



## Maria Angela achieves highest honor

In Argentina's university system, the student that demonstrates academic excellence and leadership is recognized by representing their school in public ceremonies and by bearing the Argentine flag. This is the highest honor that a college student can aspire to, the equivalent of the *magna cum laude* distinction in the US system. This year, at UCES University, that honor went to one of our VISIONAR students: Maria Angela Contreras.



MARIA ANGELA, VISIONAR STUDENT, AND MRS GRACIELA ASIS, VISIONAR PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Maria Angela is the embodiment of hard work and perseverance, the values that are at the heart of VISIONAR Scholarships. For the last four years, Maria Angela has braved the elements on her bike, day in and day out, logging in countless kilometers through the cold, the heat or the rain to attend classes. And she made it to the top of her class at UCES. Now she proudly bears the Argentine flag, the symbol of recognition for her accomplishments.

When we awarded a VISIONAR scholarship to Maria Angela in 2010, we knew of her academic excellence from primary school through high school. We were certain her dedication would continue into college. Angela is exceeding our expectations and we are immensely proud of her.

We are very thankful to Daniela and Pablo Mondino, who sponsor Angela's scholarship, and to all donors who continue to support the program for all 13 students currently receiving VISIONAR's help. You are making a difference in these students' lives.

