MARSELA JORGOLLI ‘05
GENERAL STUDIES

Amgen scientist Marsela Jorgolli uses her vast skills to develop new therapies to help people with serious illnesses. Jorgolli earned her doctorate in physics from Harvard University in 2015, one of many academic achievements for the Albanian native. Ten years earlier, while completing her associate degree at COD and preparing to transfer to the University of Chicago to pursue a bachelor’s degree, Jorgolli became the first and only COD student to receive the prestigious Barry Goldwater Scholarship and only the second COD student to be chosen for the USA Today All-USA Academic First Team.

She holds six U.S. patents and has authored many publications, including seven in selective peer-reviewed journals. Jorgolli participated in the 2014 GapSummit in Cambridge, England, the flagship event of the Global Biotech Revolution, a not-for-profit that connects biotech think tanks, industrial leaders and research pioneers with young bio-leaders of tomorrow.

Jorgolli returned to COD earlier this year to participate in COD’s Women in STEM event, inspiring high school girls to aim high and make their own marks in science, technology, engineering and math.