KYLE GU

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin Bachelor of Science and Arts, Biology

May 2021

Minor/Certificate: Business, Pre-Health Professions

Overall GPA: 3.95

EXPERIENCE

MD Anderson Cancer Center – Research Intern; Houston, TX

June 2020 - August 2020

- Mentored by Dr. Guojun Li in the Department of Head and Neck Surgery
- Learned study design and statistical analysis of cancer association studies of genetic variants and cancer risk and outcomes through remote training

MD Anderson Cancer Center – Research Intern; Houston, TX

June 2019 - August 2019

- Mentored by Dr. Guang Peng in the Department of Clinical Cancer Prevention
- Participated in research projects that test new inhibitors of DNA repair system and the combined therapy of PARP inhibitors and immunotherapy for breast cancer in preclinical models
- Assisted in in vitro assays including cell culture, cell proliferation assays, and Western blot.
- Assisted in in vivo experiments of mice models including measuring tumor sizes, euthanize mice and collect tumor and lung.

MD Anderson Cancer Center – Research Intern; Houston, TX

May 2018 - August 2018

- Mentored by Dr. Guojun Li in the Department of Head and Neck Surgery
- Extracted DNA and RNA from FFPE slides and blood samples
- Performed PCR and gel electrophoresis to determine the HPV status of patients with head and neck cancers

Ascension Seton Medical Center – Volunteer; Austin, TX

September 2019 - May 2020

- Assisted physicians and nurses in restocking supplies in patient rooms and carts and cleaning patient rooms
- Received patients and families, offered emotional support, and directed them to designated rooms for treatment
- Received and transferred phone calls between various hospital departments and rooms to enable smooth communications for patient protocol and needs

Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) – Counselor; Center Point, TX

June of 2014 – 2017

- Facilitated children with severe disabilities (e.g., Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Down syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy) in performing daily living tasks for four consecutive summers
- Coordinated recreational activities and team sports for CAMPers to foster a sense of belonging
- Evaluated personal performance with the staff and addressed the improvements needed for upcoming sessions

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

PSY 357 Research – A behavior study in twins to analyze genetic and hormonal influence in decision-making

Spring 2019

- Recruited twins to participate in the study each weekend by contacting parents and obtaining consent
- Administered WASI (Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence) testing, assessed zygosity status, and collected specimens
- Compiled WASI test scores, zygosity readings, and observations into REDCap database for further analysis

PUBLICATIONS

1. Zhang Y, Sturgis EM, Wei P, Liu H, Wang Z, Ma Y, Liu C, **Gu KJ**, Wei Q, Li G. A genetic variant within MDM4 3'UTR miRNA binding site is associated with HPV16-positive tumors and survival of oropharyngeal cancer. Molecular Carcinogenesis 2019;58(12):2276-2285.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Chinese Students Association – Family Head (Fall 2019 – Present)

Fall 2018 - Present

- Coordinated weekly events for a family of 20+ members to interact via cultural, social, and volunteer activities
- Promoted CSA as a hospitable organization to potential newcomers across campus via social media and active recruiting

• Engaged in campus-wide events consisting of multicultural organizations to broaden the appeal of Chinese culture

American Medical Student Association - Active Member

Fall 2017 – Present

- Promoted AMSA to potential new members by giving brief synopsis of the organization to students at tabling events
- Cooked and distributed bimonthly home-cooked meals to All Saints' Episcopal Church and its surrounding communities
- Packaged condoms for distribution around LGBTQ neighborhoods in Austin to promote safe sex
- Supervised and participated in recreational sports with adolescents staying at Austin State Hospital

Biomedical Outreach and Leadership Training – *Volunteer*

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

- Educated elementary school children from low-income neighborhoods in Austin about fundamental science and math
- Assisted elementary school teachers by offering input during instructional time and monitoring children's behavior

HONORS

• University Honors Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

Natural Sciences Honors
All-State Musician for Piano Solo
Fall 2017 – Spring 2020
Spring 2015 – Spring 2016

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer Skills: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, LoggerPro, R & RStudio **Languages:** Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Conversational in Spanish **Interests:** Social Dancing, Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Piano, Hip Hop