



University of Idaho

International Programs Office

Anjum Sadiq Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Review eligibility requirements and apply for this scholarship through iVandal at www.ivandal.uidaho.edu – *Departmental Services/Scholarship Applications*



This endowment scholarship was established in 2009 by JoAnn and Tom Trail with the support of 30 other donors, to recognize Anjum Sadiq and the impact she had on the lives of so many students, staff and faculty of the University of Idaho, as well as members of the Moscow community and beyond, which stemmed from her consummate volunteerism. JoAnn Trail is the former Coordinator of the International Friendship Association at the University of Idaho.

Anjum was born October 3, 1956 in Kashmir, India. Her father served as the Chief Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir government and her maternal grandfather was the last Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir from 1953-1963.

Anjum graduated with honors from Jesus and Mary College, a part of the University of Delhi with a B.A. in Sociology. She worked for a time with Mother Teresa in New Delhi. She accompanied her husband Dr. Riyaz Sadiq to McGill University in Canada, where he received his PhD in Forestry, then returned to Kashmir where he worked in the Department of Forestry, Inspector General's Office.

In 1993, Riyaz and Anjum moved to Moscow, Idaho, where Riyaz continued his studies at the University of Idaho. Anjum immediately became involved with the Parent Action Team Association at West Park School, organizing fundraisers to buy computers for classrooms, working in the library and planning and facilitating International Week activities. Anjum was an extraordinary volunteer with the International Friendship Association at the University of Idaho, helping to organize the popular International Afternoon of Culture, Costume and Cuisine annual events as well as the first Cruise the World event in 1998. She participated in COMSEC (Community Sector) of the Region 1 National Association of Foreign Student Affairs: Association of International Educators conferences (NAFSA), serving on panels and conducting workshops. She was honored by Region 1 as the recipient of the first International Volunteer award.

Through Anjum's extraordinary skills in organizing the international students and spouses who prepared the popular international cuisine dinners, she was instrumental in significantly increasing the funds for the International Student Scholarship that is awarded every year, as she saw a real need to help those with financial difficulties, as she knows that most international students rely solely upon their family support. Anjum was a concerned, loving person who helped wives of international students and scholars make adjustments in a new environment. She is credited with helping to strengthen the Indian Student Association which continues the tradition of hosting India Night every year.

Even after leaving Moscow, Anjum continued to return to Moscow to prepare her delicious food for the annual Renaissance Fair, with the proceeds going to the war orphans in Kashmir. After the tragic events on September 11, 2001, she organized the Indian Students a Louisiana Tech to become some of the first in the community to donate blood. She was a popular speaker, helping people to move beyond stereotypes and ignorance to seek understanding of issues and to learn tolerance and acceptance.

Anjum passed away on December 21, 2005 in New Delhi, India after bravely battling cancer for four years. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Riyaz Sadiq, and son Qaiser Sadiq, who was also a student at the University of Idaho.

A committee composed International Programs staff will review the applications and announce the recipient at the Awards Ceremony on Friday night of UI Mom's Weekend in April (date changes yearly)