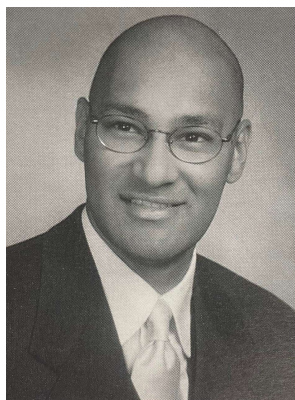


New Scholarship Honors the Memory of Andre de Corla-Souza, MD '00



A scholarship endowment has been created in memory of Andre de Corla-Souza, MD '00, who died on July 19, 2009, after a two-and-a half-year heroic battle with colon cancer.

Dr. "Dre" grew up in India, Bahrain, and New York. He earned his undergraduate degree at SUNY Binghamton, his medical degree at Upstate Medical University, then completed residency at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, New York, and a fellowship at North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System, Manhasset, NY. He was certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, critical care medicine, sleep medicine, and dive medicine.

De Corla-Souza was married in September 2005 to Namita Kedia, MD. They adopted a puppy the following year, named Che. After that he and Che were inseparable. He had a passion for all things outdoorsy—including motorcycles, hunting, hiking, scuba diving, and kayaking.

After being diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer in 2007, he continued to live life to the fullest. He traveled with his wife to Peru, Alaska, Spain, Thailand, India, and numerous locations in the United States. De Corla-Souza had the utmost respect for his profession and worked until he no longer had the ability to do so. Namita has said that, even though he faced many obstacles to becoming a physician, he felt they were worth the joy of practicing medicine.

Although he didn't get to practice medicine long, he truly loved being a physician. He is remembered by classmates as a funny, charismatic, intelligent man with an infectious smile and a bright outlook on life.

Beginning in 2025, the annual scholarship will be awarded as tuition relief to a medical student to help defray the cost of travel associated with educational and career goals. It

has been said that de Corla Souza's love of life was contagious and the best way to honor him would be for each of us to live our lives to the fullest. This scholarship will honor his memory by helping future recipients explore opportunities to experience the world in new ways through travel.



Andre de Corla-Souza, MD '00, hiking the Inca Trail, Peru, in 2006