

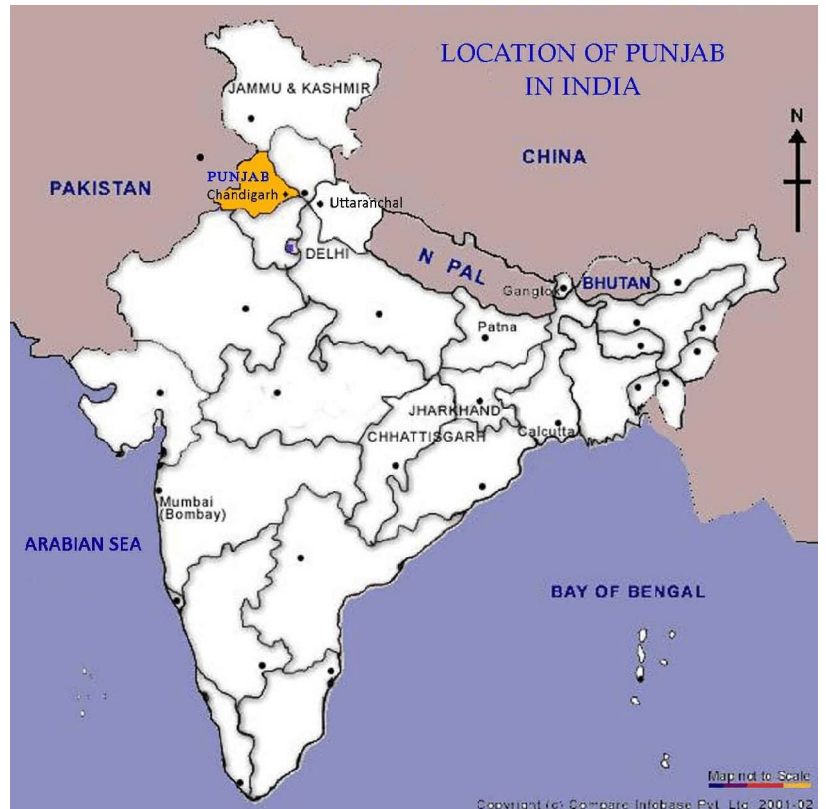
## District 7640 2011 GSE Team Outbound to Punjab India



Mary Lynne Reynolds

for this once in a life time experience in India.

The Outbound Group Study Exchange Team to RI District 3070 in Punjab India will depart on January 15th. Team leader, [Mary Lynne Reynolds](#) (Camden Club) glowingly reports that the team is a diversified group of accomplished young professionals who are enthusiastically preparing



Team members include:



Devan Blackwell

[Devan Blackwell](#) (age 38), resides in Mays Landing and was nominated by the Rotary Club of Atlantic City. Devan is an educator in the Atlantic City school district. His personal mission has always been to assist young people reach their highest potential. For his efforts in

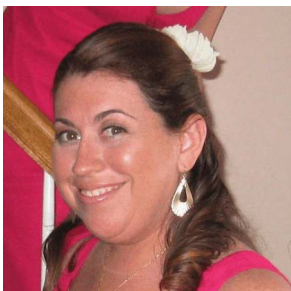
youth advocacy, Devan has earned recognition from The Rainbow Coalition/PUSH and the National Campaign for Tolerance. He has also been presented with an Award of Congressional recognition from the Governor of New Jersey and an award from the National Business Association. Devan is seeking opportunities to learn about educational initiatives to promote healthy adolescent development in India.



Sharan Kaur Khaira

[Sharan Kaur Khaira](#) is a paralegal and student. She was born in Calcutta, West Bengal, India, and lived there for 15 years before migrating to the United States in 1998. She has been working for a law firm in Cherry Hill, NJ for the past 8 years. Sharan is the first member of her family to attend college and the first female to hold a full time career. She received an Associate's Degree from Burlington County College and is currently working towards an undergraduate degree, with a double major in Finance and Accounting, and a minor in Political Science.

Sharan has a lovely family and, true to her outgoing nature, many friends. Her interests are diverse, including music, movies, and attending cultural events. She loves meeting new people and learning about different customs and religions from around the world. Her goal is to become an attorney and pursue a career in public service. Sharan looks forward to making the world a better place. Even though she was born in India, Sharan never got to truly understand the culture and customs as a Punjabi before coming to the U.S. She looks forward to visiting Punjab and learning about the local culture so that she can have a better understanding (both spiritually and professionally) of the daily lives of her people.



Shannon Burke

[Shannon Burke](#) (age 32) resides in Westmont and was nominated by the Camden Club. Shannon is a social worker for Family Service and supervises the Intensive Supervised Visitation program that provides case management services to parents that are seeking reunification with their DYFS involved children. Shannon is the recipient of the Alethea R Wright Scholarship for Community Service as well as the recipient of the Americorps Community Service award for Outstanding Americorps member. She has traveled as a volunteer to the Dominican Republic on several occasions. Shannon anticipates that her GSE experience in India will familiarize her with people of different backgrounds and allow her to understand the customs, faith and values of another culture, which will contribute to her work with diverse populations.



Shaun Stephenson

[Shaun Stephenson](#) (age 40) resides in Mantua and was nominated by the Washington Township Club. Shaun is an entrepreneur who has founded a non-profit organization "The Circle of Ten" to inspire and empower women to live their full potential as they transform their lives. She is currently working with women troops returning from tours of duty in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As a naturalized American citizen (Shaun was born in Guyana) she appreciates the benefits one gains when being opened to new relationships of shared ideas.