understanding and knowledge of texts and topics that may be unfamiliar. All of these pieces represent and help us to appreciate the diversity on our campus.*

*A great piece of work such as this doesn't come together without a group of dedicated people to make it possible. I thank the review boards and editors who have worked so hard to make this issue of Verbum. Also I thank those who submitted writings; this collection of work wouldn't happen without you. On that note, I would like to encourage everyone to submit your writing for future issues of Verbum. We love to have diverse pieces that allow us to reach out to all those in our campus community.*

*Enjoy! Yours faithfully,*

***Emily Lalka***

*REST Club President*



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