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## Education

Undergraduate, University of Puerto Rico – Humacao

2011- (*B.S. expected 2015*)

Department of Biology

Major: Microbiology

GPA: 3.72

## Research Experience

- **Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) - Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Program from National Institute of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Fellow** August 2011 –  
Department of Biology, University of Puerto Rico – Humacao Campus, PR  
PI: Hector Ayala, Ph.D.
- **Gateways to the Laboratory Summer Program** Summer, 2013  
**Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering**  
Cell Biology Program  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center 430 E. 67<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY  
PI: Cole Haynes, Ph.D.
- **Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Summer Undergraduate Research program** Summer, 2012  
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Texas,  
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX  
PI: Pierre McCrea, Ph.D.

## Presentations

- **Community Structure of Archaea in coffee pulp compost** April 2013  
RISE Program 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium: Translational Research on Addiction: From Behavior to Biology
- **Wnt Signaling Pathway Interacts with ARVCF-catenin** November 2012  
ABRCMS Conference, San Jose, California
- Student's Internship/REU Forum @ University of Puerto Rico September 2012
- MD Anderson Summer Programs Poster Presentation August 2012

**Distinctions and Awards**

- NIH-RISE program fellow August 2011 –
- AMGEN Scholarship Recipient December 2011 -
- Youngest Student at Cancer Genetics Course for Talented Scientists January 2013  
 Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico

**Affiliations/Memberships/Associations**

- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) July 2013 -
- American Society of Microbiology (ASM) August 2012 –
- Society of Microbiologists of Puerto Rico (SMPR) August 2012 -
- University of Puerto Rico – Humacao Campus
  - Vice-president, Microbiology Students’ Chapter August 2013 -
  - Member, General Biology Students Association August 2012 –
  - Member, Marine Biology Association August 2012 –
  - Chair of the Microbiology Students’ Chapter August 2012 – May 2013
  - Member, Microbiology Students’ Chapter August 2011- May 2012

**Community Service and Volunteering Activities**

- The Heart-to-Heart Community Outreach Campaign Summer, 2013
- Volunteer, American Cancer Society Relay for Life 2012 & 2013
- Participant, International Coastal Cleanup, Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico 2012
- Participant, Harbor a Soul at Christmas Project December 2011 & 2012  
*Project realized to raise money to buy blankets for homeless people.*  
 Community Initiative Org.
- Crew Member, Medical Crew in Haiti March 2011  
 Community Initiative Org.
- Co-Organizer of Love for Haiti Project 2011  
*Project realized with the objective of raising money for people from Haiti after the devastating earthquake.*

**Clinical Experiences**

- Shadowing at New York Presbyterian Hospital Summer 2013
  - Departments: Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Pediatric Neurology, OB/GYN.

**Conferences Attended**

- 2013 UPR/MDACC Research on Cancer Epidemiology Risk Factors and Control in the Caribbean Basin Conference February 2013

**Fluent Languages**

- Spanish
- English

**Skills**

- PCR
- Electrophoresis
- Spectrophotometer utilization
- DNA Extraction
- Tissue Culture
- Western Blot
- Experience working with *C. elegans*