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- Biology (B.S.) major
- Class of 2018
- Member, President's 64
- Supplemental Instructor (Biology)
- Volunteer, *Science Alive!*
- Student researcher, Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine
- Cleveland Clinic Summer Scholar
- Summer Surgical (and organ transplant) Intern at Medizinische Universität Graz, Austria
- Presidential Scholarship Recipient

- Contributed a poster presentation regarding her 3-D printed molecular model of an angiotensin receptor at the 2017 Experimental Biology Meeting, American Association of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) section (April 21-23, 2017) in Chicago.
- Contributed a poster presentation highlighting learning gains by K-12 and college students in the *Science Alive!* program which provides science outreach activities to the community at the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS) Regional Meeting (October 2016) in Ft. Lauderdale.
- Author on a peer-reviewed publication  
Eldakar, O.T., Tartar, J., Garcia, D., Ramirez, V., Dauzonne, M., Armani, Y., and Gallup, A.C. 2017. Acute physical stress modulates the temporal expression of self-reported contagious yawning in humans. *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology*, 1-15.

"The Undergraduate program has given me numerous connections to advance my professional development. I participated in the Medical Externship Program at the University of Graz where I observed organ transplant surgeries. I worked on research and community outreach projects that have led to national presentations and publications. Every year I enjoy participating in Pre-Health Day, an event where presenters have attended NSU (either undergraduate, graduate program, or both). This aspect genuinely allows us as current students to relate to these professionals and to realize that our goals can also become a reality. My eyes have been opened to the vast amount of opportunities in the medical field that I did not consider before. Not only are the doctors, dentists, pharmacists and physical therapists willing to share their story, they are also willing to share their advice and contact information to provide us guidance in the future."