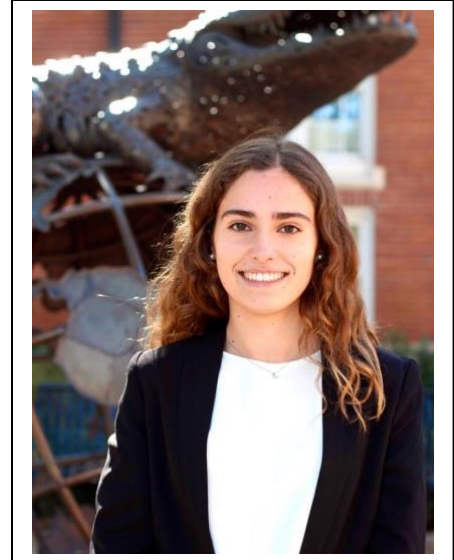


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Cristina Isusi Silgo is a senior at the University of Florida's Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering. She is studying a degree in Biomedical Engineering and a minor degree in Engineering Innovation. She hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Biomedical Innovation and Entrepreneurship next year.



Cristina grew up in a small town called Vitoria-Gasteiz in Spain. She was placed in the United States with her family in 2015, this helped Cristina learn that resiliency, determination, integration, and flexibility are qualities needed to succeed. Not being part of the norm has driven Cristina to get involved, be adventurous, and encourage others to reach their own greatness. As she learned to adapt, there was an immediate commitment to celebrate the outsider.

Throughout her time at UF, Cristina has been involved in research and leadership roles that enabled her to expand the knowledge in the medical field. Cristina participated in Dr. Cherie Stabler's Diabetes Tissue Engineering lab for two years and was published in the Journal Advanced NanoBiomed Research. Additionally, Cristina has had professional experience in two highly recognized laboratories, Igenomix and iQ Genetics, where she gained technical and teamwork skills.

Outside of her technical area, Cristina developed a passion for community service by having a leadership role in the Venezuelan Student Association at UF. She is currently the Vice President of Community Service, and she is responsible for organizing and innovating fundraising events that will help the community. Cristina wants to be the voice for those often forgotten or misunderstood by encouraging them to participate in activities and enjoy them in different ways. As she continues this path of leadership and involvement, Cristina wishes to achieve her goal of trying new experiences and living in the moment.