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EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Toronto, ON

Honours Bachelor of Science, Human Biology & Psychology

June 2018

RESEARCH & DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Bioengineering Department, University of Toronto

Toronto, ON

Biomedical Engineering Capstone Design Project

Sept 2017 - Apr 2018

- o Designed, & prototyped an electronic medical device to alleviate post-surgical complications in pediatric patients
- o Developed an Android game for interactive assessment of lung function using Unity3D, C# & Maya
- Used SolidWorks to design device components for 3D printing
- o Identified stakeholder requirements through a user-centered approach by conducting informational interviews

Pharmacy and Microbiology Departments, University of Toronto

Toronto, ON

Research Student

Sept 2015 - Apr 2017

- Identified and conducted lab experiments to investigate antimicrobial resistance and synthetic biology applications
- Employed bioinformatics software (CLC Workbench, MEGA, etc.) and Excel to analyze results
- o Presented research findings in manuscript style reports, on posters, and on Powerpoint to faculty and students

Pennsylvania State University

Hershey, PA

Research Assistant, Physiology Department

Summer 2014, 2015

- Experimentally investigated the effect of ambient air pollution on lung disease
- Collected, analyzed, and visualized data from experiments using statistical methods on MS Excel
- Presented orally and on posters at international (EB 2015) and national (GWIS, WiSE, CUCOH, & OQUIC) conferences

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

City of Toronto - Youth Nutrition Advisory

Toronto, ON

 $Committee\ Member$

Jan 2017 - Dec 2017

- o Created plans to increase nutrition awareness for the City of Toronto's youth spaces in high-priority areas
- o Organized workshops to engage at-risk youth aged 12 20 in adopting a healthy nutrition plan

University of Toronto Biomod Team

Toronto, ON

Founder and President

Sept 2014 - Aug 2016

- Managed a team of 60 life science and engineering undergraduate students to research, design, and prototype a biomolecular design project
- Coordinated team finances by communicating with, and establishing relationships with internal and external sponsors to pitch the project to secure over \$6000 in funding

Journal of Undergraduate Life Sciences

Toronto, ON

Sept 2016 - Apr 2017

- Peer-reviewed primary and review articles written by undergraduate students for clarity, scientific proficiency and provide constructive feedback to the authors
- o Articles were subsequently edited by professors and published in JULS, the UofT undergraduate student journal

Publications

- Cabello N, Mishra V, Sinha U, DiAngelo SL, Chroneos ZC, Ekpa NA, Cooper TK, Caruso CR, Silveyra P. 2015. Sex differences in the expression of lung inflammatory mediators in response to ozone. American Journal of Physiology
- Clark ST, Sinha U, Zhang Y, Wang PW, Donaldson SL, et al. PBP3 is a common adaptive target among P. aeruginosa isolates from cystic fibrosis patients treated with β -lactams. International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents. (Pending Review)
- Sinha U, Fuentes N, Spinelli AM, Caruso C, Nicoleau M, DiAngelo S, Mishra V, Chroneos ZC, Silveyra P. ATF3 regulation of the lung inflammatory response to ozone. (Pending Submission)