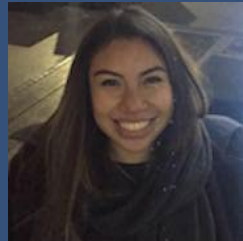


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## Jasmin Serena Vargas

Postbaccalaureate  
CCR Bethesda



### Education

B.A., International Affairs, Lafayette College

### Scientific Interests

- Health disparities
- Precision medicine
- Chronic and noncommunicable disease

### I applied to iCURE because...

I wanted to explore my interest and commitment to research in the basic sciences in a supportive environment with a cohort of students who share similar experiences and obstacles.

### My favorite traditions/holidays...

Christmas

### My hometown is...

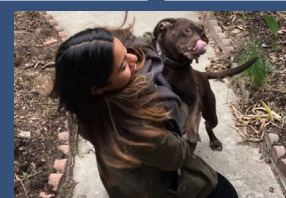
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### In my spare time, I enjoy...

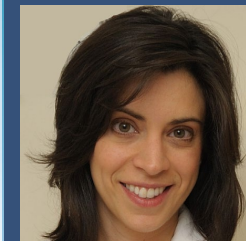
I like to travel and, most recently, backpacked the western coast of South America. I look forward to traveling again after the pandemic. For now, I enjoy running with my dog.

### A few of my favorite things...

I enjoy Sushi, playing sports, and being outdoors.



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## Christina M. Annunziata, MD, PhD

Senior Investigator  
Women's Malignancies Branch  
CCR Bethesda



### Words to live by...

*The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are.*

### What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

I most enjoy the collaborative nature of interacting with colleagues at the NCI.

### In my spare time, I enjoy...

I enjoy yoga, biking, and traveling.

### My favorite traditions/holidays...

My favorite cultural tradition is making Christmas cookies called "cuccidate"—they are filled with figs, raisins, tangerines, chocolate, coffee, cinnamon, nuts, and whiskey!