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My name is Kelly M. Núñez Ocasio, I am 19 years old and in 2009 I had the gratifying opportunity to participate in the NCAS “Puerto Rico Weather Camp”. It’s my second year completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Theoretical Physics and a Meteorological GS-1340 Certification at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus. The Puerto Rico Weather Camp defined my interest and led me to my passion for Atmospheric Science. This Camp was the key for me to open the doors of my dreams.

Right now I am officially a member in the American Meteorological Society, the Meteorological Society of Puerto Rico AMS Student Chapter Mayaguez and in the past year I was member of the Student Physics Society, Mayaguez Chapter. I am Co-leader of the demonstration committee in the Meteorological Society of Puerto Rico and this position has given me the chance to enroll in many extracurricular activities. This Society has given me the opportunity to participate in activities with the mission to educate about meteorology through open houses and festivals for students off all ages in all the regions of Puerto Rico. Also because of the society, I have achieved community service and participated in orientations and seminars by professionals in the area of Atmospheric Sciences.

My long-term goal is to be admitted in graduate school and do research in the areas of Atmospheric Science or Space Meteorology. My ultimate goal is to complete a PhD in this discipline. Today I am thankful to say that my dreams are becoming part of my reality because a door has been opened for me. This year I was accepted in the Undergraduate Scholarship Program (EPP) with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). This will be my first internship experience and I am sure it will be one full of new knowledge and opportunities.