

From the Desk of the Chancellor – May 21

Just as Executive Vice Chancellor Uday Sukhatme was preparing to depart IUPUI for his new post at Pace University, we were pleased to name Morgan Rhodes as the first recipient of the Indumati Sukhatme RISE Scholarship. RISE stands for Research, International, Service Learning, and Experiential Learning.

Uday established the inaugural RISE Scholarship in memory of his mother, whose international experiences and perspectives inspired the gift. It will be used to support School of Science students who wish to study abroad. Upon learning that she would be the first recipient of the Indumati Sukhatme RISE Scholarship scholar, Morgan's response was, "I want to continue her legacy of wanting people to explore different cultural perspectives and be internationally engaged."

Morgan will earn IU credit while participating in a six-week health studies program this summer in Santiago, Chile. It includes a clinical observation internship designed to give students insight into the Chilean health system. She will also have a course of study in Spanish for Healthcare Practitioners so as to be better prepared to work in cross-cultural settings.

Morgan will be a senior next year, majoring in pre-med psychology with minors in chemistry and Spanish. Upon graduation, she plans to go to medical school to pursue a career in child and adolescent psychiatry. The scholarship and the study abroad experience will clearly pave the way for a bright future for this IUPUI graduate.

Uday's making the first gift to the RISE Scholarship Endowment campaign was intended to inspire others to contribute to the new scholarship program. And, that it has! Currently, 38 RISE Scholarships are in place in some half-dozen schools across campus.

If you would like to support opportunities for our students to benefit from international and other experiential learning opportunities with a RISE Scholarship, you can get more information and donate online at <http://impactcampaign.iupui.edu/rise.html>.

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