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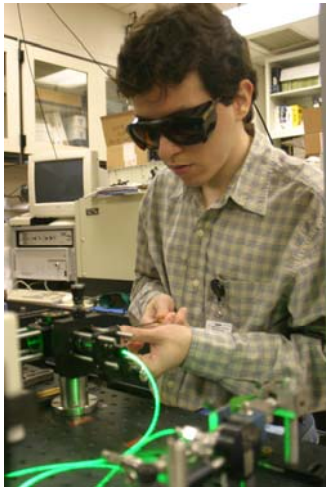


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Ricardo Velez is working as a student trainee in the Energy System Dynamics Division of the National Energy Technology Laboratory's Office of Research and Development.

Velez, who grew up in Puerto Rico, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in theoretical physics at the University of Puerto Rico. Velez is working at NETL for the summer through the Student Career Experience Program. He is working toward a Master of Science degree in applied physics at the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

Velez says he is impressed by NETL's "passion and commitment to science and innovation."

NETL's Student Career Experience Program allows students to gain work experience with consideration for their career goals within their academic area. This program operates in cooperation with a student's school and provides work experience primarily in engineering, scientific, and technical occupations/disciplines.

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