



Erick Torres
Diagnostics Fellow

Rapid Diagnostic Development

“The main motivation for my going into STEM and global health would be the unknown. The idea that there is still so much to find out in the world, and that we are not even close to finding out everything is exciting!”

Erick is pursuing a degree in biology and chemistry at Norco College and transfer to the University of California, Riverside, to major in biochemistry after graduating in 2020. He initially became interested in biochemistry because he had been advised it was the major that would best prepare him for medical school, but found that he loved the aspect of research as well and ended up falling in love with the major itself. Erick hopes his fellowship opportunity would help guide his choice between attending graduate or medical school.

His family and friends are Erick’s inspiration to keep going as his family pushes him to want more, and his friends--who have similar majors and struggle together--keep each other going. He hopes to learn how research affects the real world and wants to use what he learns to have an impact and bring about change in the world.

The greatest challenge Erick sees for his generation is trying to put aside differences and opinions to save humanity and feels one of his talents lies in his ability to positively affect people by talking with them.

Erick’s motto is that “There are lessons learned through failure, the only failure is not learning through those lessons.”

Happiest spending time with his family and talking with friends and/or watching soccer in any setting, Erick hopes to have the opportunity to watch Lionel Messi play in Barcelona, Spain before his retirement from the sport.