## **BEAL SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT – ANGELICA BAJOS**

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Beal Botanical Garden is the space to go if you are willing to grow. Beal welcomes students from various disciplines and interests into their Beal Scholars program, and the support granted to students is one of the many reasons Beal is the heart of campus.

Before I was a Beal Scholar, I was a garden assistant fulfilling my internship requirement. As a Beal Scholar, I became an emerging professional continuing to interconnect nature and wellbeing as I helped coordinate the Nurture Your Roots program.

With support from Beal, in June 2023, I presented at the American Public Gardens Association Annual Conference and spent the rest of the summer guiding tours, facilitating events, and as always getting dirty.

Working for Beal helped me discover and strengthen my passion for helping communities establish healthy relationships with the natural world. I am forever grateful for the transformation I have endured at Beal and that is why it will always be my home away from home.