



Office of the Associate Dean for Research
and Graduate Studies (OADRGS)

Newsletter

January to June 2025

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Activities Offered



4th UCC Biomedical and Clinical Student/Residents Research Symposium - April 10, 2025

With great enthusiasm, we express our gratitude to all who participated in the 4th UCC Research Symposium. This year, the event was highlighted by the **64 poster presentations** by UCC students. We also featured an oral presentation by Dr. Ivone Bruno entitled "The Future of Healthcare: The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Biotechnological Advances," and **220 participants**.

It is a source of pride to witness the excellent research work and the dedication of our students and their mentors. Participants included the Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences, School of Medicine, School of Chiropractic, Substance Abuse Counseling Program, and Medical Images Technology Program.



March 28, 2025

Visit from members of the SuRE Resource Center at the University of Kentucky as part of the OSP Seed Grant.

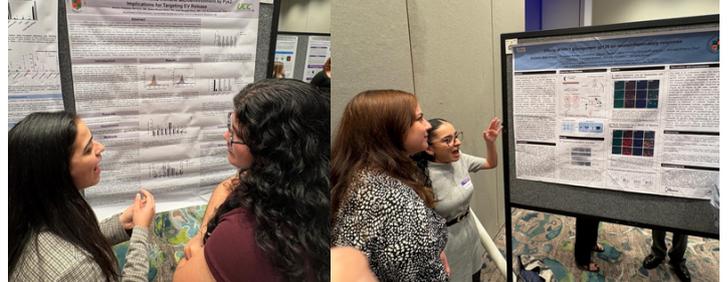
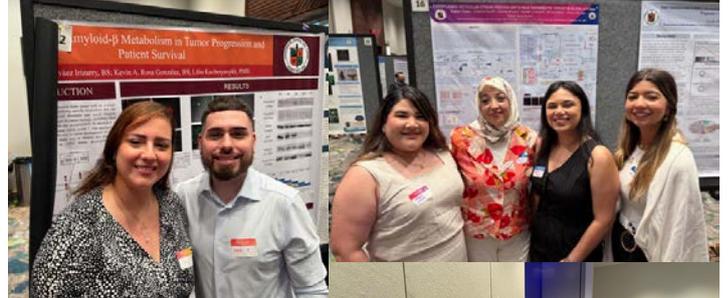


**UCC Faculty Retreat
May 31, 2025**

Activities Attended



Vicmag Cabrera & Jennifer Guzmán
2025 Society of Research and Administrators
International (SRAI) Section Meeting
May 6-9, 2025, Río Grande, PR



Faculty and students participated in
the 14th Alliance Scientific Day
May 7, 2025, San Juan, PR



Dr. Joel Carmichael
World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC)
Biennial Congress
Copenhagen, Denmark, May 7-10, 2025



Dr. Henry X. Nieves, Dr. Michelle A. Cabán, Dr. Angélica Fuentes & Dr. Andrés Calvo
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 56th Annual Conference
April 24-27, 2025, Denver, CO

Interviews and Panels Participation



On March 4, 2025, Dr. Andrés Calvo participated in the Teleonce Program "En la Mañana". He talked about the substance use trends among Generation Z.



Dr. Henry Nieves, Fellow

Panel: "Family Medicine Fellowship"

68va Convención Anual de la Academia de

Médicos de Familia de PR

March 28-29, 2025, Dorado, PR

Faculty Study Section Review Participation

NIH NCI Study Section



Dr. Michelle Martínez
Cancer Prevention Section
April 2025

SNSF Study Section



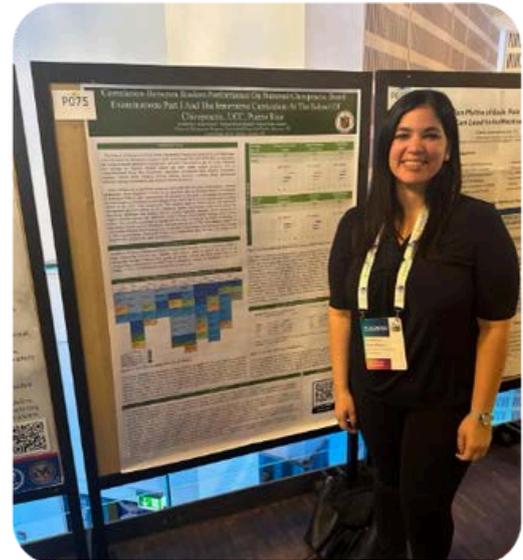
Dr. Nawal Boukli
Omics & Cancer Section
June 2025

Faculty Awards



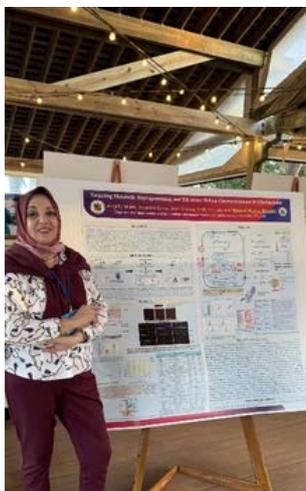
Dr. Angélica Fuentes

1st Place - Post-Grad Research Project
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Dr. Kimberleve Rolón
Award Winner

The award was presented in Copenhagen by the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC)



Dr. Nawal Boukli
Winner Award



Dr. Michelle A. Cabán-Ruiz

Award Scholarship to participate in the Training:
"Forefronts in Substance Abuse During Pregnancy, Postpartum & Pediatrics
June 22-27, 2025. Pittsburgh, PA

Faculty Recognition



On May 31, 2025, the faculty were recognized for their research productivity 2024-2025:



Highest Number of Publications:

Dr. Ángel Mayor
Dr. John P. Sánchez
Dr. Briseida Feliciano

Highest Funding:

Research Funding - Dr. Michelle Martínez
Service Funding - Dr. Ibis Carrión
Training Funding - Dr. Luz Ramos

Proposal Submitted:

Dr. Eduardo Álvarez
Dr. Andrés Calvo
Dr. Waleska Crespo
Dr. Jake Halverson



Dr. Diana M. Fernández
Dr. Michelle Martínez
Dr. Wendy Matos
Samary Ortiz

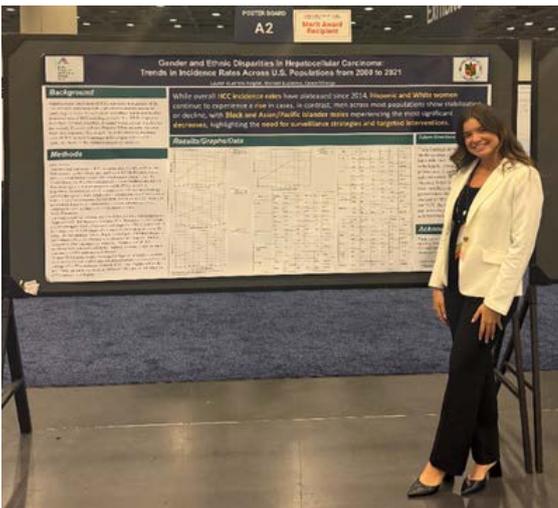
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Students Awards



4th UCC Research Symposium - Poster Competition Awards

Corally López, MD Student; Gonzalo Del Río, MD Student; Andrea Fábregas, MD Student; Bryan Collazo, MD Student; Natasha Alcalá, MD Student; Angeliemar Figueroa, SAC Student; Neisha Ramírez, PhD Student; Natalia Borges, MIT Student; Carlos G. Pérez, MD Student; Gabriela Flores, DC Student. [For more details](#)



Lauren Guerrero, MD Student
Conquer Cancer Merit Award at the
American Society of Clinical Oncology's
Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium 2025



Gerardo E. Sánchez, MD Student
Honorable-Mention Movie
AAOS Annual Meeting
March 10-14, 2025, San Diego, CA

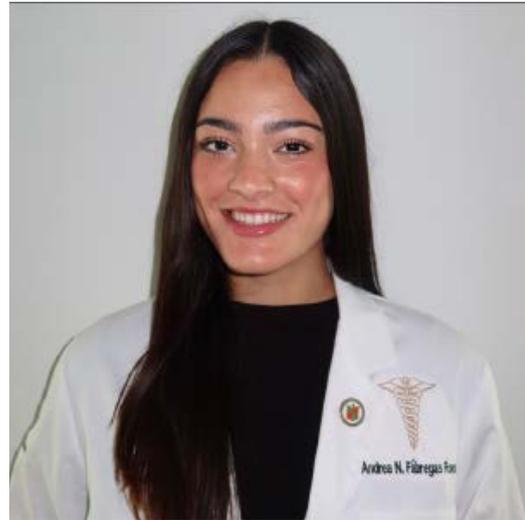


Students Awards

Intellectus Scholarships



Marcel Grau Rodríguez
MD Community Scholarship



Andrea Fábregas Román
MD Community Scholarship
PIC Conferences Scholarship



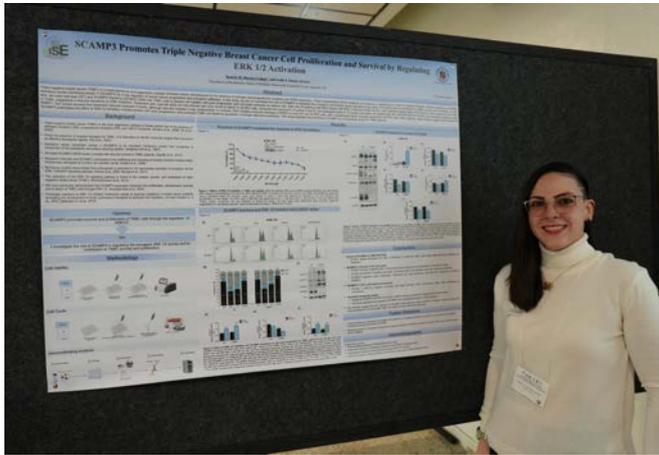
Karla Alvarado Alenó
MD Puerto Rico Scholarship



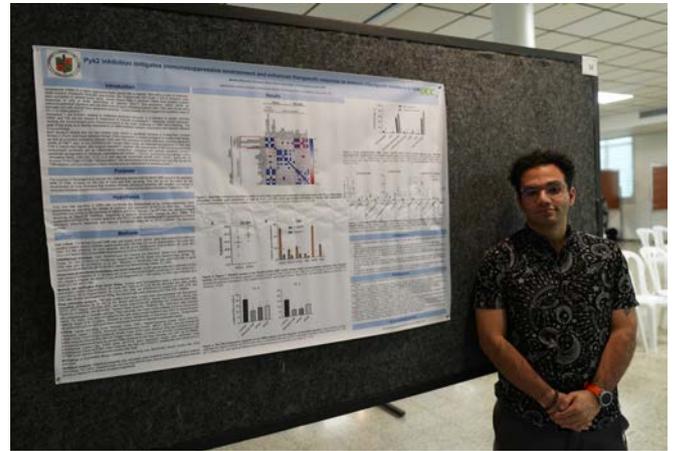
Khris Justiniano Santos
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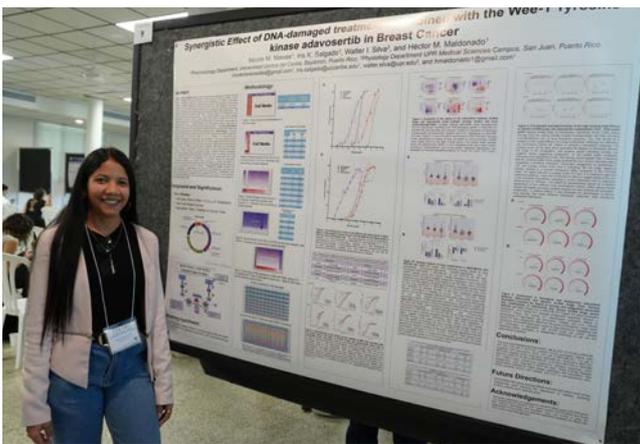
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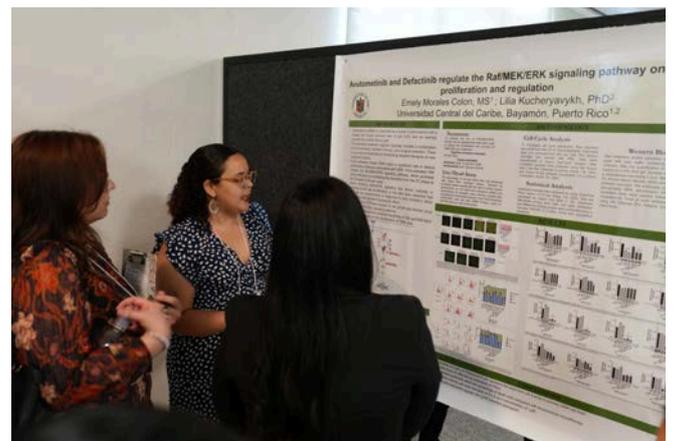
Beatriz M. Morales Cabán
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April 10, 2025



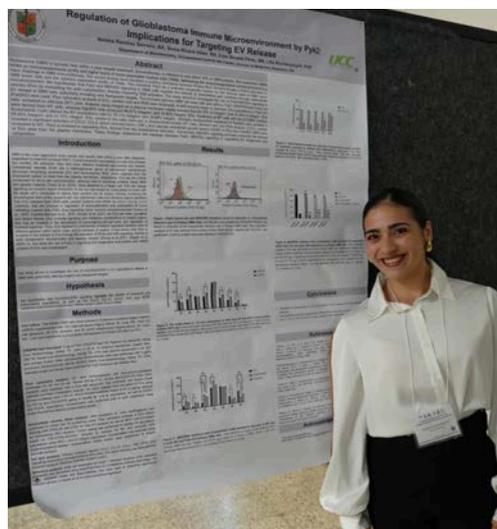
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Nicole M. Nieves Avilés
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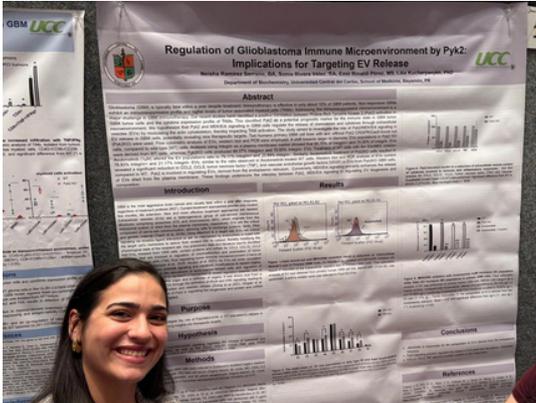
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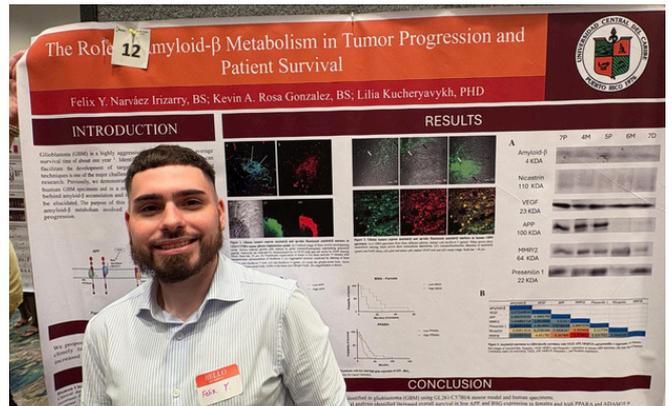
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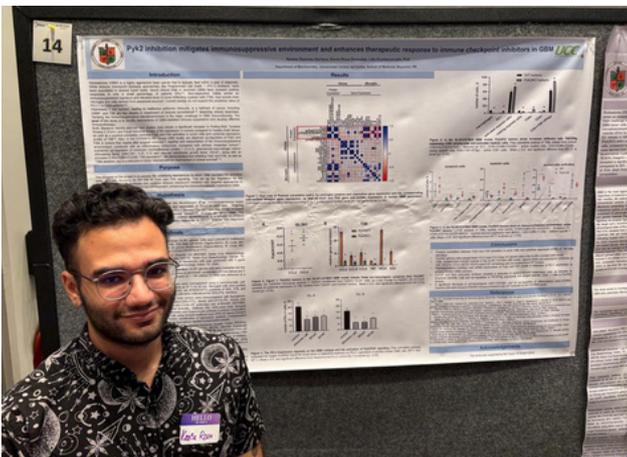
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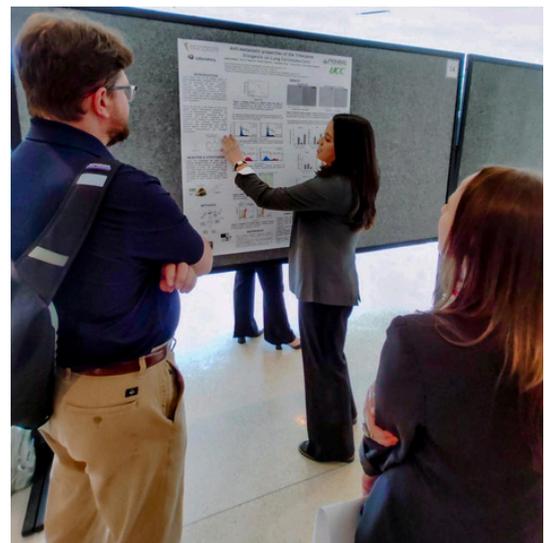
Neisha Ramírez Serrano
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May 7, 2025, San Juan, PR



Felix Y. Narváez Irizarry
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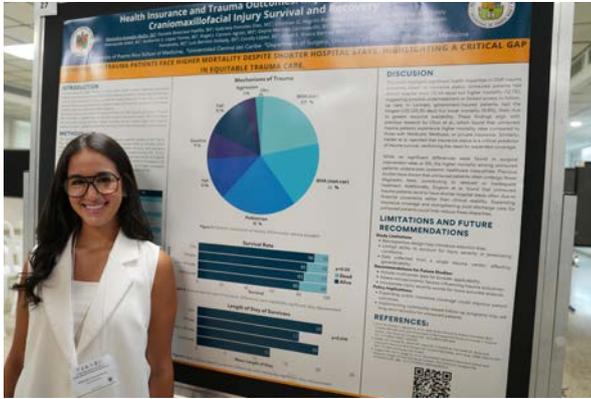


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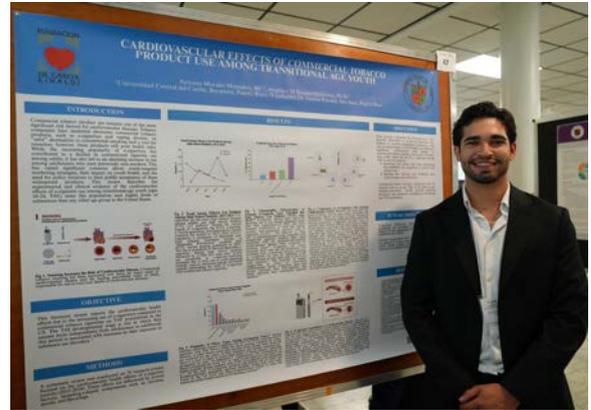


Laurie M. Santos Rodríguez
4th Natural Product Symposium 2025
May 13, 2025, San Juan, PR

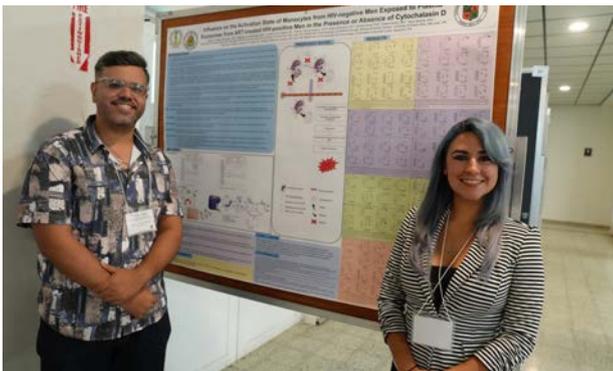
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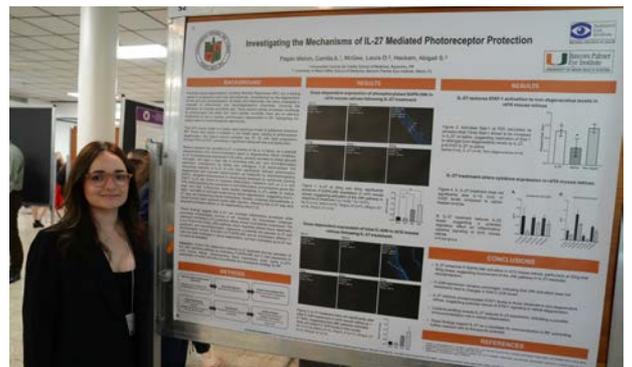
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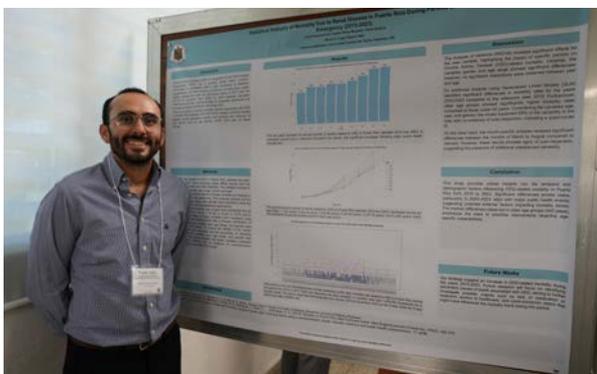
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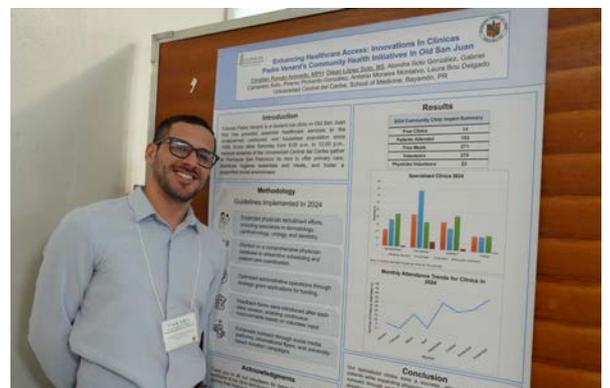
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Camila A. Pagán Melvin
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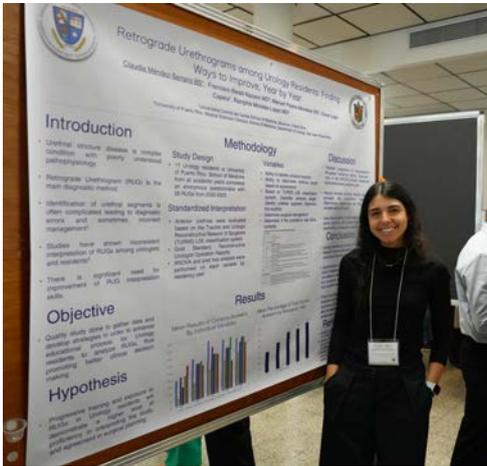


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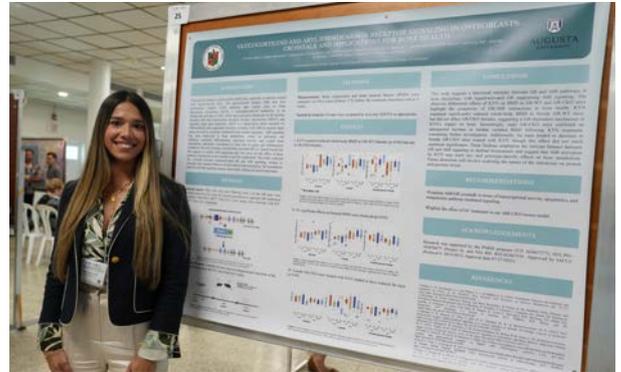


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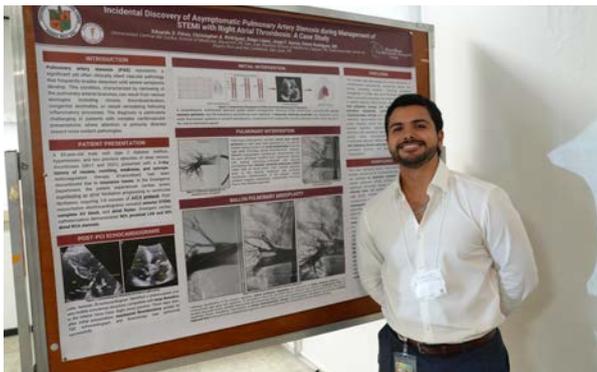
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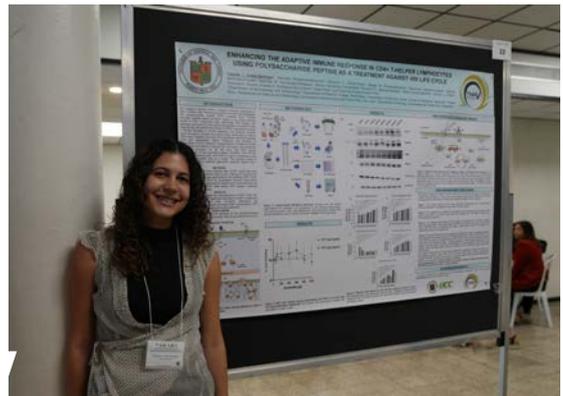
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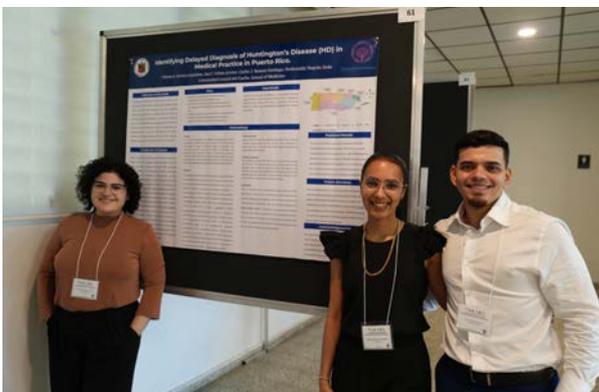
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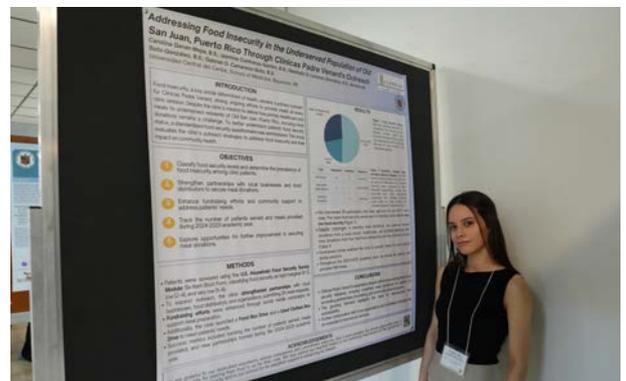
Eduardo S. Pérez Delgado
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Fabiola I. Colón Santiago
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Jan C. Urban
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Jasmine Contreras Santini
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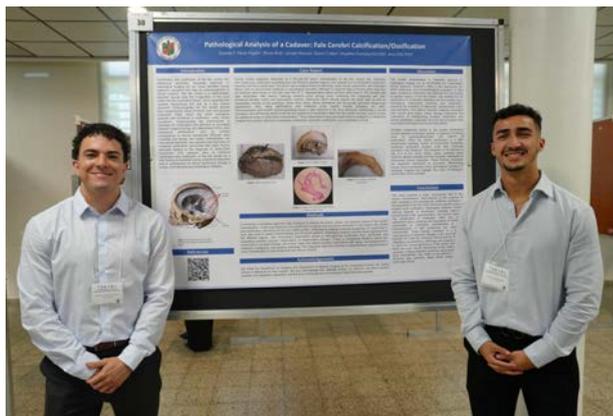
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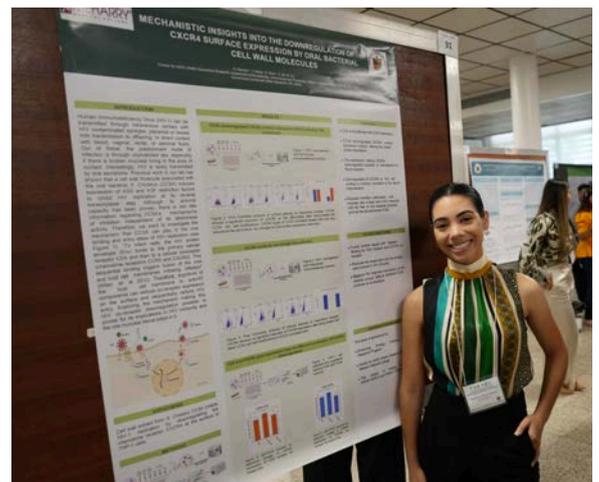
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Jensen L. Ramos Carmona
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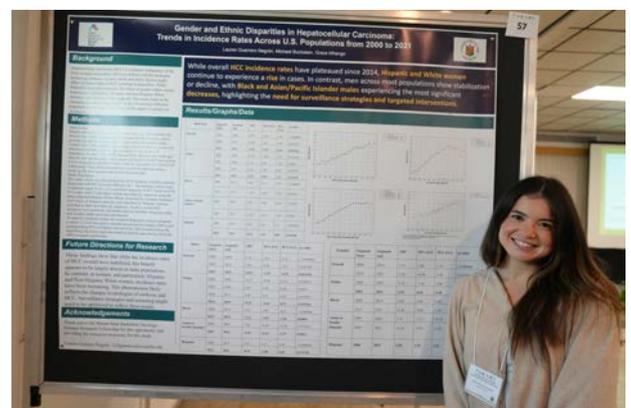
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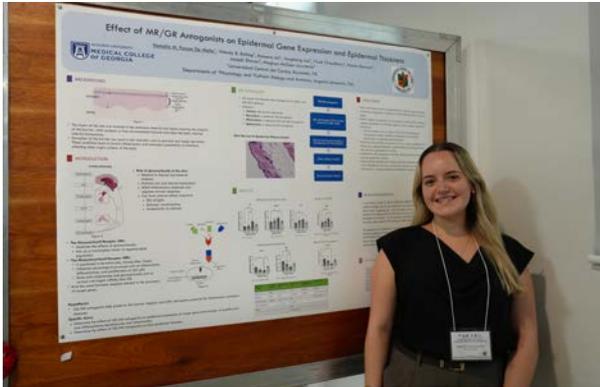


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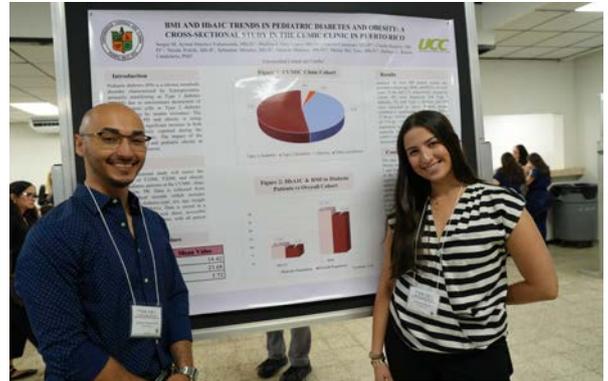


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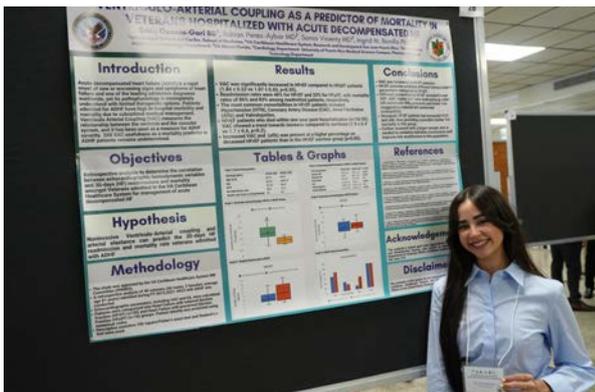
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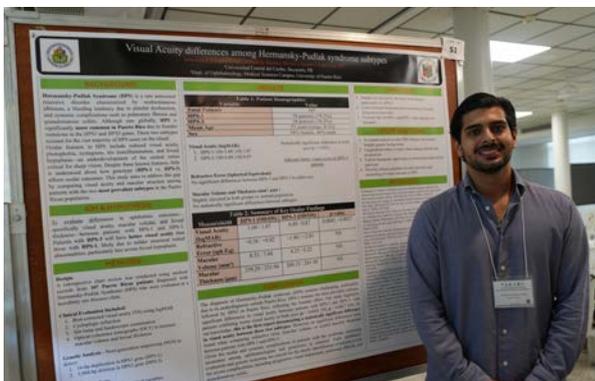
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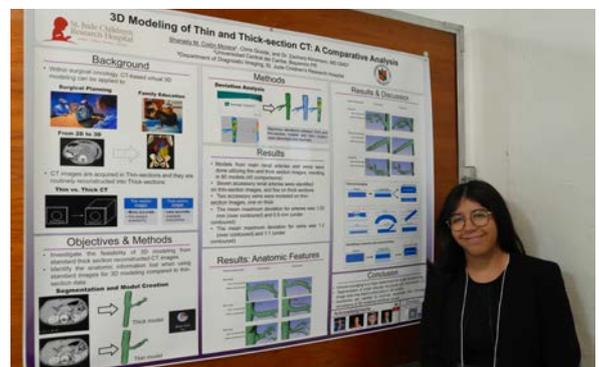
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Sebastián Hernández & Iris Sánchez
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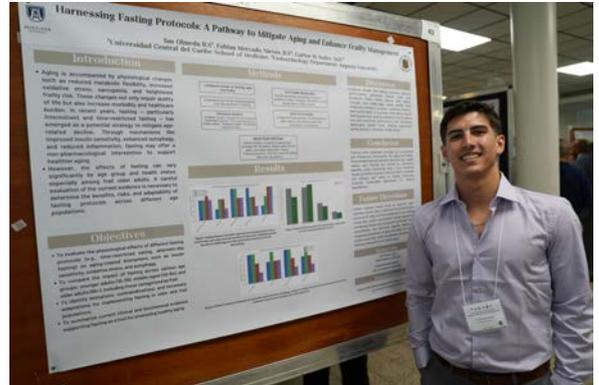


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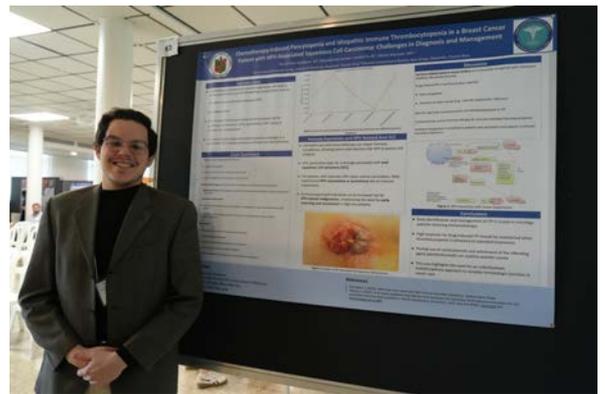
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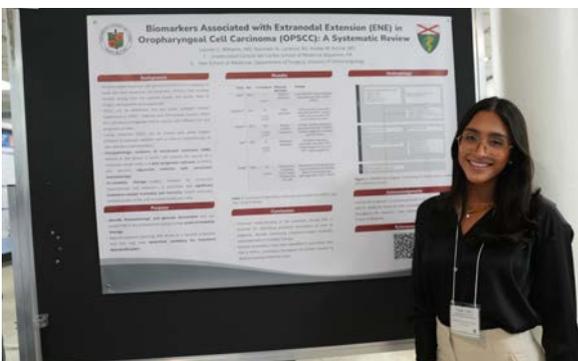
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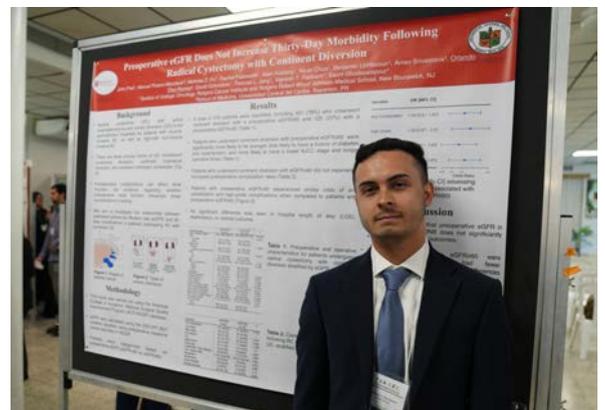
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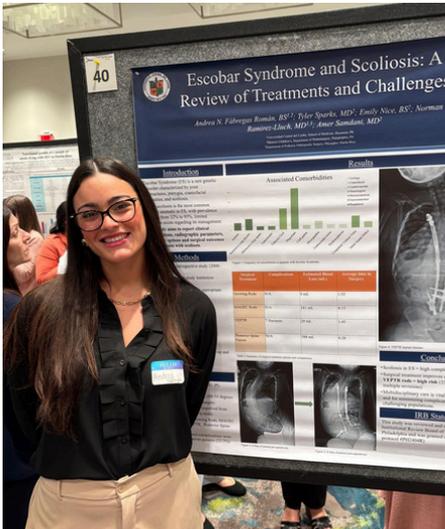


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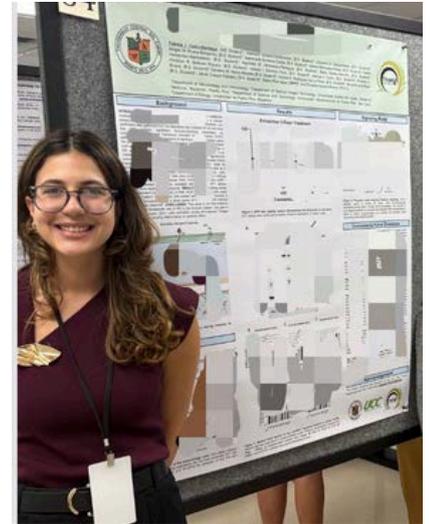
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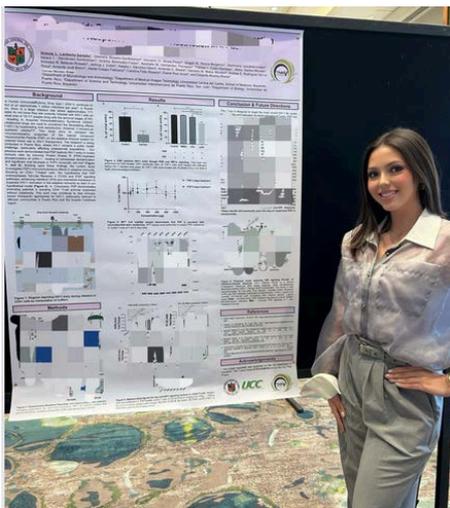
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May 7, 2025 San Juan, PR



Tyrel Porter
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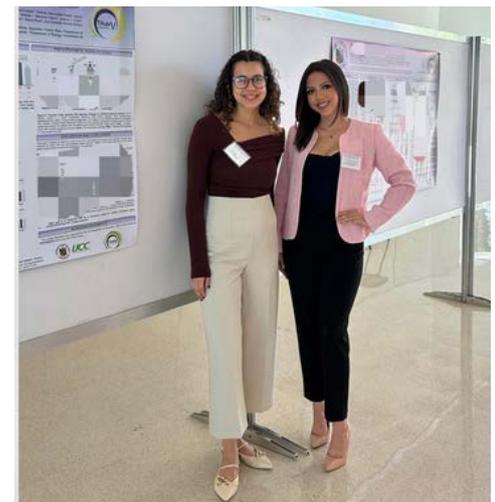
Fabiola I. Colón
9th Interdisciplinary Research
Symposium
April 3, 2025, Ponce, PR



Victoria Lamberty
PRSTRT Symposium
May 1, 2025, San Juan, PR



Gerardo E. Sánchez Navarro
AAOS Annual Meeting
March 10-14, 2025, San Diego, CA



Fabiola I. Colón & Victoria Lamberty
22nd Scientific Research Symposium
April 25, 2025, Ponce, PR

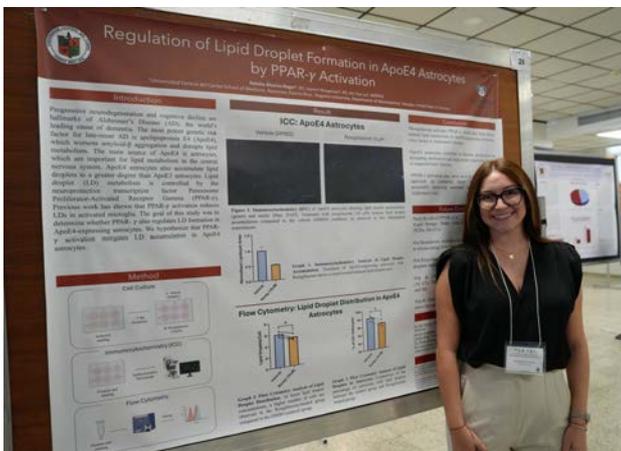
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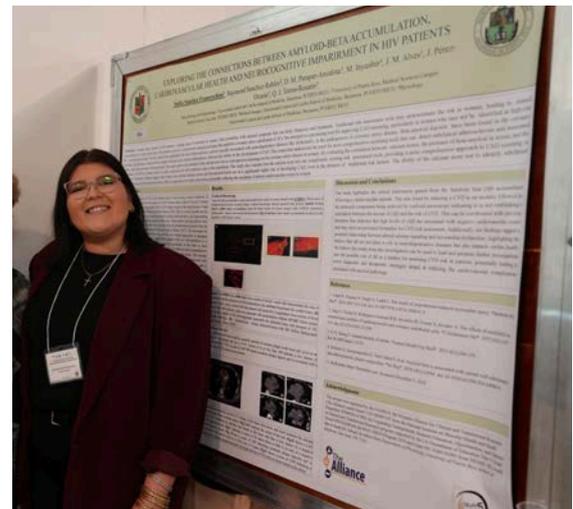
Gerardo E. Sánchez Navarro
XIII Congress of the World Society for
Reconstructive Microsurgery (WSRM 2025)
April 23-24, 2025, Barcelona, Spain



Gabriel F. Pérez Pagán
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Natalia Álvarez Roger
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Sofía Sánchez Franceschini
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Karla N. Alvarado Alenó
Summer Research Trainee Program (S RTP) 2025
Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)

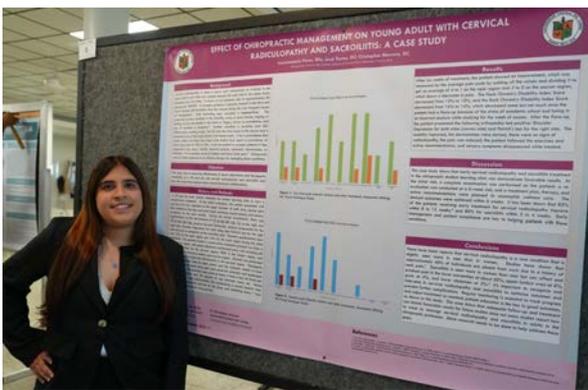
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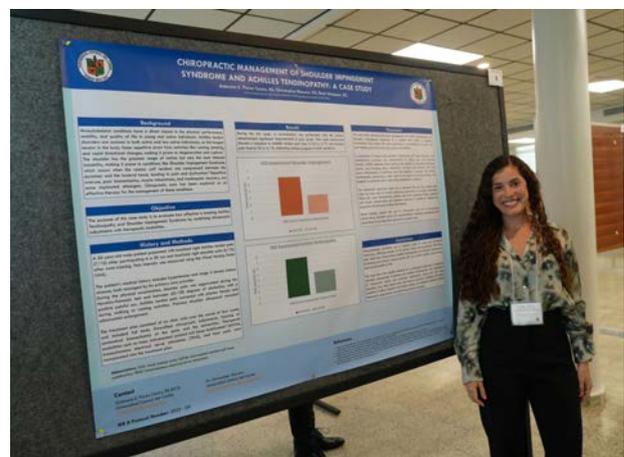
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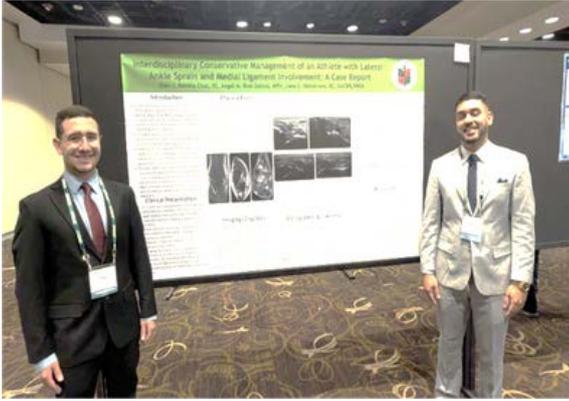


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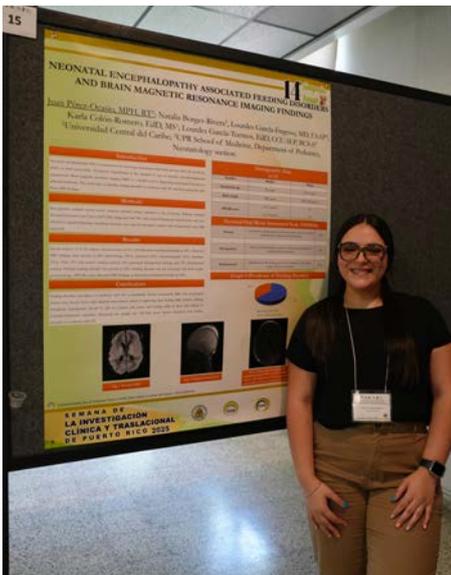


Gian J. Batista & Angel Ríos
ACCRAC 2025 Conference
March 20-22, 2025, New Orleans

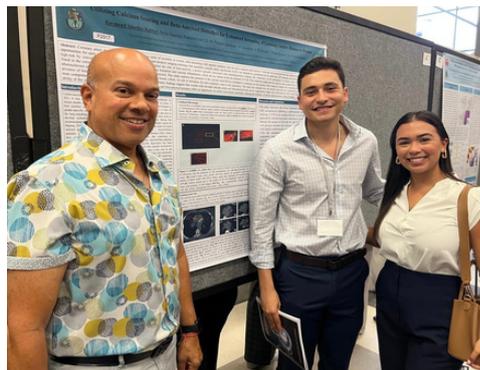


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Medical Imaging Students and Faculty Research Presentations

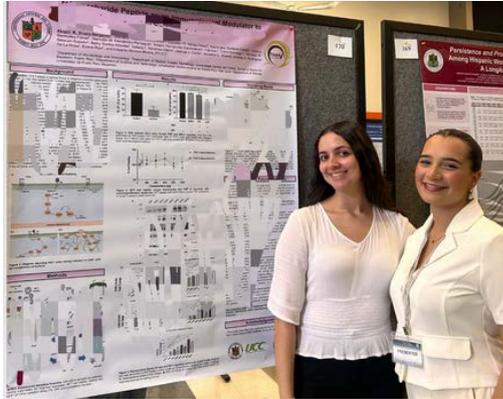


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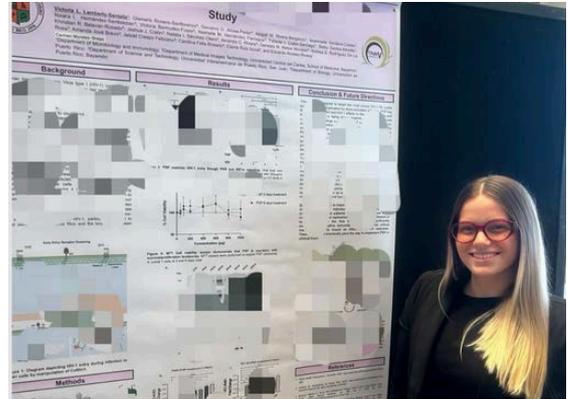


1st Place - Poster Presentation - Professional Student
45th Title V Research and Education Annual Symposium

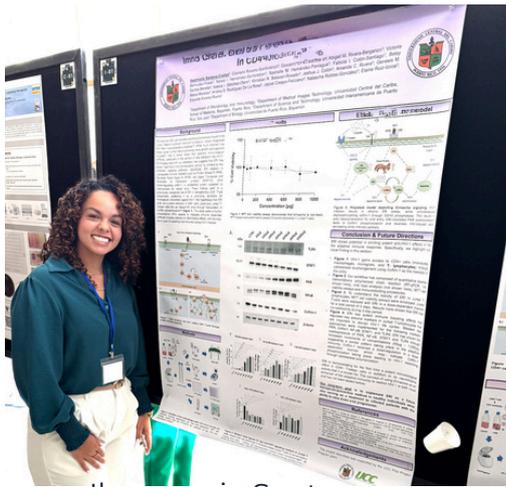
Visiting Students Research Presentations



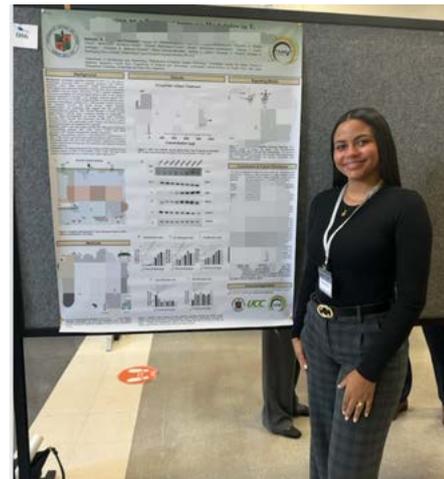
Abigail Rivera and Natalia Sánchez
UCC Mentor: Dr. Eduardo Álvarez
45th Annual Research and Education Forum
April 10, 2025, San Juan, PR



Carmen Morales
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Ileanmarie Santana
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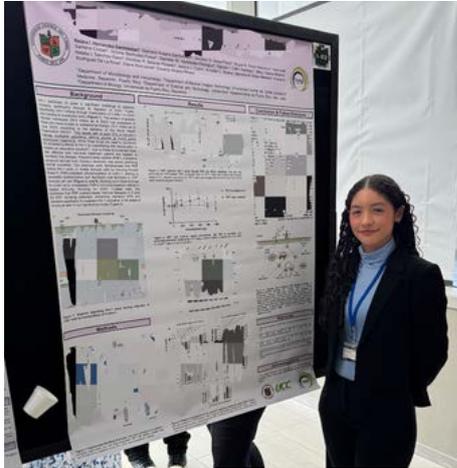


Julitzamarie López
UCC Mentor: Dr. Eduardo Álvarez
PR Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting
April 26, 2025, San Juan, PR



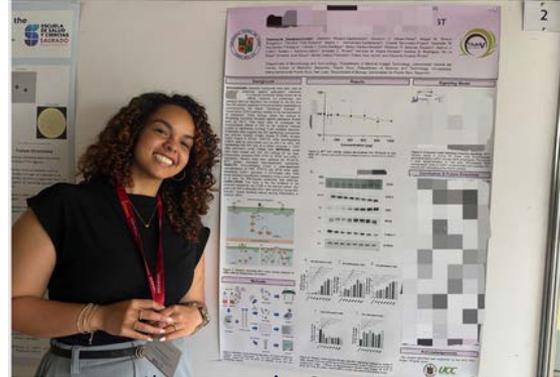
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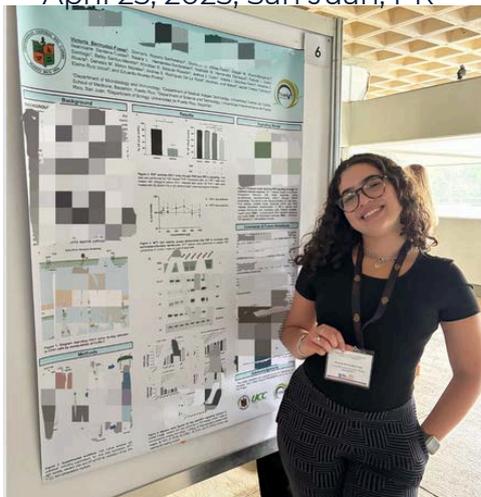
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3rd Interdisciplinary Research Symposium
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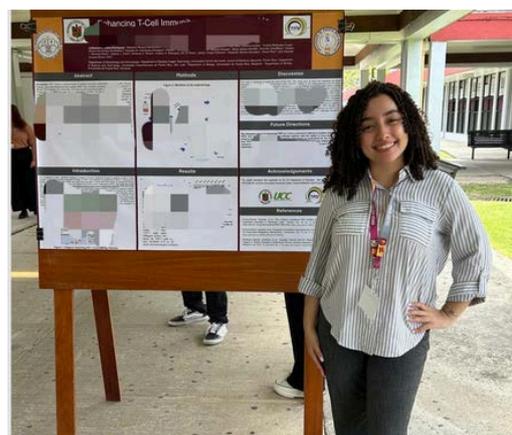
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9th Interdisciplinary Symposium
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May 6, 2025, San Juan, PR

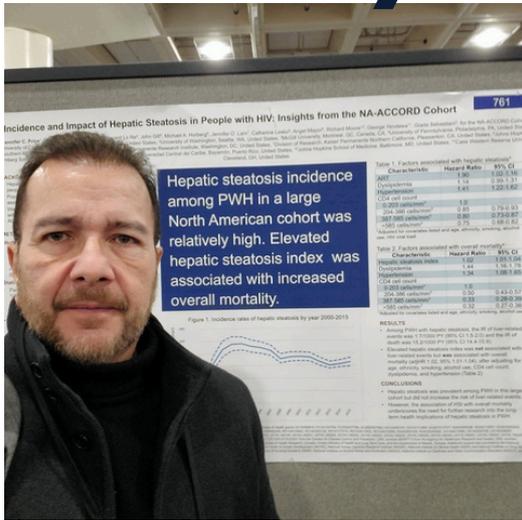


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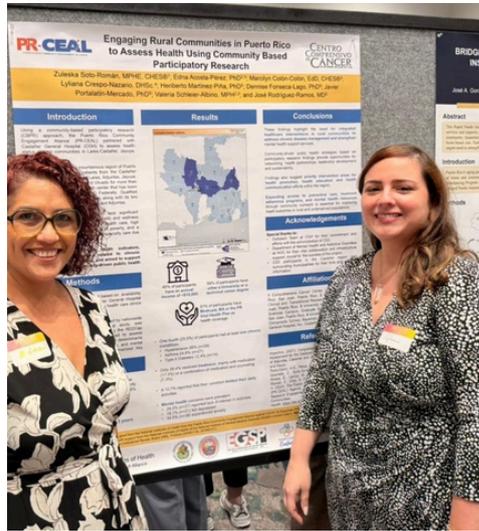
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6th Research Symposium
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Faculty Research Presentations



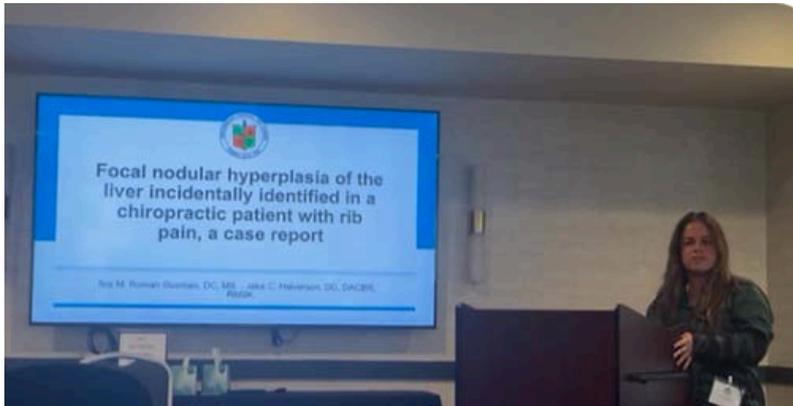
Dr. Ángel M. Mayor
 Conference on Retrovirus and
 Opportunistic Infections (CROI)
 March 9-12, 2025, San Francisco, CA



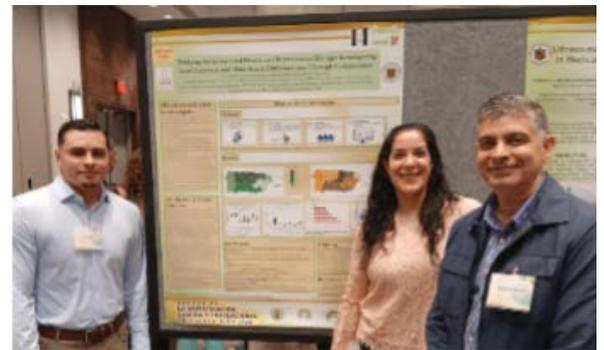
Dr. Lyliana Crespo
 14th Alliance Scientific Day
 May 7, 2025, San Juan, PR



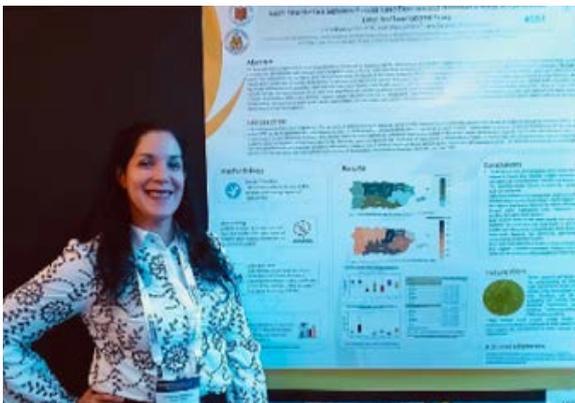
Dr. Coriness Piñeyro
 XXII Encuentro de Investigación
 March 21, 2025, Gurabo, PR



Dr. Ibis M. Román
 2025 Clinical Symposium
 April 24-26, 2025, Nashville, TN



Dr. Coriness Piñeyro
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 May 7, 2025, San Juan, PR

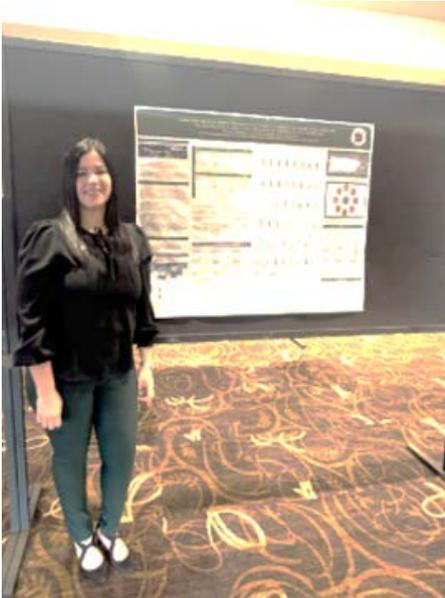


Dr. Coriness Piñeyro
 Association for Clinical and Translational Science
 (ACTS) Conference
 April 14-17, 2025, Washington, DC

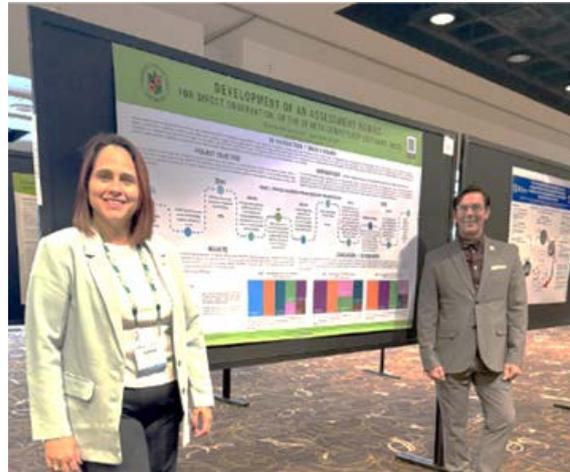


Dr. Nawal Boukli :::
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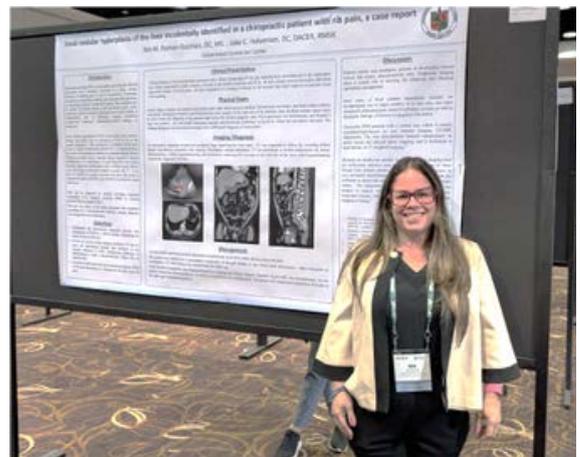
Faculty Research Presentations



Dr. Kimberleve Rolón
Association of Chiropractic Colleges
(ACCRAC) 2025 Conference
March 20-22, 2025, New Orleans



Dr. Sandra Guzmán and Dr. Eugene Spilker
ACCRAC 2025 Conference
March 20-22, 2025, New Orleans



Dr. Ibis M. Román
ACCRAC 2025 Conference
March 20-22, 2025, New Orleans



Dr. Michelle A. Cabán-Ruiz & Dr. Angélica Fuentes
VII Simposio de Salud Preinatal y la Crianza
February 27-28, 2025, Ponce, PR



Dr. Henry Nieves, Dr. Michelle A. Cabán & Dr. Angélica Fuentes
ASAM's 56th Annual Conference
April 24-27, 2025, Denver, CO

Faculty Publications

January to June 2025
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Dr. Ángel Chinaa

Title: Person-Centered Social Determinants and Neighborhood-Level Deprivation Associated with Disability in Hispanic People with Multiple Sclerosis
Journal: Neurology

Dr. Ángel Mayor

Title: The Association of Anemia on Non-AIDS Defining Cancer and Subsequent Survival among People with HIV Following Antiretroviral Initiation
Journal: Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

Dr. Briseida Feliciano

Title: Generalizability of Tau and Amyloid Plasma Biomarkers in Alzheimer's Disease Cohorts of Diverse Genetic Ancestries
Journal: Alzheimer's and Dementia

Dr. Lilia Kucheryavykh

Title: Associations Between Tumor Ploidy and Overall Survival in Pediatric Neuroblastoma
Journal: PR Health Sciences Journal

Dr. John P. Sánchez

Title: Chronic Factors Contributing to Poorer Health in Puerto Rico
Journal: JAMA Network Open

Dr. Joel Carmichael

Title: Where are the Chiropractic Clinical Outcomes Registries? A Scoping Review
Journal: Chiropractic & Manual Therapies

Dr. John P. Sánchez

Title: Addressing the Minority Tax by Building Diversity Capital: A Case-Based Discussion
Journal: MedEdPORTAL

Dr. Angélica M. Fuentes

Title: Equipos Interdisciplinarios en el tratamiento de las adicciones.
Revista Galenus

Dr. Waleska Crepo

Title: Global Status of Chiropractic Education Research and Scholarly Publications: A Scoping Review
Journal: JBI Evidence Synthesis

Dr. Briseida Feliciano

Title: Comparing Alzheimer's Genes in African, European, and Amerindian Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell-derived Microglia
Journal: Alzheimer's and Dementia

Dr. John P. Sánchez

Title: Diseases Transmitted by Arthropods: Module to Train Medical Providers in English and Spanish
Journal: MedEdPORTAL

Dr. Michael Wiles

Title: An Exploration of Trauma-Informed Care Curricula in Chiropractic Programs: A Scoping Document Analysis Protocol
Journal: PLOS One

Dr. Bárbara Riestra

Title: Ultrasound Assessment of Hepatomegaly and Metabolically-Associated Fatty Liver Disease Among a Sample of Children: A Pilot Project
Journal: Frontiers in Pediatric

Dr. Michelle M. Martínez

Title: Ergosterol Peroxide Disrupts Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Mitochondrial Function and Inhibits Tumor Growth and Metastasis
Journal: International Journal of Molecular Sciences

Dr. Henry Nieves

Title: El impacto del fentanilo y el trastorno por uso de opioides: Estadísticas, tratamiento y estrategias de reducción de daños.
Revista Galenus

Students Publications

Gonzalo F. Del Río Montesinos
Title: Academic and Demographic Characteristics of Spine Societies Presidents
Journal: The Spine Journal

Krytsia A. Negrón Lugo
Title: Gene Duplication in a Patient with Usher Syndrome Type 2C: A Case Report.
Journal: Cureus

Sebastián J. Vázquez Folch
Gabriel A. Jiménez Berríos
Title: Prophyria Cutanea Tarda: A Phenotypic Expression of Several Genes.
Journal: Cureus

Itzamar Pastrana Echevarría
Title: When Normal Flora Turns Pathogenic: A Pediatric Case of Infectious Eczematoid Dermatitis
Journal: Cureus

Sofía V. Ramirez Mateo
Title: Pseudoprogression in Pediatric Spinal Pilocytic Astrocytoma and Myxopapillary Ependymoma after Proton Therapy: A Case Series
Journal: Pediatric Blood & Cancer

Andrea B. Lastra Annexy
Title: Exploring pembrolizumab-induced hidradenitis suppurativa: A case report.
Journal: JAAD Case Reports

Camille Vélez, Claudia Ramírez, Ariana Alvarado & Gabriel Camareno
Title: Ultrasound assessment of hepatomegaly and metabolically-associated fatty liver disease among a sample of children: A pilot project.
Journal: Frontiers in Pediatric

Gabriel A. Jiménez Berríos
Sebastián J. Vázquez Folch
Title: Differences in Visual Acuity Among Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Subtypes.
Journal: Cureus

Itzamar Pastrana Echevarría
Title: Fungating extra-scrotal mass: Clinical T4 testicular cancer in a young adult.
Journal: Urology Case Reports

Gonzalo F. Del Río Montesinos
Title: Vertebral Artery Injury Following Cervical Disc Arthroplasty - A Systematic Review
Journal: Journal of Clinical Neuroscience

Gerardo E. Sánchez Navarro
Title: Utility of Patient-Reported Outcomes in Prognosis of Corticosteroid Injection Treatment Success for Trigger Finger and de Quervain's Stenosing Tenosynovitis
Journal: HAND



Students Publications

Tyrel R. Porter

Title: Differential Gene Set Enrichment of Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition Pathway in BRAF vs NRAS Mutated Metastatic Melanoma.

Journal: Clinical and Experimental Dermatology

Ana L. Melero Pardo

Title: Unveiling the Silent Sinus Syndrome: A Familial Case Series Exploring Chronic Maxillary Atelectasis

Journal: Cureus

Laura I. Ortiz López

Title: TRPV3 Mutation-Associated Olmsted Syndrome in a Hispanic Patient: Response to Erlotinib and Review of Literature.

Journal: Pediatric Dermatology

Elyette Lugo

Title: Respiratory and Postoperative Outcomes in Early-onset Scoliosis Patients Treated with Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib: Single-Center Experience of 20 years

Journal: Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics

Jerry Cruz

Title: Pulmonary embolism following bilateral quadriceps tendon repair with unilateral tourniquet use: A case report.

Journal: Journal of Perioperative Practice

Laura I. Ortiz López

Title: Representations of skin tone and sex in dermatology by generative artificial intelligence: A comparative study.

Journal: The educational journal of the British Association of Dermatologists

Tyrel Porter & Marcel Grau

Title: Associations Between Tumor Ploidy and Overall Survival in Pediatric Neuroblastoma

Journal: PR Health Sciences Journal

Alondra Soto González

Title: Lipotoxicity Induces Beta Cell Small Extracellular Vesicle-mediated B-Cell Dysfunction in Male Mice.

Journal: Endocrinology

Adriana Areizaga Ayala

Title: "We were Still Left in the Back Field, Not Knowing: Pediatric Cancer Patients and Parents Describe Obstacles to Prognostic Communication.

Journal: Cancer Medicine

Camille A. Vélez Morell

Title: Academic Urology Endowments and Leadership Roles are Disproportionately Held by Male Urologists

Journal: Urology



Proposals Submitted

January 1 to June 30, 2025

HRSA BHWET - Samary Ortiz

HRSA Addiction Medicine Fellowship - Dr. Andrés Calvo
(Awarded)

NIH - Adm Supplement - Dr. Michelle Martínez

ISS Research Seed Grant - Dr. Jake Halverson (Pending)

PRINBRE Postdoctoral Fellowship - Dr. Michelle Martínez
(Pending)

NIH R01 Sub. UPR LSU - Dr. Michelle Martínez (Pending)

DoD - Dr. Michelle Martínez (Pending)

HRSA Telehealth Research Center - Dr. Waleska Crespo
(Pending)



Grants Awarded

The Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies is pleased to announce and celebrate Dr. Calvo's success in obtaining a new grant.

CONGRATULATIONS!

UCC ADDICTION MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP
PI: DR. ANDRÉS CALVO
HRSA - 1T25HP54966-01-00
07/01/2025 – 06/30/2030

> The primary objective of the UCC Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program is to increase the number of board-certified addiction medicine (AM) specialists by expanding available training slots and offering financial incentives in the form of stipends.

This initiative will strengthen formal collaborations with underserved, community-based settings to ensure that children, adolescents, young adults, and pregnant/postpartum women receive specialized care. The program also aims to enhance training for UCC faculty and students, fostering an infrastructure of skills and expertise that supports fellows in delivering comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery services within integrated, interprofessional teams.

Additionally, the fellowship will contribute to ongoing research efforts aimed at advancing knowledge in the prevention, management, and treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) and other SUDs in underserved communities.



DR. ANDRÉS CALVO



New Personnel



Laura B. Grajales Navarro
Administrative Assitant
HRSA TECL Program



Samantha G. Velo
Academic Coordinator
SAMHSA UCC PCCS-U



Julia Mercado
Counselor
HRSA ISTP Program



Jomary Castillo Chinaea
Instructional Designer
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Upcoming Activities



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At 11 AM

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- Examine how climate hazards and air quality affect cancer risks and community health.
- Discuss cancer disparities in Hispanic populations.
- Highlight new insights from microbiome science in Puerto Rico.
- Foster collaboration across centers to shape future research opportunities.

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