ANURAG GUPTA, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, ONE OF 20 GOLDMAN SACHS GLOBAL LEADERS CHOSEN FROM U.S. & CANADIAN CAMPUSES

NEW YORK – Anurag Gupta, a sophomore at New York University, was selected as one of only 20 undergraduates from the U.S. and Canada to be honored as a Goldman Sachs Global Leader. Anurag joins 100 new Global Leaders worldwide being honored for academic excellence and leadership achievements by The Goldman Sachs Foundation and its partner organization, the Institute of International Education.

“The Global Leaders Program was created to identify, strengthen and support a new generation of leaders capable of succeeding in a globally and culturally interconnected world,” said Stephanie Bell-Rose, President of The Goldman Sachs Foundation. “We need leaders who can transcend national and cultural barriers to face global problems, and we seek to help these remarkable young men and women become more effective in their efforts to make a difference, both now and in the future.”

Anurag Gupta, of Kew Gardens, New York, is double-majoring in International Relations and History at New York University, with concentrations in Biology, Chemistry, and Middle Eastern Studies. Valedictorian of his high school, he completed three extensive scientific studies during his high school career, and was a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search Competition. For his work, he was invited to conduct cancer research at Israel’s Weizmann Institute where, alongside his scientific endeavors, he was able to travel extensively in the Middle East. Anurag’s devotion to community service earned him the prestigious Presidential Freedom Scholarship and Gregory Legon Memorial Award, given only to one NYU freshman, deemed the most outstanding in campus citizenry. At NYU, he serves as an ambassador for incoming students and Campaign Coordinator for Teach For America. Anurag holds elected office in many campus organizations, including the Dean’s Service Honor Corps and the Dean’s
Advisory Board, and serves as a tutor and peer counselor for two community organizations in New York. Anurag founded the South Asian Studies Program Initiative, which aims to create a South Asian Studies program at NYU. In the coming year, Anurag plans to study Urdu while promoting education and communal understanding in impoverished communities in Hyderabad, India.

Each Global Leader receives a $3,000 grant for educational expenses. Fifty Global Leaders, including 10 from U.S. and Canadian universities, will be selected to participate in the annual Goldman Sachs Global Leadership Institute July 11-15 in New York City. At the institute, they will spend time with renowned leaders from the private, public and nonprofit sectors, learning about leadership and global issues. Past institute speakers have included experts in leadership from Goldman Sachs and The Leadership Center at Morehouse College, and the Leader to Leader Institute, diplomats from the United Nations, executives from Goldman Sachs and other companies, and other leaders from all sectors.

Since the program’s creation in 2001, 400 students from more than 40 countries have been identified and honored as Goldman Sachs Global Leaders. They have built an extensive network with each other and, with modest seed funding from the program’s Social Entrepreneurship Fund, have joined forces to launch innovative social ventures, including a school in rural India, a water-purification system in Bangladesh, scholarships for children orphaned by AIDS in Thailand, a micro-enterprise initiative for women entrepreneurs in Macedonia, a Malaria prevention campaign in Nigeria, a recycling program in Albania, and a meals program for schoolchildren in Sri Lanka.

Allan Goodman, President and CEO of the Institute of International Education, which for 85 years has fostered the international exchange of people and ideas, says the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program addresses the need to help develop young people who can lead across borders. “These bright students know how to use rapid global communications and technology,” says Goodman. “They have an understanding of other cultures. They will succeed in whatever field they choose. Through the Global Leaders
Program, they will learn from each other and from program mentors in diplomacy, business, academia, and the nonprofit sector to see that solutions to the problems causing terrorism, disease, poverty and other pressing global issues often come best through international cooperation.”

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