



Digital photograph | Cerro Largo, Uruguay

While visiting a rural school in Uruguay, I encountered a classroom wall depicting the digestive system through the eyes of its youngest students. This piece reflects on the universality of learning and the continuity between art, medicine, and language, connecting my medical Spanish studies at UNC with the origins of curiosity found in childhood classrooms.

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Maria Fonseca Bauza is a fourth-year medical student at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology with honors in 2020 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is enrolled in the Comprehensive Advanced Medical Program of Spanish (CAMPOS), which will allow her to graduate as a bilingual physician. Maria is a medical illustrator and has been published in the *Global Medical Knowledge Alliance (GMKA)* journal and *The Academic Surgeon*, the official blog of the Association for Academic Surgery. She has also been selected as a cover artist for *OBM Transplantation* and *Iris's Summer 2023 Pandemic Reflections: A Special Issue*. She continues to integrate art into medicine as a tool to overcome language and literacy barriers in healthcare.