

## Winner of PLTLIS Logo Contest Chosen by the Board of Directors

After considering multiple entries representing seven campuses, the PLTLIS Board of Directors chose a design by Damien Blanco, a Peer Leader at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. As he explained, “The logo was meant to reflect the networking aspect of PLTLIS and is inspired by the structure of a PLTL session at FIU where students are seated in a circle to actively discuss and collaborate in problem solving.” The Peer Leader is part of the circle, distinguished by the shape of the desk.



Damien Blanco lives in Miami, Florida, where he is in his final year as an undergraduate at Florida International University (FIU), majoring in Biology. His interests in healthcare, science, and art lead him to seek a career in dentistry and he hopes to become an oral and maxillofacial surgeon upon completion of dental school.

“Being a PLTL leader has been the most rewarding experience of my undergraduate education. It has provided me with a unique opportunity to develop my educating and leadership skills and with essential reviews of my studies. The PLTL program has undeniably strengthened the overall quality of my education. I feel such an innovative program has indeed transformed the Department of Biological Sciences at FIU through the leadership opportunities and enhanced education it has provided for students like me.