AMELIA MERCADO

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science and Arts, Biology Honors

Health Science Scholars Honors Program

Certificate in Pre-Health Professions

GPA: 4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Guides of Texas – Tour Guide: Austin, TX

May 2019 - Present

- Engages and connects with a diverse set of families while providing campus tours at The University of Texas at Austin
- Aids in Texas Admissions events by sitting on student panels and helping with large-scale events such as Texas Preview

First-year Interest Group Mentor

August 2020 - Present

- Serving as a mentor to 24 incoming freshman at the University of Texas at Austin
- Organized weekly meetings and put on events to facilitate community

ACTIVITIES

Health Leadership Apprenticeship (HLA) Program at Dell Medical School – Austin, TX

August 2020 – Present

- Selected among 300+ applicants to be apart of HLA: Track B, which aims to connect undergrads with opportunities at Dell Medical
- · As an active member, currently attending rounds and talks at Dell Medical School as well as Speaker Series

Dell Children's Medical Center – Research Assistant; Austin, TX

February 2020 –

- Working within the Texas Center for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease
- Activities include formulating IRB applications, working on research studies with physicians, as well as personal research projects

Dell Medical School, Musculoskeletal Institute – Research Assistant; Austin, TX

February 2020 -

- Serving as a research assistant in the Musculoskeletal Institute under Dr. David Ring
- Activities include writing protocols for studies, submitting IRB applications, data collection/ analysis, and manuscript writing

College of Natural Sciences Honors Diversity Council-Member; Austin, TX

February 2020 -

- · Collaborating with fellow honors students and faculty on how to increase diversity within the honors program
- Connects with high school students to answer questions regarding the CNS Honors program

Freshman Research Initiative at UT – Researcher in Functional Genomics Lab; Austin, TX

January 2019 – December 2019

- Researched histone gene expression in S. cerevisiae within the Functional Genomics Lab
- Utilized the CRISPR-Cas9 system to replace a histone gene in S. cerevisiae with a human gene

Crane Center for Transgender Surgery– Observer; Westlake, TX

December 2019

- Shadowed surgeon Dr. Ashley DeLeon for 20 hours during clinic and in the operating room at the world-renowned Crane center
- Gained insight into LGBTQIA+ health

VOLUNTEER WORK

Ascension Seton – ER Volunteer; ICU Volunteer; Austin, TX

May 2019 – December 2019

- Transported patients and visitors to their respective rooms from the E.R. waiting room at Dell Seton Medical Center
- Answered phone calls from patients in the ICU, relayed information to nurses, restocked medical supplies, and cleaned nutrition room
- Volunteered in the Ascension Seton Network for over 200 hours

HONORS

Distinguished College Scholar – Ranked top 4% College of Natural Sciences

Second Year in Excellence Award

Ralph A. Steiner, M.D. Scholarship Recipient

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SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Proficient in R, Microsoft Office, and Python
- · Certified in Adobe
- Research interests include: generational trauma, LGBTQIA+ health, patient outcomes among the congenital heart disease population