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Cal State L.A. student Angela Madira in a research lab at Harvard University.

# Alhambra resident, Cal State L.A. student named as Amgen Scholar

Cal State L.A. science student and Alhambra resident Angela Madira was selected to conduct research at the Harvard Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology under the Amgen Scholars Program. Cal State students Emily Aguirre and Hugo Avila were also selected.

Ms. Madira, a biochemistry major, has spent 10 weeks this summer taking part in hands-on, cutting-edge research at Harvard University under the Amgen Foundation program.

She is among 340 students selected into the program from a pool of nearly 5,000 applicants. The program partners with 17 leading educational institutions from the United States, Europe, and Japan to host scholars in research labs.

"It is a tremendous honor to be a part of this program," said Ms. Madira. "Not only am I able to conduct research in one of the nation's leading universities, but the Amgen Program has also given me an infinite number of tools to advance my career. This summer has been one of the best experiences of my life and one that I will remember forever."

Ms. Madira is enrolled at Cal State L.A. through the Early Entrance Program housed in the University's Honors College. The program admits extraordinarily gifted youngsters directly into college, providing

them with monitored evaluation, counseling, and the opportunity to study with like-minded peers.

Since 2006, the Amgen Scholars Program has provided hands-on research opportunities to nearly 2,500 undergraduate students who study under renowned faculty mentors. More than 90% of the program's alumni who have completed their bachelor's degrees are pursuing an advanced degree or career in a scientific field.

"We're excited to welcome Emily, Hugo, Angela and all of the 2015 class of Amgen Scholars," said Eduardo Cetlin, Amgen Foundation president. "These talented students have the potential to go on to create life-saving medicines and solve other global challenges, which is why we're committed to providing this type of pivotal opportunity that can kick-start their careers as scientists."

In addition to their individual research experience, Ms. Madira, Ms. Aguirre, and Mr. Avila joined other U.S.-based Amgen Scholars at a regional summer symposium hosted at UCLA and Amgen. This networking opportunity offered the Cal State L.A. students a chance to meet fellow scholars studying at other institutions, share research projects, learn about biotechnology and hear from leading industry and academic scientists.



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