

Recipient of the AANO’s

“2018 Community Service Award”



**Alban Pruthi**

Mr. Alban Pruthi was born in Gjakova, Kosova, in the late 1970s.

He moved to Washington, DC in 2006 to complete his Masters Degree at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University.

Since late 2000, Alban has played an instrumental role in laying down and strengthening the foundations of the Albanian-American Community in the Washington, DC area by establishing an informal yet innovative virtual network called Albanian Professionals in DC (APDC). Recognizing the enormous potential of the Albanian-American Community, including the power of the existing and formal organizations such as VATRA, AANO, etc.

Alban has aimed to bring everyone on board regardless of their regional, political or professional backgrounds. His modus operandi has always been unity, collaboration, creativity, flexibility, humility, dedication, and that nothing is impossible if there is a will.

Through APDC and other networks, as well as close collaboration with Albania and Kosovo's Embassies in Washington, DC, Alban together with other co-community activists have brought to life numerous activities, initiatives, festivities and volunteering pro-bono and with the goal of benefiting the Albanian- American and other communities in the Washington, DC area.