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## **EDUCATION**

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<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b>	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**

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<b>Undergraduate Assistant—Student Grader</b>	Fall 2019-Spring 2020
• Graded and edited various writing assignments for the Genetics Lab course.	
<b>Accelerated Research Initiative—Mentor</b>	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.	
<b>Chemistry Peer Learning Assistant—Student Assistant</b>	Spring 2018
• Collaborated and helped students understand questions and concepts in the Chemistry 302 class.	
<b>Memorial Pediatric Dentistry –Paid Intern; Houston, TX</b>	Summer/Winter 2017
• Scribed for the Dental Hygienist and Dentist in addition to helping with cleanings and treatment.	
<b>IPLB – Retail Sales Specialist; Dillard's Memorial City Mall in Houston, TX</b>	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**

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<b>Houston Methodist Summer Research Internship</b>	Summer 2019
• Published in the Fall 2019 issue of <i>Methodology</i> , 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  
Active Member Spring 2019- Fall 2019  
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.