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## **AISAES Alumni Network**

May 2018

Please join us in congratulating AES secretary, Alka Bajaj, on her retirement this summer. Since 1971, this beautiful woman has been welcoming students, parents, faculty, staff and visitors to AES. We were honored to have Alka attend our 2015 Reunion, and we hope to see her again at our future reunions. Thank you, Alka, for 47 years of dedicated service and all the best on your next chapter. We will miss you!



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### Comments

**Mary Williamson** Congratulations, Alka! ❤️

**Nicholas Thompson** Wow I do think I recall you that is a long tenure thanks so so much!

**Fred C Thomas** I remember her graciousness and lovely smile back in 1978! Cheers Alka!

**Anthea Peck** So glad I got to see Alka when I was there December 2016! Congrats and relax! You deserve it.

**Lisa Ledford Phinney** Thank you for all you do! You will be missed Alka! ❤️  
♥️👍

**Marriana Fom Booker** Congratulations Alka!!! Thank you for all you did to make us feel right at home those first few weeks feeling lost as a new kid. Such poise, grace, warmth and kindness. 🙏🏠

**Nicole Leedham** On My Goodness, I remember Alka from when I was there in the '80s 😊:)

**Lakshmi Vempati** Congratulations Alka. AES will not be the same place without you at the office welcoming everyone

**David Welch** Congratulations Alka! I hope to see you at our next reunion. Enjoy your retirement.

**Sudha Sivakumar** Congratulations Alka ... remember your beautiful smiling face every time I walked into the office .

**Tania Polglaze** Remember you like it was yesterday. Congratulations Alka 🎉🎊

**Cherry Sein** Ms. Man, Mr. Hoover, Ms Honore, Mr Gupta, and Ms. Alka were all my long tenure teachers. Ms Alka was my english teacher in middle school a long with Ms Renard for health. 😊:D

**Meher Singh** Congrats!!

**Richard L Wilson** Congratulations!

**K C Gray Siebert** Best wishes, you will be missed. You'll love retirement.

**Renuka Dharmadhikary** Hard to imagine AES without Alka's lovely presence! Wishing you the very best!!

**Sehr Amjad Ismail**



**Frances Fox Chowdhary** Congratulations Alka! It's difficult to imagine AES without your warm welcome. May your retirement be long and fulfilling!

**Carol Cormack Sugden** All the very best in your retirement, Alka! You will be greatly missed!

**Judit Bardos** We will miss your lovely smile, Alka! Wishing all the very best to you 🌸🌻

**Paula Sachar** Congratulations on your retirement Alkaji! You have earned a well deserved rest but AES will not be the same without your lovely smile. Love and hugs xxx

**Veenu Nagarvala** Congratulations Alka on reaching this milestone. Enjoy your retirement, fun times are ahead!  
I have fond memories of our travels together.

**Kriti Paul-Gera** Hi Veenu, I work at AES with Alka. Can you please share your email address? Alka will be in touch.

**Susan Johnson Nelson** Congratulations, Alka! You will be missed!

**Sarah Earl Koch** Congratulations, Alka! Thank you for always having a smile on your face and for your years of service to AES. We will miss you.

**Mia Drake Inderbitzin** Alka!! So great to know you in the 70's as well as 2009-10 with my kids!

**Kushal Dhillon** All the best Alka. Can't imagine AES without you. All the best!

**Geeta Bhandari Prakash** Alka is an institution- the Queen of AES!

**Sarah Chalmers** Happy Retirement Alka!

**Ilse Veenbaas** Wow, you have touched many lives! Enjoy the memories. I wish you a retirement full of all you wished for!

**Tessie Lombe Lusale** Congratulations on your retirement Alkaji. I am sure you have met all the cultures of the World.

**Mridula Makol** All d best Alka. Enjoy ur new chapter of life.

**Matthew Reynolds** just got to meet her for the first time last month! i boarded 68-70 so we just missed each other, but she caught me up on a lot 😊;) - thank you alka!

**Paul M. Fochtman** Alka, your warm kindness will be missed as the first face of AES for so many years! Thank you for being such a special person in the life of a great school! Paul

**Kriti Paul-Gera** Hi Paul, I work at AES with Alka. Can you please share your email address? She will be in touch!

**Marjolein Ravensburg** Congratulations Alka 🥰👩. You look great! Haven't changed a bit 😊😊😊😊

**Dawn Yearwood** Have a wonderful, well deserved retirement Alka!

**Kimberley Price** Congratulations and thank you for always being so welcoming!

**Lauren Tronsgard-Scott** Congratulations Alka.

**Manuela Prandini** All the best Alka. Thank you always for all the help, patience and support you always offered to all.

**Uzma Ahmed** Alka, you are such an integral part of AES. You are the first person I met when I registered for 6th grade. Congratulations and enjoy!

**Angie Sachinidis Mandl** Congratulations, Alka!

**Sunaina Suneja** Coincidence : I just spoke to her 😊😊

**Susie Anabith** Enjoy your new part in life.

**Nicky Marmion** Wishing all the best Alka, what will AES do without you?!?!  
Xxx

**Katherine Arens** Wishing you all the best!

**Stella Skordialou** Congratulations, all the best

**Sandi Cathcart** Congratulations and thank you!

**Ian Andrew McCabe** Congratulations Alka. Wishing you all the best in the coming years.

**Mary Susan Malpass Jackson** Congratulations on your retirement, Alka!  
You will certainly be missed.

**Robert Hetzel** Best wishes to a gracious and wonderful woman

**Magda Orzeszyna** Dearest Alka, thank you for your kindness and ever-welcoming smile. And for letting us use the phone 😊 !!! I wish you all the best in your retirement. (1983-1990)

**Cindy Jones Ondrak** She was so wonderful when our group was there in 2016. congrats to Alka!

**Kathy Phillips** Congratulations! I remember you were always so nice to everyone.

**Beth Coyle** Congratulations to a classy lady who did the school such honor as the first face of AES.

**Moneka Nicole** Rhea Sud Natasha Lal

**Anjeli Vaid** Congratulations Alka...you were one of my favorites persons for many years...all the very best  
Regards Anjeli Gupta Vaid. ❤️❤️👍

**Anjeli Vaid** And you still look so beautiful

**Lisa Jordan** Alka, you are surely in every student's fond memories! I remember your kindness and grace. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Gary Coyle** Congratulations Alka! Your welcoming personality was a cornerstone of AES. You will be missed.

**Amy Shafer** Alka you were the best!! Thank you for your service to our wonderful life-changing school!! Congratulations!

**Skaidra Waggoner** Thank you Alka!

**Donna Jeanne Schneider** I must have been attending there her first year!!! How wonderful! Thank you for all the years!

**Tim Brown** Had a nice chat with Alka when I toured the campus last fall. Thank you Alka for your decades of service, and best luck in all your future endeavors!

**Clare Ryan** What a great milestone Alka. Loads of good wishes to you. Clare Ryan

**Nora Noë** Congratulations Alka. You were always so nice to everyone! !

**Todd Church** Congratulations, Alka!

**Jyothi Rao** Congratulations . Will miss the warm friendly face

**Donavon Reinsmoen** The voice of AES!

**Alexa Panagoulis Schmid** Congratulations Alka! We all miss you, and Sophie and Bella miss giving you a daily hug!

**Inder Jit Singh** Enjoy it!

**Vicki Anne Cabrera** Congratulations to you, Alka! You were a part of so many young lives during our cherished times at AID/AES! Thank you for your years of admirable service and for helping us garner so many fond memories! All the best to you ~ with love, Vicki Potts Cabrera '76-'78 XO 



**Liv Lindstrom Gregor** Congratulations! How many people you must have welcomed into an amazing community!

**Sungyeon Kim** Alka! Miss u!

**Suman Arora** Congratulations Alka—All the best 🙌🎓

**Anil Narain** Congrats Alka it's been a real achievement 🎉

**Radhika Vijayakumar** Congratulations Alka. I will miss seeing you at the front office next time I visit AES Delhi.

**Hari Chandra** Congratulations!

**Tabitha Benjamin** Congratulations Alka! All the very best for your future endeavors.

**Rabi Rajkarnikar** Big hugs and my salute to you for your selfless dedication. We all recall your kindness even though it's just been over 33 years since I graduated Alka! Wishing you all our love and affections for your retired life ahead!!

**Ritu S. Mehta** Heartiest congratulations dear Alka! You have touched all our lives and made them infinitely richer!

**Margareta Andersson** Congratulations Ms Bajaj 🎉🎓

**Auramarina Arismendi** Congratulations! Agree you have not changed at all!!!

**Debbie Bryant Keeley** Alma- so wonderful to see you on my quick trip to Delhi. You never change! A wonderful reminder of 4 fabulous years spent at AES!

**Anja Berg Palombo** Congratulations, Alka! I cannot even imagine AES without you. That is a strange thought. I wish you lots of fun in your retirement!

**Warren Apel** Congratulations Alka! Best wishes for a great retirement and wonderful future.

**Prem Vinayak** Congratulations and enjoy retirement. You will be missed.

**Lisa Sachar Pendleton** Congratulations Alka! I have fond memories of our chats and in your office. How will AES function without you?! Enjoy your retirement. This is your time. Sending you lots of love. Xx

**Sonya Seth** Congratulations Alka! What a journey, and what dedication. Enjoy your retirement. I can't imagine AES without you!

**Ian Clark** Congratulations, Alka. Enjoy your retirement!!

**Medha Kochhar Singh** Congratulations!

**Jenna Laslocky** Congratulations, Alka! Enjoy this wonderful new journey. Sending love.

**Gerry Sharp** Congratulations, Alka! You are leaving big shoes to fill. Have a wonderful new adventure!

**Roy Stamey** Congratulations! Wishing you a wonderful retirement!

**Sharda Ale Sharma** Congratulations, Alka !!! Will always remember you for your smiles and your lovely sarees. All the best for your future !!!

**Russ Tuttle** Congratulations Alka! It was my great honor to have my picture taken with you at the AES reunion in 2015! I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw you there! Thank you for service our AES community with excellence for these past many years. I trust your retirement is filled with joy and happiness.

**Peggy Sood** Alka, these comments are the best tribute you could have for your decades as the anchor and the free flowing stream of welcoming warmth to all at AES!!

**Bruce Sharp** Congratulations Alka! Have a great retirement!

**Walter Joelle Basnight** It will not be the same place without her! Her soothing phone voice of "American School" and her lovely smile when anyone walks in the door. Much love from the Basnights!

**Tanyele Kajer** How lovely!! So many wonderful years at AES. ❤️  
♥️👍Congratulations!!

**Anm Citrino** We hope your retirement brings you many joys!

**Sydnie Peck** Alka my friend! You were a highlight of our time at AES. Love to you from Erica, Anthea and me!

**Kira Morgan** It won't be the same without your elegance and kindness, Alka!

**Genta Branstetter** Congratulations. Wishing you all the very best on your next adventure in life. Thank you for being part of all of our adventures!

**Aloka N. Dalal** Congrats! Thanks for everything especially my senior year at AES.

**Christine Annis** Congratulations Alka!!

**Joyce Hannan** Enjoy your well-deserved retirement! Best wishes!

**Nishit Gandhi** Many congratulations Alka

**Neera Arora** Congratulations Alka! Wow!!you look as charming and graceful as I saw you last in 1996.. heartiest congratulations for your glorious service at AES and wishing you the very best in all your future endeavours.

**Kanwal Golaknath** Alka, You have always been warm, helpful,so well-groomed and efficient at your desk. All the very best for the future. Stay well and happy.

**Peggy Sood** Alka: even as you retire you are bringing so many of us together in sharing memories! I love seeing names here from years past... all reaching out to you and to AES!

**Miki Tromburg** Alka, we wish you all the best on this next chapter in your life! We still remember your warm welcome on our first day and your kindness and graciousness every day at AES. Your desk was a regular stop for Joey on his way to and from the elementary school. Thank you for so many lovely memories.

**Asha Sablok** Happy retirement Alka. Enjoy. Best wishes !!!!

**Simon Sachar** Alka, please send me your number so we can meet up when I'm in Delhi. I can't just show up and ask for you any longer 😞

**Kriti Paul-Gera** Hi Simon, I work at AES with Alka. Can you share your email address? She will be in touch!

**Barbara Munoz McCabe** Love you Alka - have a wonderful retirement!!

**Shilpa Duggal** Congratulations Alka!!!

**Michele Noma** Wow! Alka-ji this retirement is so well deserved. Thank you for being so good to us all those years ago. - Michele Dingess, Class of '93