## **PAVIR Talent Community**

Shani (her name means red poppy flower in Farsi) joined PAVIR in 2019 as a Research Assistant to investigate autoimmunity and rheumatic diseases, working directly with Dr. William Robinson, Professor of Immunology & Rheumatology at Stanford University.

"It was very important to me to have my own independent research project", says Shani. She decided to investigate development of therapeutic antibodies for Lyme disease. "At first, it was surprising how independent I had to be: from arranging my workflow, balancing lab work, experiments, and data analysis to dedicating time to handling my own project. It was a challenging experience which helped me grow professionally and be better prepared to apply for Ph.D. program. I am grateful to all the research staff in the lab for giving me time and support to get where I am today."



Shaghayegh "Shani" Jahanbani Life Sciences Research Assistant II

When you meet Danniel, you start smiling immediately! His positivity shines through and it brightens your day. He moved to the Bay area from Central Valley, where farmland jobs are prevalent and other work is difficult to find.

Danniel enjoys working with Kevin Limjoco, who joined PAVIR five years ago and has been promoted to a Supervisor in 2020. "Kevin treats everyone fairly and equally, and helps me when something is unfamiliar", says Danniel. What he appreciates the most about his job? "Teamwork! It's like family here, everyone is nice and supportive".

We are happy to have you at PAVIR, Danniel!



Danniel Bravo Lab Technician



## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility at PAVIR

We have a **vision** to create a diverse, inclusive, and respectful space that aims for equity, equality, and justice for all employees, Veterans, and the community we serve.

PAVIR's **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility** (DEIA) Council members represent a cross-section of our community: PAVIR employees from Basic Science and Clinical Research laboratories, Principal Investigators, and members of the PAVIR leadership.

Have questions or want to learn how you can support this important work? Email Maheen Adamson, Co-Chair of the DEIA Council, at madamson@pavir.org

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