

Message from President Cook and Dr. Mukund Sibi

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Hello everyone I'm here today with Dr. Muk Sibi, University Distinguished Professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who recently was listed among the top 2% of scientists in the world. That's unbelievable! Congratulations, Dr, Sibi. Thank you very much. We are so lucky to have you here at NDSU. The top scientist list recognizes the most influential researchers across a broad range of scientific fields and pulls from several high-level metrics. The list is updated annually using single-year and career-long data.

Dr. Sibi is in good company here at NDSU with 25 of our researchers listed in the top scientist single-year list and 25 researchers listed on the career list. That's unbelievable. When I first heard that I was super excited to hear about all of our success. So, Dr. Sibi what does it mean to you to receive the worldwide recognition for research excellence? Thank you very much. It's a big honor I have to say. We are proud of our science. It's my group over the years actually does science in two major areas. One is material science uh and the other end of the spectrum uh we do chemistry in medicinal chemistry so medicine and materials uh kind of expand our interest.

I have to say now I haven't done lab work in a long time so all of the credit uh creativity, etc. goes to the students. I mean, uh the students who are the ones who do this science, hard work, input into the science so and that's what makes this award very, very meaningful. So, it is a it's a really, science is a teamwork. I mean, you don't do anything individually in science. So,

I think so whatever recognition comes my way is really a team recognition. So, and I've had, you know, awesome students over the years and I have awesome students now and from all over the world and that's diversity is one thing I really value uh because that's really how the globe is and that's what the workforce is. I have graduated 33 female PhD students. 33 I love it. You know, this is just and that's, you know, another kind of we're talking about metrics uh so that's one of the metrics I'm really, really proud of. Well, you should be. I think that's the kind of things we really like to see. Make a meaningful impact on whatever level we do. Well, it's a real honor for us to have you on faculty here to do this amazing work I love everything you just said about students. I just have to ask how many students have you had work in your Labs over the year any idea what that number might be? I've had more than maybe 300 undergraduates in my lab, uh close to 80 PhD students, graduate students, uh 80 postdoctoral students, visiting Scholars and uh all over the world. This is one of the things that I love about NDSU.

Our students get to work with world-class faculty like yourself every day. Top 2%. Unbelievable. I think that's really, I think that's what separates NDSU from other schools. The research we're doing clearly has a global influence so, congratulations on the impact that you're making. in fiscal year 2024, NDSU earned \$142.5 million in external funding for research. It's the highest annual award that we've received. A 75% increase over last year and you are a big part of that, Dr. Sibi. So, for that, we're very thankful for everything that you do and everything that you do in terms of our research helps us really maintain that R1 classification that we are so very proud of.

So, thank you to you, thank you to your students, thank you, to the great work you do in the lab and I got to have you say.

Put up the Bison and say one, two, three.

Go Bison! Go Bison!