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Aishwarya Roshan. Photo credit: Don Erhardt

“Receiving the Schulich Leadership Scholarship has been one of my greatest achievements,” says Aishwarya Roshan, a first year Science student at UBC who plans to study Medicine. “The Schulich Leaders network really broadens my scope, and being a part of a family of students and leaders so remarkable inspires me every day.”

Aishwarya won the award, valued at \$60,000, after graduating from Moscrop Secondary School in Burnaby. A professional classical Indian dancer, Roshan is also a recipient of the City of Burnaby Youth Citizenship Award for her extensive volunteer work in the community.

She is passionate about environmental, social and global issues, and she has proven herself to be a leader in local and international community initiatives. While in high school, she led a committee to create community gardens in Burnaby. She has also been actively involved in the Model United Nations and presented an action paper at the United Nations Student Conference on Human Rights in New York.

Her dream of becoming a doctor and having an even bigger impact on her community led her to UBC. She says the inclusive environment at the university and the financial support she received are helping her to realize her full potential.

“The financial component of the scholarship allows me to focus solely on providing service back to my community and on my academics. I’m so grateful to the Schulich Leaders Scholarship because I’m able to contribute back. For me, that’s one of the greatest aspects of my life.”

Schulich Leader Scholarships are prestigious entrance scholarships awarded to high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel. Recognizing the increasing importance and impact that STEM disciplines will have on the prosperity of future generations, businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich established this \$100 million scholarship fund in 2012 to encourage the best and brightest students to be the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation.

“The reason I’ve been able to achieve my goals is because of the support and opportunities I’ve received. I am where I am today because of people who saw my potential and acted to foster it. This is why providing service back to the community is so essential to me.”

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