

# SIX THINGS ABOUT ME

Get to know Carlos C. Goller!

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## I WAS BORN IN MEXICO

My dad was a retired US NAVY Lt. Cmdr. I grew up in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato in the center of Mexico. I attended a science and technology-oriented high school in the next state over, Querétaro, before going to Worcester, MA for college.

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## I LOVE PLANES!

My dad taught others to land planes on aircraft carriers. I grew up visiting military bases. I love watching airplanes and spent a lot of time as a child playing flight simulator. I also tried to obtain a license and took flying lessons for a couple of years... before kids!

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## I ENJOY TEACHING!

My mother is a retired grade school teacher with 40 years of experience. She coordinated other teachers and helped plan courses for almost two decades. My dad was a caring instructor. My spouse (Dr. Claire Gordy) is also a teaching faculty member at NCSU.

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## I SPEAK SPANISH!

I learned Spanish and English at the same time. My mother mostly spoke to me in Spanish but speaks English. My dad tried to learn Spanish but was not fluent. I was able to attend bilingual grade schools and a high school with courses in English. Interestingly, I do math in Spanish.

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## WE HAVE TWO KIDS!

We have two children: Amada (5) and Aurelio (almost 2). Amada is named after my great great grandmother who was the daughter of the General Negrete who led the Mexicans against French invaders during the Cinco de Mayo battle. Aurelio represents 'the golden one', like the microbe we study that precipitates gold: Delftia acidovorans.

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## I'M A MICROBIOLOGIST... WITH IMMUNOLOGIST

I'm a microbiologist by training and worked on Escherichia coli biofilm formation as a graduate student. Dr. Gordy is an immunologist. At one point at Duke, we did a fun experiment and "fed" my uropathogenic E. coli to her macrophages! Microbiologists and immunologists **can** coexist!