

Bharat and Monali



Fast Facts About Us

Monali

Family Medicine Doctor
(MD)

Passions

- * Family
- * My Vegetable Garden
- * Traveling
- * Baking

Bharat

Non-profit Consultant
(MBA)

Passions

- * Family
- * Stand up comedy
- * Traveling
- * Published author

Our Story

Hailing from western India, Monali came to America when she was nine. Her parents worked hard through many jobs to get her and her two siblings through college. After she graduated from OSU, she went on to medical school to become a family doctor.

Bharat's family moved from southern India when he was two. Bharat grew up in Virginia and quickly became interested in politics. He graduated from American University and traveled all across the United States working on different local and state races.

It was fate that we both ended up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the same time. We met through a dating app in 2015 while Bharat was working on political campaigns for three months and Monali was starting her medical residency. Our first date was at an Italian restaurant, where Bharat showed up early because he was nervous. When Monali arrived, the hostess told her that her husband was waiting for her. It looks like it was foreshadowed early that we would spend the rest of our lives together.

Since we started dating, some of our favorite activities include cooking together, watching reality shows on Netflix, apple/blueberry picking and reading side by side. Monali enjoys taking long walks with trusted friends in her spare time. She's a natural explorer whose curiosity has taken her from Hocking Hills to the Grand Canyon. Along the way, she's always looking for a good cup of coffee and some tips on interior decorating. Bharat is a published author and loves to spend his spare time planning his next book.

What could've been a three-month fling in Louisiana turned into something more through grit, determination, teamwork, and love. We survived the long-distance relationship with countless Skype calls and weekend flights, and got married in 2019. That same grit and love will enable us to succeed in the years to come.

Our Home and Neighborhood



Since our marriage, we have settled into our new home. The first thing that drew us to the neighborhood was a community park and playground in front of the house. Since we always knew we wanted to grow our family, it was also important to us to pick a home with great schools nearby. We are fortunate to be surrounded by young families, and Monali volunteers in our neighborhood pizza parties, back to school ice cream socials, and picnics. Bharat was elected the president of our Homeowners' Association two years ago and, true to his work as a nonprofit consultant, loves that he can give back to our community

Raising a Child

We've dreamed of how we'd raise a child for years. Surrounding them with love from family. Giving them a balanced education of math, science, and the arts. Reading to them at night and kicking a soccer ball around with them in the park across the street. We've been to 14 countries between the two of us, and we hope to visit another 14 with this child to give them a fully-rounded and cultured life. They will be so loved, and we will never stop working to honor the very best of their roots as well.



Family and Faith

We are so glad some of our immediate family lives nearby. Whether we are spending the weekend in town with Monali's sister and brother-in-law, or driving to Dayton to see her parents, not a month goes by that we aren't surrounded by them.

Bharat's parents and sister live 7 hours away in Virginia. When we get together, it's for an extended period of time when Bharat and Monali can play with their nephews and watch stand up comedy with mom and dad. Monali loves how the kids, all of 6 and 3 years old, know to ask her how to best heal a tummy ache.

Family is larger than just siblings and parents, and we are blessed to have such a large support system in our immediate and extended family. Whether we are taking a nephew to COSI or a cousin to the zoo, we are happy to have so many opportunities to spend time with them. We are also so fortunate to have family visit us from all across the US and India.



We are blessed to be a part of a large multi-cultural family. From Kansas City to Virginia, from Honduras to India, our family has grown to encompass many different traditions! With all of these different influences in our family, a child will be raised in a diverse environment.

Whether we are celebrating the Hindu holiday of Diwali, the Christian holiday of Christmas, or the American holiday of Thanksgiving, our traditions are sacred to us. We believe every day should be a celebration: of each other, and of the world we're blessed to live in. As our family has grown over the years and now includes kids aged 3 to 14, the celebrations are large and filled with laughter.



Monali About Bharat

There are so many adjectives that could describe Bharat, but if I had to pick, his best qualities are his loyalty, honesty, and kindness. He is a leader in our community and goes above and beyond in helping others. He is lively and can discuss anything from the next new Star Wars project to some new scientific discovery or economics. Bharat is always ready to listen to any problems my siblings or his nephews may have and work on solutions with them. I have no doubt that he will be a great father given his patient, enthusiastic nature.



Bharat about Monali

Monali is my best friend. Fluent in four languages, she is a great communicator. Her unyielding passion in fighting for her loved ones, her commitment to providing a nurturing space for those around her - at home and on the job, and her ability to troubleshoot any problem by breaking it down into bite-sized pieces are just a few of the qualities I'll come to rely on as we pursue parenthood together.



Thank you for taking the time to read this profile! We hope to give your child a safe, loving, and nurturing home that not only includes us as parents but also an extended support system. We respect your decision to consider adoption and look forward to getting to know you.