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**Education** The University of Chicago

B.A. in Biological Sciences. Dean's List/General Honors

Relevant Coursework: Neuroscience, Organic Chemistry, Genetics, Biochemistry

Chicago, IL June 2013

Colegio Puertorriqueño de Niñas

Graduated in top 5 % of class. GPA 3.90/4.00

Guaynabo, PR

May 2009

**Experience** Duke University: Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)

**Durham, NC**June 2012

Summer Intern

• Investigated the role of group 1 mGluRs in mouse model of OCD.

- Showed that increased activity of striatal group 1 mGluR causes OCD like behaviors in mice.
- Presented findings to program's faculty and colleagues in a poster session.

## Northwestern University: Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)

Chicago, IL June 2011

Summer Intern

- Researched the mitochondrial protein alterations associated with motor neuron disease.
- Demonstrated that there is a potential diffference in mitochondrial gene expression from mice that underwant curative radiation treatment
- Reported findings and presented to program's faculty and colleagues.

## **Novartis: Vaccines and Diagnostics**

Cambridge, MA

Extern

March 2011

- Shadowed Vas Narasimhan, Head of Novartis Vaccines North America in the department of research and development
- Gained insight of Novartis pipeline of vaccines and ongoing/future projects

LangoChicago, ILInstructor2010-2011

- Taught Spanish through an immersion program for preschool children.
- Prepared lesson plans and learning activities.
- Received positive evaluations and feedbacks from students.

#### **CPN Robotics Team**

Guaynabo, PR

Founding Member and President

2007-2009

- Organized and participated in the first all female team in Puerto Rico.
- Designed and fabricated robots to perform specialized tasks.
- Invited to participate as an instructor and advisor for *FIRST Robotics competition*, which encourages Middle and High-school students to pursue STEM fields.

### Georgetown Leadership Conference: Medicine and Health Care

Washington, DC

Attendee

Summer 2007

- Analyzed the integration of biomedical research and resulting advancements in medicine and healthcare.
- Conducted a mock outbreak investigation, resolved conflicts and participated in the process of developing a differential diagnosis.

NHS Volunteer Work Guaynabo, PR

Organizer and participant

2004- 2009

- Organized events for orphaned and abandoned children
  - Tutored high school students in the fields of Math, Science and English.

Students' performance in homework and tests improved

Leadership/ Teamwork National Honor Society (2006-2009))

Activities

Varsity Soccer and Futsal (2004-2009)

Recognized as the league's Most Valuable Player (2004)

Was in the national selection for a soccer club (FRAIGCOMAR) in Puerto Rico and competed in Italy Third place in the competition. (2005)

UC Dancers (2010-2012)

National Honor Art Society (2007-2009)

**Skills** Fluent in English and Spanish; Proficient in Italian. Experienced with Matlab and Microsoft office.

**Hobbies** Drawing, Acrylic and oil painting, sculpting and graphic design. Ballet and Salsa Dancer. An avid reader.