



Sofia Hingorani
Communication Department 2020 Collins Award Winner

Sofia Hingorani is a social justice crusader.

She also is a stellar student who was the president of the Department of Communication honor society and hosted a show on our campus radio station.

Sofia used her communication advocacy skills in internships to raise the minimum wage in Missouri and to fight for transparency in political campaigns. Sofia was part of these grassroots endeavors that won voter approval—standing up for our state’s lowest-paid workers and demanding more accountability in our statehouse.

This past year, Sofia interned for a redevelopment organization that has invested millions in improving housing in St. Louis as well as building better infrastructure to boost economic investment. Sofia used her writing and visual storytelling skills to help make life better for people and businesses in neighborhoods like the Grove and Forest Park Southeast.

Sofia also drew on her empathy and interpersonal skills to make life better for SLU students. Hers was one of the first faces that incoming freshmen saw at SLU101, where she facilitated group discussions during orientation. She used her fluency in Spanish to translate for families, and she led sessions on LGBTQ+ resources available at SLU. She also worked with Campus Ministry to organize SLU’s first LGBTQ+ spiritual retreat.

Sofia embodies what we want for our students and what we love to see them doing. And to know that, however how small, we had a hand in inspiring their success.

We’re so proud of Sofia, and honored to call her one of our own.