

ABIGAIL CHAVEZ

Philadelphia, PA

786-277-4282 | abi.chavez@pennmedicine.upenn.edu | [LinkedIn URL](#)

EDUCATION

PERELMAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (PSOM), UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Neuroscience Ph.D. Candidate

Philadelphia, PA

2023 - 2028

- **Awards:** Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics Fellow, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention Award, Fontaine Fellow
- **Clubs:** Penn Biotech Group (Consultant and Member; Formally on the DEI Committee); Graduate Led Student Initiatives of the Neuroscience Graduate Group (Former Co-Chair of Outreach and Co-Chair of the Public Lecture Series); Upward Bound (Lecturer); Minerva FemNet at Max Planck International (Mentor and Alumna)
- **Certificates:** Graduate Training in Medical Sciences Certificate and Entrepreneurial Sciences Certificate

HARRIET L. WILKES HONORS COLLEGE, FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Biological & Physical Sciences and Liberal Arts & Sciences

Jupiter, FL

2016 - 2020

Double Concentrations in Cellular Neuroscience and Psychology

Recipient of the Max Planck Honors Program Certificate

- **Awards:** Outstanding Thesis Award (top ~5% selected), George D. Cornell Scholar (full-ride merit-based scholarship), Koo Family Interfaith Community Engagement Scholar, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Scholarship Recipient
- **Clubs:** Student Government (Marketing Director); Orientation and Welcome Leader; FAU Thrive Mental Health Support Network (Events Coordinator); Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (Ambassador for the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience)

EXPERIENCE

PERELMAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Research Fellow, Frances Jensen Lab

Philadelphia, PA

2024 - 2028

- Authored and co-authored two peer-reviewed publications and four conference presentations, contributing to the field's understanding of Alzheimer's Disease, epilepsy, and therapeutic interventions for these conditions.
- Spearheaded cross-functional collaborations with geneticists, neuroscientists, statisticians, and clinicians, integrating electrophysiology and transcriptomic analyses to strengthen translational relevance.
- Secured competitive funding and awards, demonstrating ability to align scientific innovation with resource acquisition.
- Built Python script to optimize literature searches from PubMed to accelerate the speed writing of publications.

ASCEND PR AND FAMILY OFFICE ADVISORY

Senior Advisor, Growth & Partnerships

Remote

2025 - 2025

- Represent Ascend PR at family office and investor networking events, cultivating relationships with ultra-high-net-worth individuals and growth stage start-ups directly contributing to a 20% increase in qualified leads from across different sectors.
- Execute client intake and consultative sales processes, qualify leads for health tech startups, and build stakeholder trust to strengthen the strategic growth pipeline.

SETON EDUCATION PARTNERS

Bilingual Operations Associate

New York, NY

2020-2021

Operations Seton Teaching Fellow

2021-2022

- Directed student information systems and tracked family engagement data, providing actionable insights to improve outreach and resource allocation.
- Coordinated cross-functional stakeholders (health, food services, facilities, security, social work, IT) to ensure seamless school operations.
- Planned school-wide events and translated English-Spanish communications, strengthening community engagement and accessibility for diverse underserved low-income families.
- Designed and implemented automated pipelines for operations, inventory, and compliance systems, streamlining workflows and improving accuracy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish & English (fully fluent); French (beginner-intermediate); R-Studio (beginner); Python (beginner)

Interests: Operas, travel, hiking, classical music, gastronomy, international music