

**LSUHSC School of Medicine Class of 2026**  
**Latine Health Scholars Honors Program – Spring 2026**

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Mentor: Dr. Sebastian Del Corral

Project Title: *Care of Immigrant Patients and Your Role as a Medical Student*

**Sofia Elena Cabrera**

Mentor: Dr. Sebastian Del Corral Winder

Project Title: *Care of Immigrant Patients and Your Role as a Medical Student*

**Angella Sohee Chang**

Mentor: Dr. Minghao Jin

Project Title: *Disease mechanism of RPE65 mutations observed in Costa Rican children with retinal dystrophies*

**Charles Stuart DePaolo**

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Project Title: *Patients' Perspectives on Barriers to Joint Replacement*

**Emma Dorothy Dusek-Shaw**

Mentor: Dr. Megan Maher & Dr. Sebastian Del Corral Winder

Project Title: *Empoderando a los Padres en la Educación*

**Michael Robert Hirschak**

Mentor: Dr. Emilio Russo

Project Title: *Evidence-based HPV and Cervical Cytology Testing Among Latina Women*

**Rakin Tammam Nasar**

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Project Title: *Refugee and Asylum Status*

**Allyson Anna Pitalo**

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Project Title: *Early Psychosis: Special Considerations for Hispanic Populations*

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Project Title: *Vaginatis and Sexual Health in the Latinx Community*