

Kiana Banafshay

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin	BSA Biology Minor: Business Certificate: Pre-Health Professions <i>Overall GPA: 3.9894</i> <i>Business Minor GPA: 4.0</i>	Fall 2016-May 2020
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PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Assistant—Student Grader Fall 2019-Spring 2020

- Graded and edited various writing assignments for the Genetics Lab course.

Accelerated Research Initiative—Mentor Spring 2019-Spring 2020

- Worked as a mentor and helped assist new students with conducting research under the NASA project, which works on finding new approaches to detecting extraterrestrial life.

Chemistry Peer Learning Assistant—Student Assistant Spring 2018

- Collaborated and helped students understand questions and concepts in the Chemistry 302 class.

Memorial Pediatric Dentistry—Paid Intern; Houston, TX Summer/Winter 2017

- Scribed for the Dental Hygienist and Dentist in addition to helping with cleanings and treatment.

IPLB – Retail Sales Specialist; Dillard’s Memorial City Mall in Houston, TX Winter 2014-2017

- Actively promoted and sold women’s fragrances and related items.

PHYSICIAN SHADOWING

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- Anesthesiology (15 hours)
Farzin Goravanchi, D.O. | MD Anderson Cancer Center
 - Dermatology (10 hours)
Heidi Prather, M.D. | Westlake Dermatology
 - General Surgery (10 hours)
John K. Stokes, M.D. & Robert E. Askew Jr., M.D. | Seton Medical Center
 - Dermatology (15 hours)
Gregory Nikolaidis, M.D. | Westlake Dermatology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Houston Methodist Summer Research Internship Summer 2019

- Published in the Fall 2019 issue of *Methodology*, the award-winning magazine of the Houston Methodist Academic Institute, in which my research experience in Dr. Villapol’s lab was

highlighted; Helped research neurorestorative treatments for the injured brain; Presented a poster on my research.

Accelerated Research Initiative (Practical Sensors)–Researcher; Austin, TX Spring 2018

- Worked with the Draper Project to help make peptides for their molecular architecture projects.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Seton Medical Center (200 hours) –Volunteer; Austin, TX Spring 2018-Present

- Helped the mother/baby floor by making cribs, assisting the mothers, and restocking supplies; aided those in need of hospital information or directions at the South information desk.

Texas Lassos (Service Organization) – Class President Spring 2019- Fall 2019
Active Member Spring 2017- Present

- Participated in Texas THON for two years and raised over \$16,000 as a group for Dell Children’s Medical Center.
- Assisted with an annual Fun Run for our philanthropy, the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas.

Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Health Professional Honor Society)–Active Member Fall 2017- Present

- Actively raised money by canning and hosting an annual Pie a President event to benefit Dell Children’s Surgical Global Outreach.

Global Medical Training –Member Fall 2016-Fall 2017

- Travelled to the Dominican Republic and provided healthcare to different communities.

Intramural Basketball– Team Member Fall 2016 & Spring 2020

Intramural Volleyball– Team Member Spring 2019

HONORS

- University Honors (College Scholar) Fall 2016-Fall 2018
- University Honors (Distinguished College Scholar) Spring 2019-Spring 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer Skills: MS Word, Excel, R Studio, Python

Languages: Fluent in English and Farsi (Persian); Conversational Spanish

Interests: Dancing, basketball, and musical theatre.