

Biomedical Research Award

Hello,

I am Dr. Yadilette Rivera-Colon and I have the privilege to present this years' biomedical research award.

The Biomedical Scholar Research Award, funded by Dr. Edward G. Bernstine and Ms. Joanne Wilkens, includes a \$500 cash award. It is awarded annually by the Science Department to a student with a GPA of 3.5 or better, who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, completed research relating to biomedical applications and has demonstrated potential to pursue a career or advance study in a biomedical related field.

This year's awardee completed a summer research experience for undergraduate students at Duke University.

The program was called SURPH for Summer Undergraduate Research In the department of pharmacology and cancer biology.

She presented her summer research at the NEURON conference where she won an award on diversity for being a first-generation college student doing novel research.

She also took the MCAT in March and was in 88th percentile so she will be applying this summer to Medical schools!

She is just finishing up her thesis Epigenetic Effects on Ethanol Preference Across Generations of *C. Elegans* which she will be presenting on April 24th
10:30 am - 10:45am

The 2020 Biomedical Research Award goes to: Justine Murphy