

UNLV 2011 Regent Scholar, Undergraduate Nominee: Shipra De

Ms. Shipra De is a student in the Honors College and is pursuing triple degrees in Economics, Mathematics and Computer Science. She will graduate in May 2011 with approximately 200 credits and has been offered a job with JT3, a defense department contractor, whom she has interned with the last three summers. She is well-known among the faculty as a student motivated, curious, and interested in learning. Dr. Bradley Wimmer, Associate Professor of Economics, ranks Shipra as the top undergraduate student he has taught in his 12 years at UNLV. As an undergraduate when she asked to audit a graduate-level seminar he agreed and found her to be "always the best-prepared student, often leading the class discussion." She recently completed an independent study with him and he expects that she will produce an honors thesis that will result in publication in a professional journal. This is not new to Shipra as she already has one professional publication to her credit. In her mathematics studies and participation in an undergraduate research program through the National Science Foundation, Shipra's work led to a publication in *Ars Combinatorica* in 2009. Her love of learning extends outward to the work she engages in the community; many times leading these efforts. She has been a student ambassador, sat on various student governing bodies, volunteered with Meals on Wheels and the Boys and Girls Club. In her own words she states, "I am a strong proponent of community service both for the pleasure of helping others and for the perspective and humility it teaches."

[Nominated by Dr. Peter Starkweather, Dean, Honors College]