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Alpharetta 8th-grader Wins Award for Movie

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As an eighth grader in Alpharetta, Angad Singh has made quite a name for himself in the world of international relationships and films.

Singh was troubled by international conflict, so last summer he took a course at Duke University on international relations hoping to gain a better understanding of the nuances of different cultures.

He said one of the key factors he learned in the course is that throughout history, "fear of the unknown" has been at the core of international conflict around the globe.

So he did what any middle school student would do. He asked himself, "What can I do to change this and bridge the gap of differences between different cultures?"

The idea of finding out about his neighbors seemed like a good way to start, so he sent out 47 flyers asking his neighbors to be interviewed on camera. His questions included information on each participant's up-bringing and background, their thoughts on the causes of international conflict and what they believed they could do themselves.

Filming his neighbors was just the start of the project. As Singh now knows, the editing process is much longer than the actual filming. Singh says he spent an average of five hours a day last summer and one to three hours a day during the school week editing the film down to 22 minutes.

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