Title: The Career Path of a First-Generation Scientist

In this conversation, I plan to share with you the path of a first-generation scientist from a small city in southern Mexico. I will begin by describing my undergraduate research experience in Mexico and comparing it with research in the USA. I will talk about my experience working in different labs and mentoring students and lab assistants. I will also talk about my experience working in a multi-institutional project involving industry and academia, highlighting the differences in how research is accomplished at each site. I hope that this talk will help students appreciate the different aspects of a scientific career that build up your unique skill set.