



The Department Congratulates

# 2021 SJSU Outstanding Senior Award Winner

**Ms. Mamta Kanda**



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## SJSU Celebrates the Class of 2021 With Virtual Recognition and Student Awards

Every year, SJSU recognizes undergraduate and graduate students whose academic work shows exceptional promise. In addition to their remarkable academic accomplishments, the Outstanding Seniors must also demonstrate leadership in and make substantial contributions to the university community, among other notable qualifications.

Throughout Mamta Kanda's time at SJSU, she served in multiple leadership roles, including as president of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers and vice president of the Tau Beta Pi Honor Engineering Society leadership while maintaining an impressive 3.99 GPA.

Yasser Dessouky, chair of San José State's Industrial Systems Engineering Department (ISSE), describes Kanda as "one of the top 5 percent of undergraduate students during [his] 25 years teaching."

Kanda also discovered innovative ways to give back to the greater SJSU community through her internship, volunteering, clubs and other academic activities, which included fundraising for wildfire victims and mentoring high school STEM students.

"I commend and congratulate these student scholars for their impressive academic achievements, especially in the midst of such challenging circumstances," said SJSU President Mary A. Papazian.