

2020-2021: Simren Patel

Simren Patel, co-recipient for 2020-2021, from Apex, NC, is graduating in May 2021 from UNC Asheville with a major in Physics and minors in Astronomy and Math. She has been a docent at Lookout Observatory for 3 years and has been attending Astronomy Club of Asheville meetings, as classes allow, for 4 years. Simren is also the Co-President of the "Society of Physics Students" chapter, Co-President of the Women in STEM organization, and an Intern for the Asheville Initiative for Mathematics at UNC Asheville. Through all of these activities, she has enjoyed doing a myriad of astronomy, physics, and other STEM-related outreach for people of all ages in the Asheville community.

She is looking forward to continuing her leadership and passion for collaboration in engineering-related industry positions after graduation.