

Press Release- Lilly del Caribe granted the Frank M. Deane Passion for Science Award.



The student José R. Hernández Espinell, graduated in May 2017, from the Chemistry Program of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, has been awarded the "Frank M. Deane Passion for Science" award by Lilly del Caribe. This award is given each year to a student with excellent academic performance, who has carried out original research at an advanced level and demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities. The award is aimed at students in Puerto Rico who begin their first year of graduate studies in an area of science and who show the same passion for excellence, curiosity and courage to pursue the unknown as Dr. Frank M. Deane, president of operations of global manufactures of the company Eli Lilly. Through the award, José, can acquire a boarding experience with a mentor at one of the Lilly del Caribe plants. The award also provides a stipend and materials grant for four consecutive years.

"I feel extremely grateful and fortunate to have been recognized by Lilly del Caribe and receive this prestigious scholarship. Without a doubt, it is a unique opportunity and I hope it is an experience full of learning and professional development. Having been elected I will be able to dedicate myself fully to my doctoral research project and, in the same way, be part of the work team of one of the modern and prestigious plants of Lilly del Caribe, which fills me with motivation and desires to be better every day."

José R. Hernández Espinell works on a highly interdisciplinary research project guided by assistant professors Dr. Vilmalí López-Mejías (Department of Chemistry, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) and **Dr. Torsten Stelzer (School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus)**. José began his graduate studies this academic year which will lead to a PhD in the Chemistry Program of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.

We congratulate José for his achievements and wish him a bright future.