

IYASE's 2nd IYASE Virtual Summit on May 16 was a smashing success and a wonderful gathering of the community. Over 250 people registered for the event and seven superb people from our community shared their experiences during this past year, including lessons learned from teaching and practicing through the pandemic.

- Randy Loftis and Greta Kent-Stoll from Iyengar Yoga Asheville North Carolina talked about how they have been able to keep their Iyengar yoga community thriving during the pandemic and how they used outreach and scholarships to stay connected with the most affected within their community.
- Lauri Wade from Kentucky, an Iyengar student and grade school teacher spoke about connections among people on zoom and in person.
- Stephanie Perry-Bush, who recently moved to our featured state Georgia, spoke of the gems that came out of the pandemic; for example, how her yoga practice became more whole due to welcoming her students and teachers into her home via the computer and how she gained students back from places where she has lived and taught in the past.
- IYASE Treasurer Maddy Landrum-Noe and Ellie Macklin, two Iyengar students from Tennessee each presented about studying and practicing Iyengar yoga during the pandemic and beyond.
- Javier Wilensky from Om'echaye Wellness & Fitness Center, Hallandale Florida ended the afternoon sharing personal stories and experiences while teaching yoga hybrid style (zoom and in person) for the past 6 months.

At the end, we announced 5 lucky winners of raffle items donated for the event. After the event, IYASE donated \$ 6,766.5 to India, funds collected through donations and the IYASE coffers.

Thanks IYASE members! We love you and are filled with gratitude!

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