

Outstanding Mentor for Undergraduate Research Award:

Dr. Siva priya Santhanam



The 2020 *Golich Award* for Outstanding Mentor for Undergraduate Research goes to Dr. Siva priya Santhanam, a second-year assistant professor in Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences. Dr. Santhanam's dedication to undergraduate research is exceptional, and as you go through the abstracts, you'll see her work shine! Here's just a snapshot of what her students and colleagues have to say:

Dr. Santhanam is an exemplary mentor who has gone above and beyond to provide the best possible research experience for undergraduate research students. Her tenacity, support, patience, and comprehensive research knowledge is a boon the student body. Dr. Santhanam is a fantastic research mentor who has set a high standard for future research experiences. I am grateful for my experience as her research assistant and cannot think of a more deserving mentor.

- Kayla Murchison, Undergraduate Research Assistant

In less than two years, Dr. Santhanam has made an extraordinary impact in how SLHS students actively engage with research. Equally impressive is how her mentorship continues to serve students as they pursue opportunities beyond MSU Denver including graduate school and clinical practice. I commend Dr. Santhanam for her commitment to undergraduate research and, as chair, formally recognize how her work benefits the department at large.

- Jessica Rossi-Katz, PhD, CCC-A, Professor and Department Chair,
Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences

[...Dr. Santhanam] ensured that we had a voice and made decisions, while asking thought provoking questions and providing new perspectives.

- Kaylee Eastridge, Undergraduate Research Assistant

I think the fact that the number of students Dr. Santhanam mentored grew from two to eight in one year speaks volumes about her ability to inspire students and facilitate their involvement in Undergraduate Research. [...] The mentoring she has done in three and a half semesters has led to one publication, two presentations at the 8th Annual MSU Denver Undergraduate Research Conference, one regional conference presentation, one national conference presentation, two research grants, four proposals for a poster session at a national conference and four proposals for a poster at the MSU Denver Undergraduate Research Conference. I have no doubt that Dr. Santhanam will continue to inspire students to engage in Undergraduate Research and the number of students she mentors will continue to grow, and their work will lead to more publications and presentations.

- Dr. Meredith Flynn, Associate Director, Center for Teaching, Learning and Design