

2022 Floyd E. McDonald Scholarship Winner



My name is Camela Gorres. I am a senior Forensic Science & Law student, and am the current President for The Filipino American Student Association at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. Originally from Silver Spring, MD, I seek to finish my Masters in Forensic Science & Law at Duquesne University and one day travel across the country as an aspiring forensic scientist. In the past four years, I have acquired various laboratory skills and have conducted my own laboratory research. My interests in the forensic science field lie in analytical chemistry, toxicology, and DNA evidence because as a scientist I believe that while experiments often do not yield results that we expect nor want, it is in these shortcomings where science evolves, and the work scientists do can be expounded beyond what is imaginable. The shortcomings of one test leads to the hypothesis of another. This realization fuels perseverance in my work because without the mistakes, scientists may never achieve new discoveries that reveal the beauty in how the world functions.