Nicole Sarna

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EDUCATION

B.S. Biomedical Engineering

Expected May 2021

University of Florida - Gainesville, FL

UF GPA: 3.53/4.0

UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT

• Biomedical Engineering Society, Member

Aug. 2017-Present

• Society of Women Engineers, Member

Aug. 2017-Present

• UF Orchestra, Violinist

Aug. 2017-Dec. 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Biomedical Engineering and Chemical Engineering Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Florida, FL

Jul. 2019-Present

- Evaluating magnetic nanoparticles for *in vivo* imaging applications in the context of cancer immunotherapy
- Characterizing the limit of detection and quantification using the MOMENTUM Magnetic Particle Imaging system for *in vivo* studies
- Contributing to development of MATLAB program to analyze Magnetic Particle Imaging data sets
- Advisor: Carlos Rinaldi, Ph.D.

Department of Neuroscience

Jan. 2020-May 2020

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Florida, FL

- Writing MATLAB program to analyze fluorescent images of 3D ex vivo brain slice cultures that exhibit aggregation of tau protein, contributing to Alzheimer's and different neurodegenerative diseases
- Advisor: Todd E. Golde, M.D., Ph.D.

DebriSat Research Project

Sept. 2017-Dec. 2018

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Florida, FL

- Research for collaborative project between NASA, The Aerospace Corporation, and the US Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center
- Collected data to update NASA's Standard Breakup Model using Orbital Debris Modeling
- · Analyzed and characterized space debris fragments generated by hypervelocity collision on a model satellite
- Advisor: Norman Fitz-Coy, Ph.D.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS

American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)

Nov. 2019

 Presented poster titled, "Evaluating the Sensitivity of the MomentumTM Magnetic Particle Imaging System for Ferucarbotran Iron Oxide Nanoparticles" in the Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, Orlando, FL

IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference (EMBC)

Aug. 2016

• Participated in a healthcare design challenge to improve sleep apnea machine

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bob Evans Farms, Inc.

Jun. 2016 – Mar. 2017

Hostess / Cashier / Carryout Supervisor

· Supervised carryout orders, seated guests, cashed out customers, and managed the bakery

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

- MATLAB Programming
- OnShape/Autodesk Inventor (3D CAD)
- Histological microtome
- · Cell culture

- MOMENTUM Magnetic Particle Imaging System
- Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) instrument
- Dynamic magnetic susceptibility (DMS) instrument

HONORS/AWARDS

• Dean's List Aug. 2017-Present

• Valedictorian at Winter Park High School

2017