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Chaitan P. & Sarita A. Gupta Mathematics Scholarship Endowment

Chaitan and Sarita Gupta always planned to create a scholarship for students studying mathematics at the University of Nevada, Reno. Carrying out the couple’s wishes, Sarita established the Chaitan P. and Sarita A. Gupta Mathematics Scholarship Endowment in honor of her husband, who passed away last year.

Chaitan Gupta, 74, a member of the faculty of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1992 to 2008, passed away April 26, 2013 from a stroke two weeks after having heart bypass surgery. An on-campus memorial service for Gupta held last June featured family members, friends and colleagues from his time in education and business, who recalled a dignified, soft-spoken man who not only held himself to the highest standards, but always encouraged those he encountered and mentored to “strive for the impossible ... to always do your best.”

Gupta served as a Foster Fellow at the U.S. Department of State for 1999-2001 and played a key role in the State Department’s missile count verification. He was named Foundation Professor in 2002 and was a prominent figure in the University’s rural math and campus math tutoring efforts.

Gupta’s wife, Sarita, was a math instructor at each university where her husband taught and conducted research, including five years at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Gupta’s son, Vipin, has also established RaNi’s Research Endowed Fund to fund the development of pioneering approaches to help people regain their speech and language using mathematics, Hindi or Sanskrit. Before Gupta passed away, a stroke limited his ability to speak. Partial speech was restored through the help of a speech therapist. The fund was established through memorial gifts and is building to endowment.

—Roseann Keegan

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