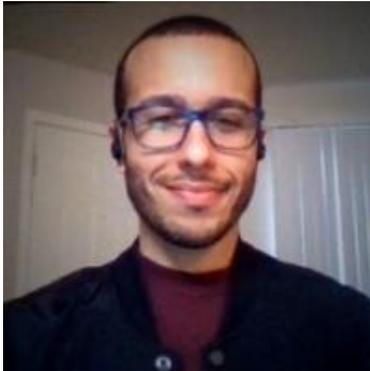


# ASHI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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**Graduated from:** All my formal education was completed in Puerto Rico. I graduated from Ponce Health Sciences University (PHSU) & IUPR (Metro & SG).

**How long have you been an ASHI member?** Since 2017

**When and where was your first ASHI meeting?** My first ASHI meeting was the 2018 Regional Education Workshop in Las Vegas, NV. I got married hours before reporting to the Bally's Hotel! My first Annual Meeting was the 2020 Virtual Global Annual Meeting.

**What made you decide to work in HLA?** During my clinical practice at a hospital in Puerto Rico, I was exposed to their histocompatibility and immunogenetics laboratory. It was then when I discovered the HLA field. Since then, I realized the importance of the field and learned multiple disciplines of human medicine.

**Most rewarding aspect:** The HLA field has been the ideal intersection between interest, skills, and knowledge. I like the rapid growth of knowledge and high clinical value. Working in HLA, I sincerely find it interesting knowing that I am helping someone find a better quality of life.

**Fun fact:** Having purpose is important to me. I am always looking to learn. My interest goes from understanding human behavior and biomedical sciences, to nature, space/astronomy, and other cool sciences. Lately, I have been learning basic Italian and Latin. I try to live my life starting within the principle of 'do no harm'. I feel a responsibility to help others. Family, friendship, and lifelong improvement are a few things that make me happy. I know how to juggle (not full clown, but with a little face paint, I may do the part).