



Annual **REPORT** *2025*





A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear friends and collaborators of Fundación Intellectus,

It is an honor for me, as Chairman of the Board of Directors, to present our 2025 Annual Report. This document reflects our firm commitment to supporting individuals and organizations that are driving a better future for the physical and mental health of Puerto Ricans.

Over the course of the past year, we have witnessed significant achievements thanks to the joint efforts of our scholarship recipients, partners, and donors.

Among the most important milestones of 2025 are the creation of new scholarships for medical and research students, the establishment of new collaborations, and an overall increase in the reach and footprint of our work. In this report, you will find details about the programs implemented, the research projects supported, and the positive impact we have generated through out the community.

Thanks to the success of our “Velada de Salud y Sueños” held in October 2024 commemorating the Foundation’s tenth anniversary, in 2025 we were able to establish the MD Puerto Rico Scholarship – a scholarship that benefits outstanding Puerto Rican students pursuing their medical studies at Recinto de Ciencias Medicas, San Juan

Bautista Medical School and Universidad Central del Caribe. This type of financial support for tuition payments has a direct impact by relieving the financial burden of these students and encouraging them to remain firm in their commitment to practice medicine in Puerto Rico in the future.

In addition, 2025 saw the creation of two new scholarships established in collaboration with Puerto Rican companies to advance health research

population, and we are extremely proud to have the support of new allies.

I am aware of the challenges we face in this new year, with significant budget cuts and changes at the national level that affect our institutions and students.

It is for this reason that, now more than ever, we need to join forces to protect and continue promoting advances in scientific research and education in the different health professions for the good of our country.



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at the local level. The Alivia Specialty Pharmacy Scholarship, created jointly with this same company, supports students conducting research in the area of oncology. For its part, the Vive Bien Scholarship, sponsored by Puerto Rico Supplies Group, supports research tied to cardiovascular health and diabetes. Both scholarships address highly prioritized health issues within the Puerto Rican

We thank you for your continued support, which drives us to keep working for a healthier future for all Puerto Ricans.

Sincerely,

Dr. Francisco Javier Cerra
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Dr. Francisco Javier Serra

About Fundación **INTELLECTUS**



Mission

To drive the development of individuals and organizations committed to the education and research of the physical and mental health of Puerto Ricans.



Vision

To be the leading entity that promotes knowledge and prevention as transformative elements of health in Puerto Rico.



Our IMPACT

Since its beginnings in 2014, Fundación Intellectus has invested over **\$4.3 million** in the future of Puerto Rico's healthcare sector.

\$4,338,929
Historic Investment

\$676,000
Total Investment 2025

75 science, medical, and research students received scholarships from the Foundation in 2025.

13 nonprofit entities committed to the physical and mental health of Puerto Ricans were supported in 2025 through grants or sponsorships to support their projects.

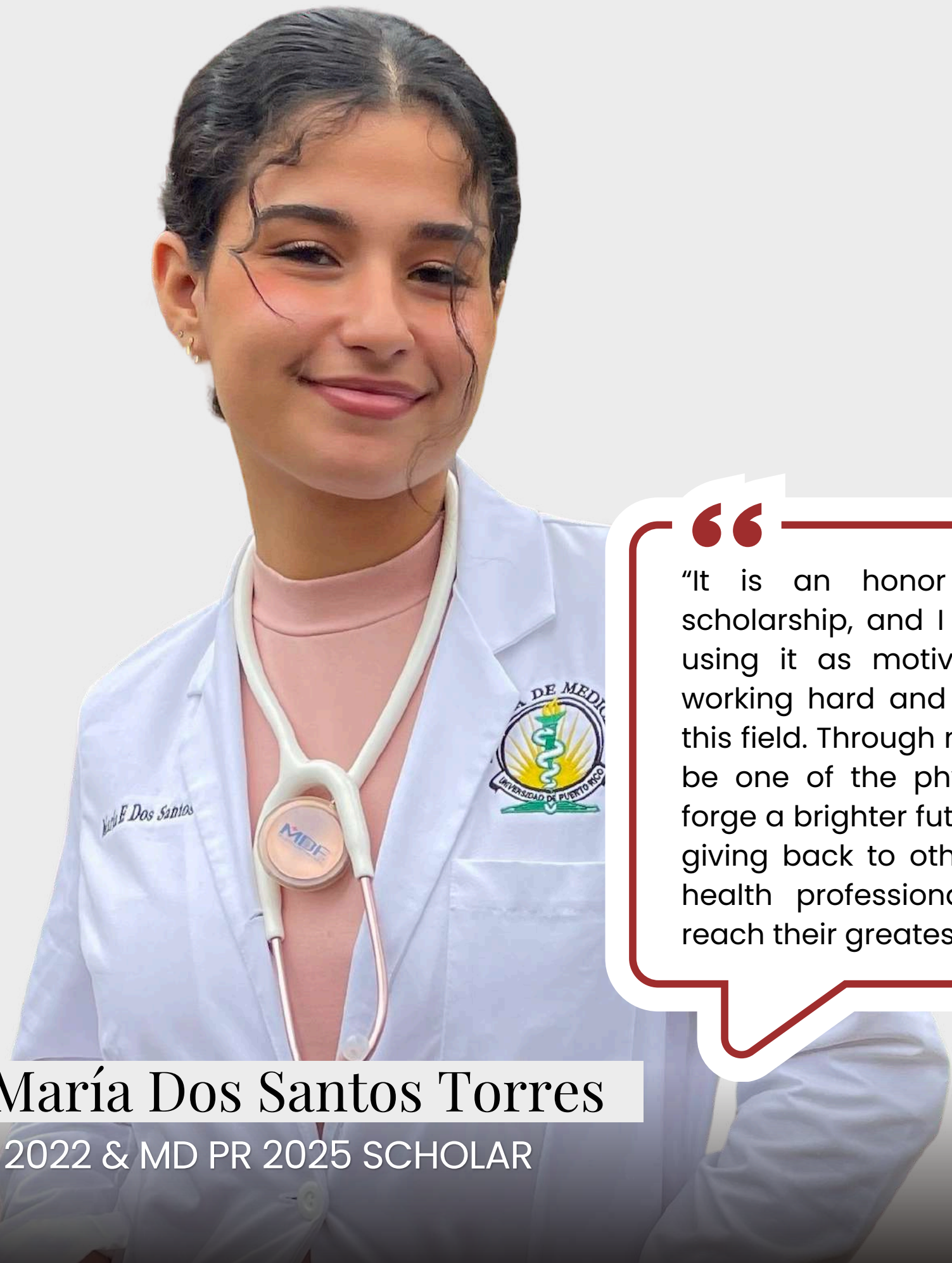


Maralexa Martínez, Match 2026 in Dermatology at the University of Florida, and Brian Soto, Match 2026 Internal Medicine in VA San Juan, recipients of the Intellectus MD PHSU 2022 scholarship.



Scholarships

**FOR MEDICAL
STUDENTS**



María Dos Santos Torres

MCAT 2022 & MD PR 2025 SCHOLAR

“It is an honor to receive this scholarship, and I am committed to using it as motivation to continue working hard and giving my best in this field. Through my work, I aspire to be one of the physicians who help forge a brighter future for Puerto Rico, giving back to other first generation health professionals who strive to reach their greatest dreams.”



MD Puerto Rico SCHOLARSHIP

\$50,000
FUNDS AWARDED

6 students
IMPACT

The MD Puerto Rico Scholarship, established in 2025, provides financial assistance to talented Puerto Rican students pursuing their studies at the medical schools of Recinto de Ciencias Médicas of the University of Puerto Rico, San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, and Universidad Central del Caribe.



MD Community **SCHOLARSHIP**

\$30,000
FUNDS AWARDED

5 *students*
IMPACT

The MD Community Scholarship rewards and recognizes Puerto Rican medical students at the four medical schools in Puerto Rico who demonstrate a strong social commitment by providing access to health care in underserved communities across the Island. The scholarship consists of financial assistance of up to \$6,000 to help cover part of the student's medical school tuition.

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“Community work has deeply impacted my career. It not only brings me fulfillment, but it helps me stay on course. Being involved in the community has helped me overcome certain academic challenges and has given me a sense of purpose when the path has not been so clear.”

Alondra Rosado Ayala

MD COMMUNITY 2025 SCHOLAR



MD PHSU **SCHOLARSHIP**

• **\$202,500**
FUNDS AWARDED

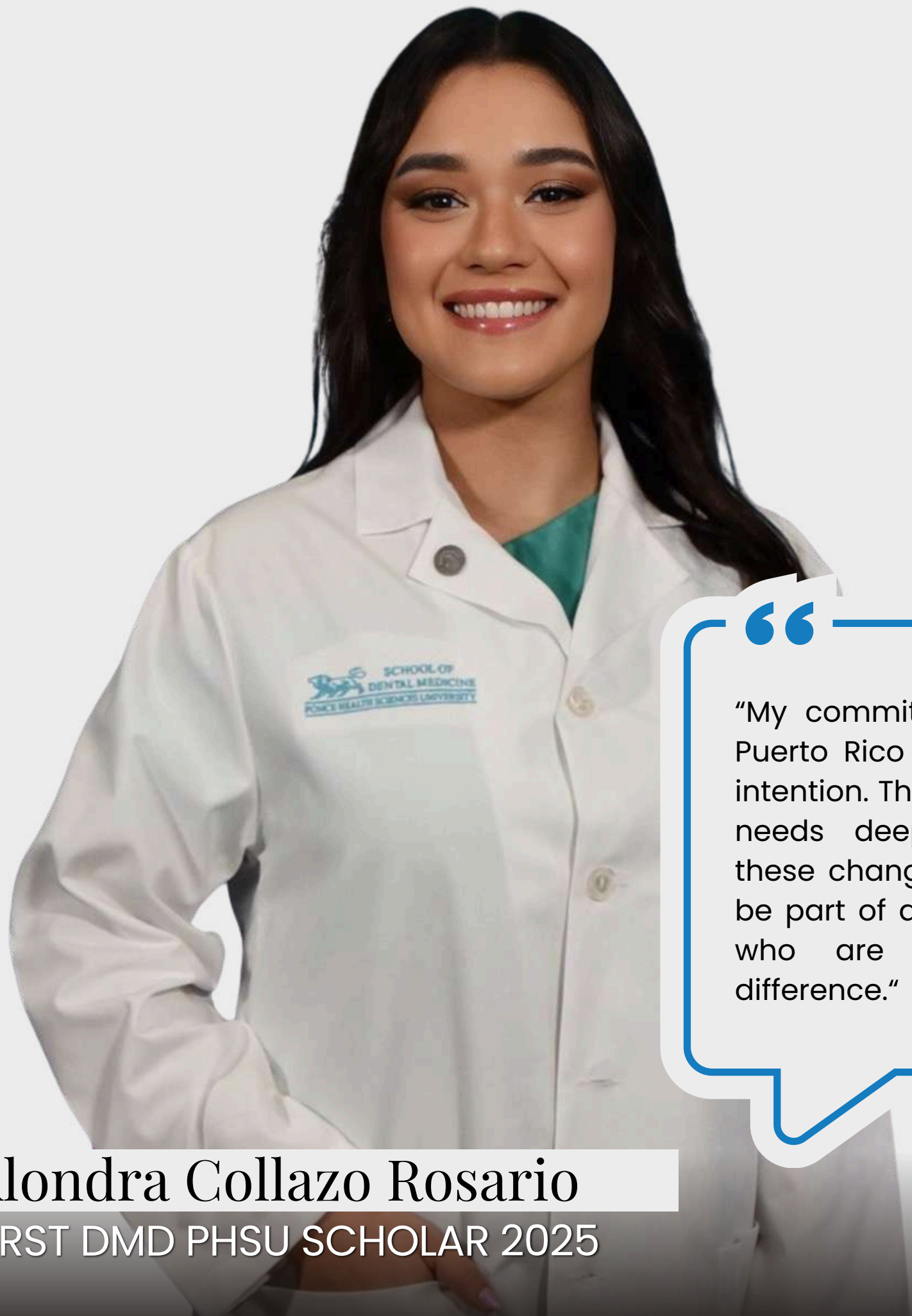
• **10 *students***
IMPACT

The MD PHSU Scholarship provides financial assistance to talented Puerto Rican students so they may complete their medical degree at Ponce Health Sciences University. The Foundation grants an annual scholarship of \$22,500 to partially cover the cost of tuition.

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“More than financial aid, this scholarship is a vote of confidence in a young woman who is determined, hardworking, and committed to her country. My goal is not only to obtain the title of doctor, but to become a professional who serves with humility, who conducts research with purpose, and who gives back to her Puerto Rican community the knowledge and opportunities she has received.”

Kerianys Torres Torres
MD PHSU 2025 SCHOLAR



Alondra Collazo Rosario
FIRST DMD PHSU SCHOLAR 2025

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“My commitment to the health of Puerto Rico goes beyond a simple intention. The island’s health system needs deep reconstruction, and these changes take time. I want to be part of a group of professionals who are willing to make a difference.”

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DMD PHSU **SCHOLARSHIP**

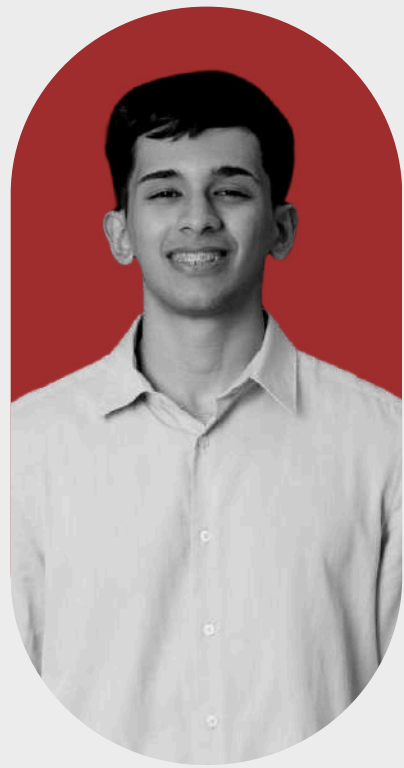
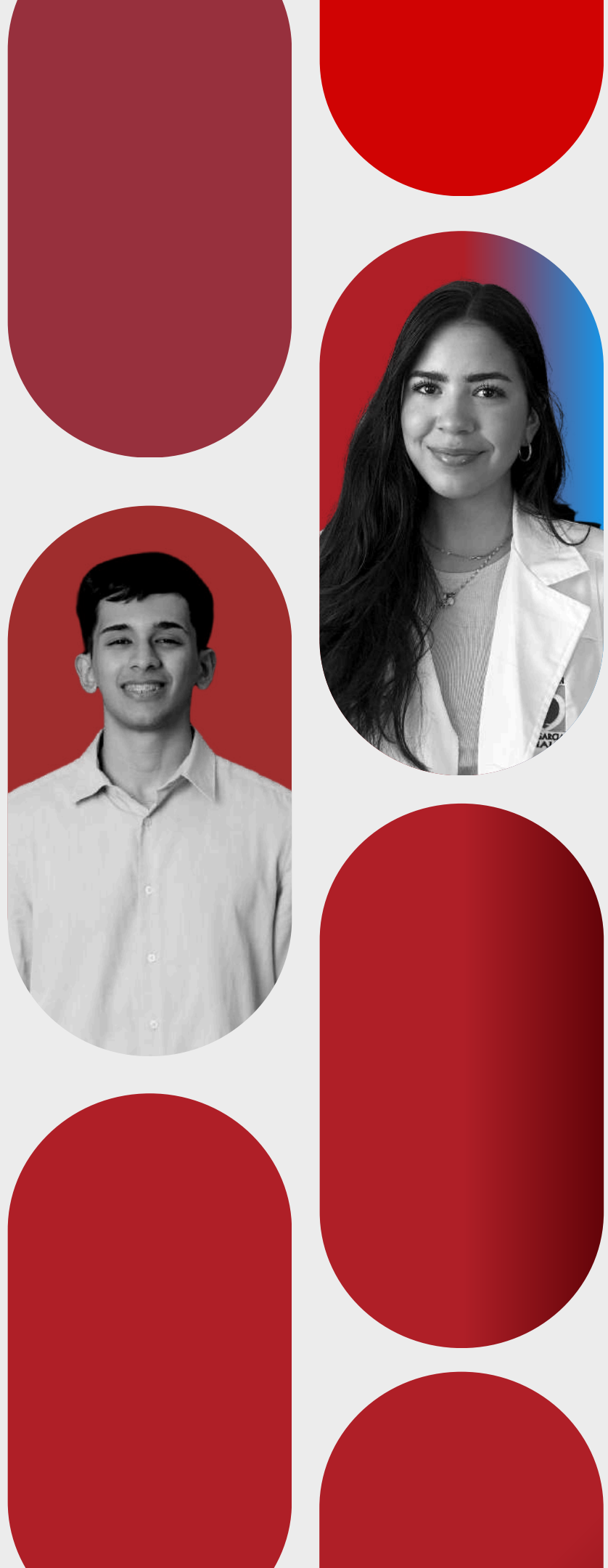
\$23,000

FUNDS AWARDED

1 student

IMPACT

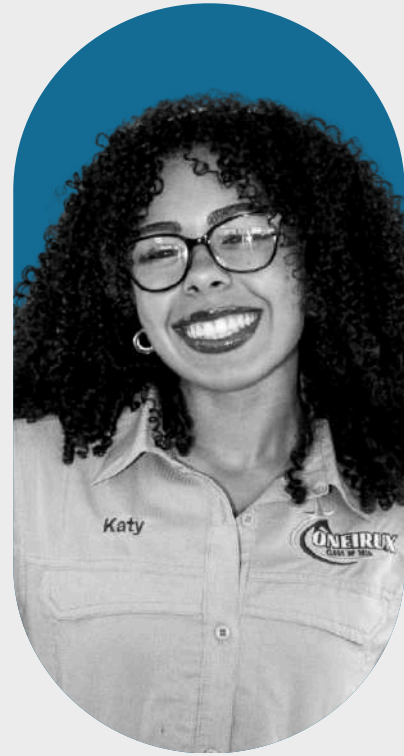
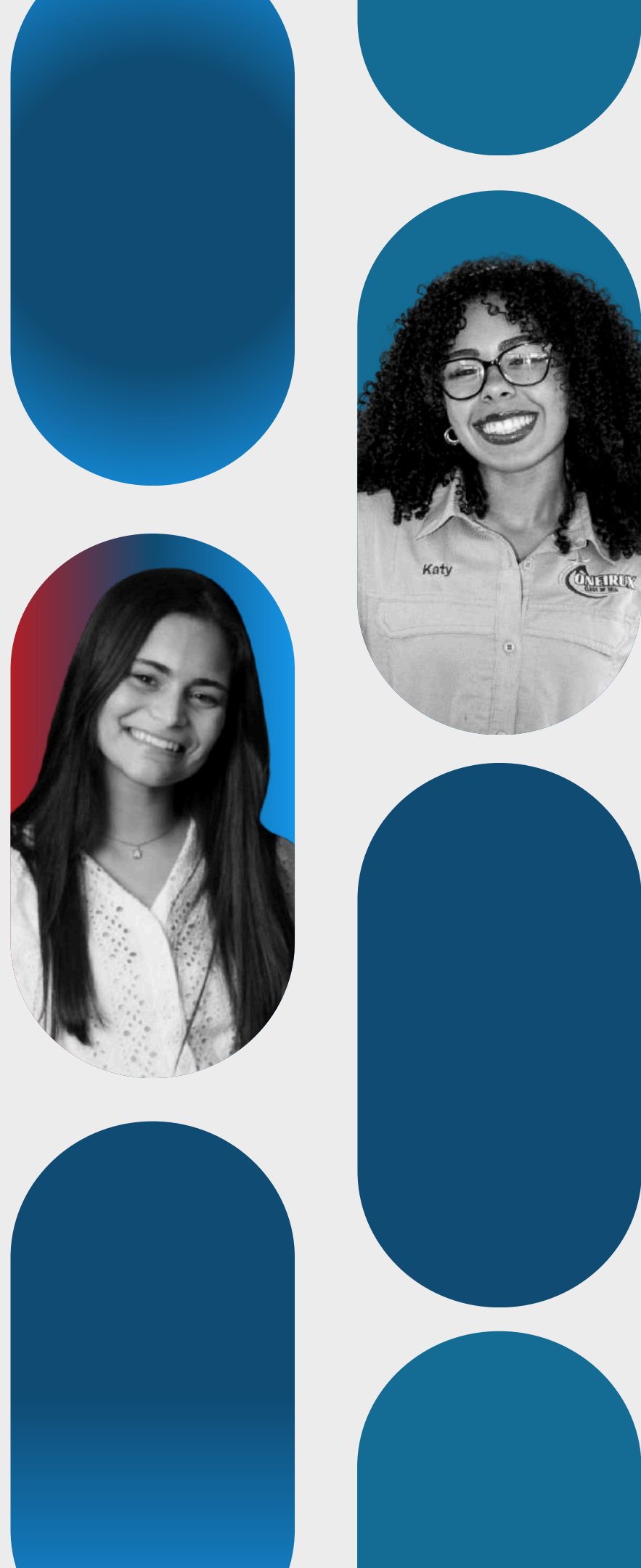
Established in 2025, the DMD PHSU Scholarship provides financial assistance to a talented Puerto Rican student to complete their Doctorate Degree in Dental Medicine (DMD) at Ponce Health Sciences University. The Foundation grants an annual scholarship of \$23,000 to partially cover the cost of tuition.

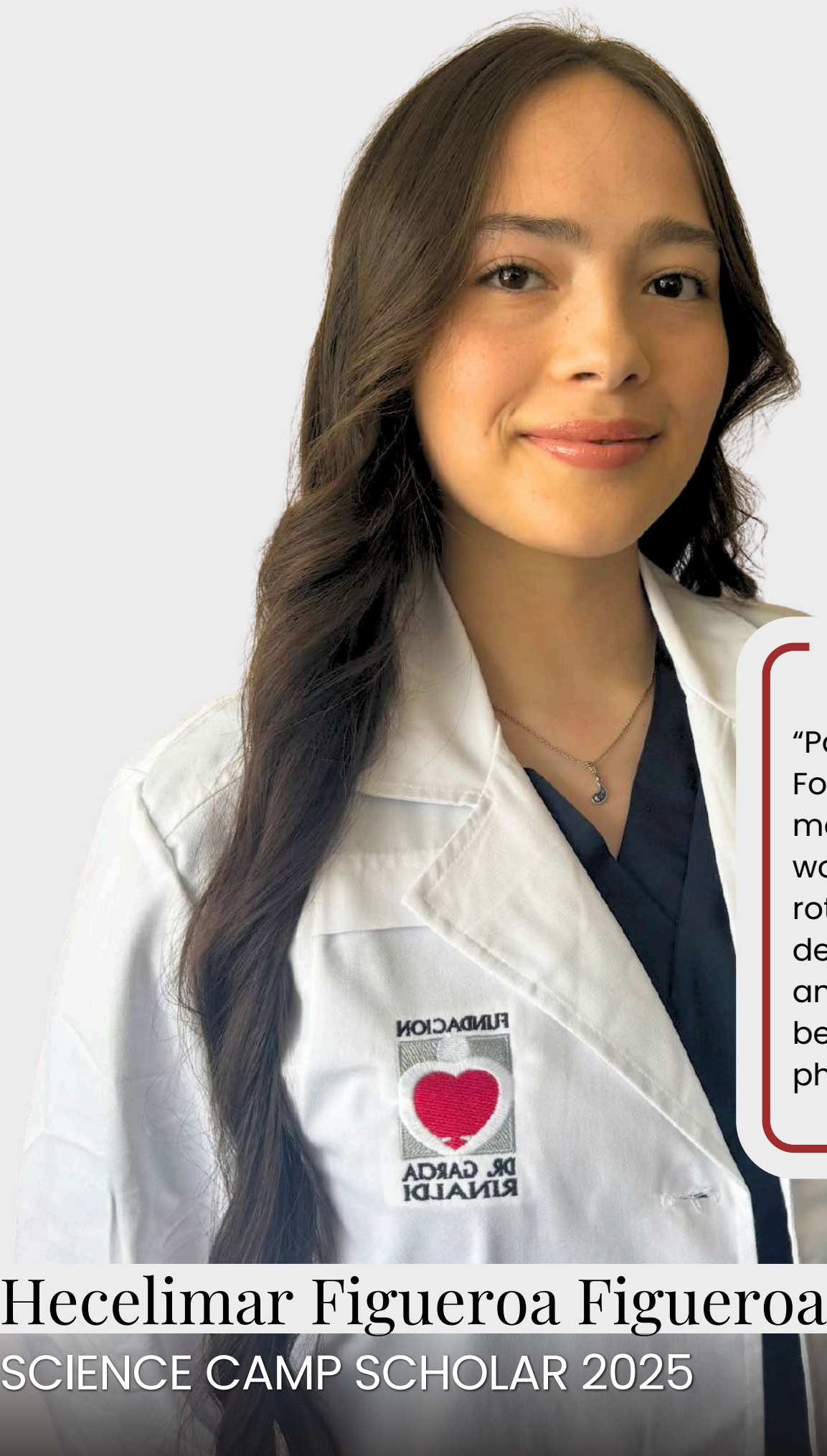


Scholarships

FOR STUDENTS IN SCIENCE

The future of our community's health depends on instilling a love for science in young people. That's why Fundación Intellectus supports high school and college students so they can explore and deepen their interest and knowledge in health sciences and research.





Hecelimar Figueroa Figueroa

SCIENCE CAMP SCHOLAR 2025

“Participating in the Dr. García Rinaldi Foundation’s summer program provided me with invaluable experience in real world clinical settings. Through clinical rotations in the real world, I hope to deepen my understanding of patient care and acquire the skills necessary to become an effective and compassionate physician.”



Science Camp **SCHOLARSHIP**

\$950

FUNDS AWARDED

3 students

IMPACT

Each year the Foundation awards up to four scholarships with a maximum of \$500 each to public school students in grades 9-12 who wish to participate in summer programs focused on science.



MCAT SCHOLARSHIP

\$6,000

FUNDS AWARDED

3 students

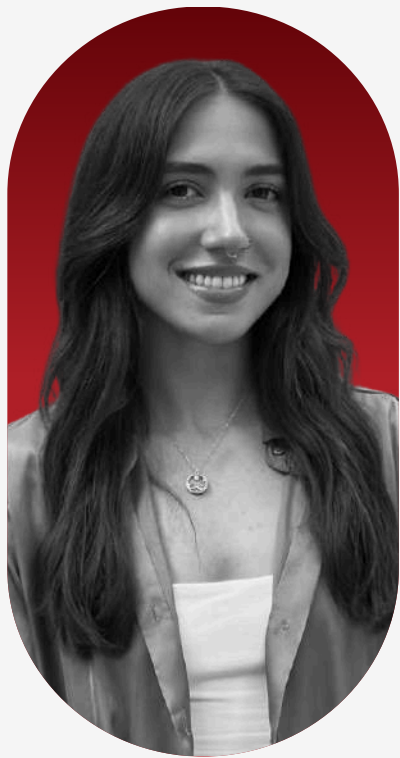
IMPACT

The MCAT Scholarship was established to eliminate potential barriers to medical education for talented Puerto Rican students from low income families. Up to three scholarships of \$2,000 each are awarded annually to cover the MCAT exam and preparation costs.

“The support of Fundación Intellectus is an investment in a future physician committed to his people and community. Betting on me is betting on a medicine with a human face, one that listens, accompanies, and transforms. With their help, I will continue on the path of healing, serving, and restoring hope to those who need it most.”



Gabriel Bernier Rodríguez
MCAT 2025 SCHOLAR



We promote scientific and health
RESEARCH IN PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico boasts a wealth of scientific talent, both established and emerging, and we are firmly committed to supporting Puerto Rican scientists, students in the sciences and health fields who conduct research every day to improve the mental and physical health of our people. We believe in the local potential for significant scientific advancements and are dedicated to contributing to the development of our future science and health professionals.

Research **SCHOLARSHIPS**

During 2025, **47 research scholarships** were awarded to students and professionals in science and health.

PIC Conferences Scholarship

\$6,786

Impact: 9 students

PIC Publications Scholarship

\$5,642

Impact: 6 students

PIC Scientific Research Scholarship

\$17,655

Impact: 4 students

Health Research Scholarship

\$98,201

Impact: 26 students

Sexual Violence Research Scholarship

\$5,000

Impact: 2 students

“This experience motivates me to continue integrating research with clinical practice, a goal that has always guided my training. I am convinced that the learning acquired during this event will have a direct influence on the quality of care I will provide to my patients throughout my career as an orthopedic surgeon.”

José Acosta Julbe

**MD COMMUNITY 2022 &
CONFERENCE 2025 SCHOLAR**



Joshua Nieves Reyes

ALIVIA SPECIALTY PHARMACY 2025 SCHOLAR

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“Intellectus and Alivia Specialty Pharmacy have provided me with a great opportunity to develop my research project. Thanks to their support, I have progressed in my graduate studies at a time when the research funding landscape is uncertain. Initiatives like these highlight the high quality of research being conducted in Puerto Rico, attracting much needed attention to important work that will continue to strengthen science, health, and education on the Island.”

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Alivia Research **SCHOLARSHIP**

aliviaSP

SPECIALTY PHARMACY

\$8,586

FUNDS AWARDED

1 student

IMPACT

Established in 2025 in collaboration with the Puerto Rican company Alivia Specialty Pharmacy, this scholarship seeks to support outstanding Puerto Rican students conducting research related to oncology.



Vive Bien Research **SCHOLARSHIP**



• **\$5,000**
• **FUNDS AWARDED**

• **1 student**
• **IMPACT**

Established in 2025 in collaboration with local company Puerto Rico Supplies Group, this scholarship seeks to support outstanding Puerto Rican students conducting research in the area of cardiovascular health and diabetes.

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“Intellectus and the Vive Bien Research Scholarship have helped me subsidize part of a project I’m working on for the community. Their support has made it possible to bring education, screening, and care to people with diabetes in Puerto Rico. Thanks to their backing, my academic profile has been greatly strengthened, making it possible to develop these kinds of initiatives and directly impact our community.”

Laura Rodríguez Feliciano
VIVE BIEN 2025 SCHOLAR



 *We invest in our community*
GRANTS

Our Grants Program provides direct support to the operations of community and nonprofit organizations that deliver healthcare services to communities with limited or difficult access to providers, and that create development opportunities for Puerto Rican medical students.



Grants

TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

\$225,901
FUNDS AWARDED

13 projects
IMPACT



San Lucas Summer Research Program

\$8,500

Grant for the San Lucas Summer Research Program 2025 offered by the San Lucas Episcopal Medical Center during the month of June 2025.

Medical Research Group

\$6,000

Support for first year medical students at PHSU who wished to participate in research programs during the summer.

Student Run Free Clinics

\$15,000

Grant to support the operations of the Student Run Free Clinics.

Health Career Collaborative Academy

\$3,700

Grant to support science program for high school youth interested in health science careers.

PHSU PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences

\$56,448

Special grant to the PHSU PhD program in Biomedical Sciences to benefit six students who started their second and third years.

Psicosis Foundation

\$10,000

Grant to train health students in translating scientific research into practical public health strategies in mental health, with emphasis on psychosis through the Psychosis Foundation Research and Education Fellowship Program (PREP).

PHSU Dermatology Residency

\$86,203

Grant to the Ponce Research Institute for medical equipment intended for the new dermatology clinic of the PHSU Dermatology Residency Program.

 *Grants* 
TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS





Grants

TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

CREPS

\$32,500

Grant to support the Future MD Shadowing Program, awards to three outstanding students in shadowing, development and research symposium, and to support the organization's operations.



"The support of Fundación Intellectus has been a significant boost to the growth and development of our initiatives at CREPS. Thanks to their grant, we have been able to strengthen our educational projects and carry out important initiatives such as our first CREPS Research Symposium in 2025, where we impacted approximately 40 students interested in developing their scientific and professional careers in the health field. This support has not only provided us with tools to continue expanding our shadowing, research, service, and academic development opportunities, but it also reaffirms our shared mission to empower the next generation of healthcare professionals in Puerto Rico."



Jan Bidot

PRESIDENT
CREPS FOUNDATION

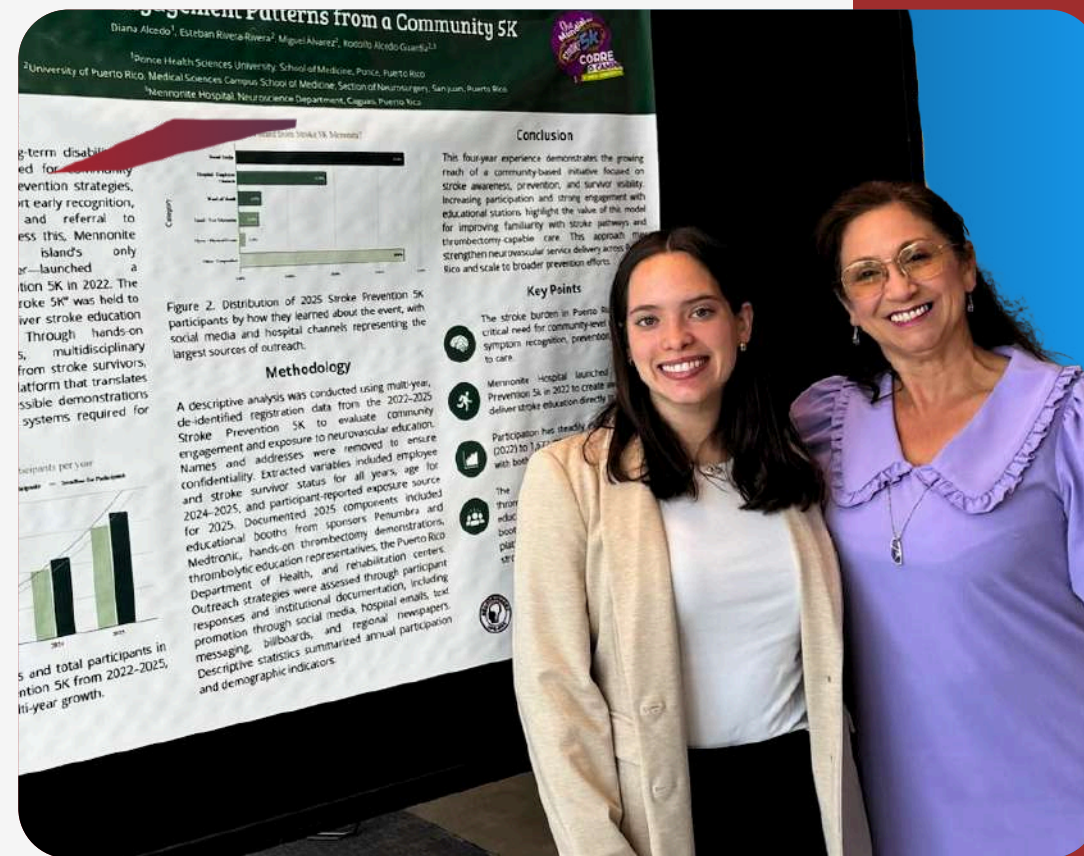




Sponsorships

AWARDED IN 2025

Our Sponsorship Program supports entities and events that promote health education, preventive health in the community, and/or that promote the professional development of medical students.



Latino Medical Student Association Recinto de Ciencias Médicas

\$1,250

Support for the LMSA event at the Medical Sciences Campus held during April 2025 for medical students, residents, and faculty.

Círculo de Pre Médicos UPR Recinto de Mayagüez

\$1,000

Sponsorship to support the 14th Health Professionals Forum prepared by the Pre Medical Circle organization of the UPR Mayagüez.

The White Coat Foundation

\$2,500

Support for The White Coat Foundation Event held during July 2025 and offered by Syracuse University.

Fundación VisoDerm - Clínicas de Salud

\$1,500

Sponsorship to support ophthalmology and dermatology clinic.

Community Service Expo PHSU 2025

Premio de Medicina

\$300

Sponsorship for poster award and project of a medical student at Ponce Health Sciences University.



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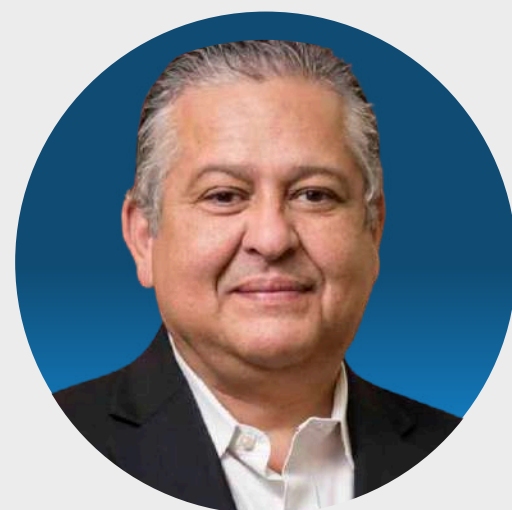


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