# RICARDO EDUARDO DE ARMAS

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#### **EDUCATION**

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Cambridge, MA

B.S. in Chemical-Biological Engineering, Minor in International Studies

GPA 5.0/5.0

June 2015

Relevant Coursework: Chemistry, Introductory Biology, Organic Chemistry, Intro to Chemical Engineering, Thermodynamics & Kinetics, Differential Equations

John A. Ferguson Senior High School

Miami, FL

Valedictorian in class of 1,014 students; SAT 1540/1600

GPA 4.0/4.0

June 2011

**EXPERIENCE** 

#### **Procter & Gamble - Duracell**

Bethel, CT

R&D Engineering Intern

June 2012 - Aug. 2012

- Developed a portable charger prototype that charges 7x faster than the current market technology
- · Analyzed consumer and industry insight to determine what market technology meets business objective
- Persuaded upper management to establish partnership with 2 manufacturers of the recommended technology
- Assessed breakthroughs needed to lower the cost of the charger, and proposed strategies to reduce cost by 60%

#### Electrochemical Energy Laboratory, MIT

Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate Researcher

Jan. 2012 – May 2012

- Investigated the atomic structure of thermo-electric materials, as part of a DOE project to increase solar capture
- Manufactured samples of thermo-electric material by using polishing and ion-milling techniques
- Doubled the manufacturing rate of samples, allowing the lab to achieve more experimental data in less time

### **U.S.** House of Representatives

Miami, FL

Florida Congressional Intern

Aug. 2009 - Jan. 2011

- Assisted Constituent Aids by preparing 10+ case summaries daily and writing correspondence
- Updated and maintained records of constituent cases on a congressional database
- Compiled a list of 500+ schools in the district, which was used in the planning of community events

#### LEADERSHIP

### Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

Cambridge, MA

Regional Representative

May 2012 - Present

- Responsible for promoting attendance and organizing travel to regional and national events
- Serve as liaison between MIT SHPE and other Professional Chapters in the region

### **MIT Undergraduate Energy Club**

Cambridge, MA

Chairman of Education

May 2012 - Present

- Organize and direct educational panels with audiences of 50+ to connect students to energy opportunities on-campus
- Create subcommittees of 4-6 members, delegate tasks, and manage groups for event planning

## **Youth Chamber of Commerce**

Doral, FL

Executive Board Member

Sept. 2010 – June 2011

- Organized monthly workshops and networking events to promote entrepreneurship among teens in the community
- Delivered presentations on leadership, growth, and community service to audiences of 30+ students

### **ACTIVITIES**

MIT Gates Scholars, Campus Ambassador	Aug. 2011 – Present
MIT Golf Club, Team Member	Aug. 2011 – Present

#### HONORS & AWARDS

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Gates Millennium Scholar	April 2011
Congressional Medal of Merit	April 2011
President's Volunteer Service Award	April 2011

#### **SKILLS**

Fluent in English and Spanish

Windows/Mac OS, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Project, Python, MATLAB