My name is Nainita Madurai, I am 19 years old, and I currently reside in East Amherst. I grew up in the Town of Amherst, New York and have lived there with my sister, father, and mother for my entire life. I am a rising junior at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. At Case, I am a double major in Anthropology and International Studies. I am also receiving a minor in Arabic. My coursework at Case Western includes various political science classes studying the Middle East, which is a region of interest for me. I am also interested in learning different languages and cultures, the study of adolescent behavior, and international politics. This summer (of 2010), I am enrolled in two courses at University at Buffalo. In addition, I am working with my mother, Dr. Bina Ramamurthy (a professor at UB), on a project involving Flash CS4 Professional. Although I do not have a set plan for what I want to do in the future, I would like to continue my education in graduate school possibly studying diplomacy. As an anthropologist, in the future I want to be able to research the effects of war and the specific culture on adolescence in the Middle East. I am very passionate about community service, volunteering, and humanitarian causes. In my free time I enjoy travelling, reading, singing and playing golf.