

**Kiana Banafshay**  
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**EDUCATION**

<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**

**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.

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**PHYSICIAN SHADOWING**

- 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

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**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

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**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

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

**Interests:** Dancing, basketball, and musical theatre.