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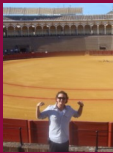
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Another academic year has come and gone and we are happy to share with you the many success stories of our NMSU CAMP students. We hope the experiences of the CAMP upperclassmen will motivate the new students to follow in their footsteps, whether it be studying or working abroad, serving as role models to their peers, or engaging in community service. As always, it is a privilege to work with our CAMP students and an honor to be considered a part of the farm worker family. We look forward to the upcoming 2010-2011 academic year, a year that marks our ninth anniversary at the NMSU campus.

A little help from my friends...

Because being a college freshman has its challenges, a helpful hand from our peers is warmly accepted. The peer mentoring program at CAMP, also known as the *Compa Program*, matches students with program alumni to assist facilitating a smoother transition throughout the first year. The *compas* (peer mentors) meet with their *compitas* (mentee) on a regular basis for various activities including tutoring, cultural events, workshops and exploring campus resources. The goal is to foster lasting friendships that benefit both the *Compita* and *Compa*.



L to R: Bernardo Lopez, Favio Casillas, Eduardo Rosalez participating in Fiestas Latinas' Soccer Tournament.



Top L to R: Tayde Soto, Flor Ogaz, Diego Dominguez on a hike.



Sandra Martinez and her Compa, Ismael Escobar.

NMSU CAMPers, Out & About

2nd Annual CAMP National Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive



Clockwise, above: Martha Soto; Ezequiel Angeles; CAMP Student Council preparing for the blood drive event.

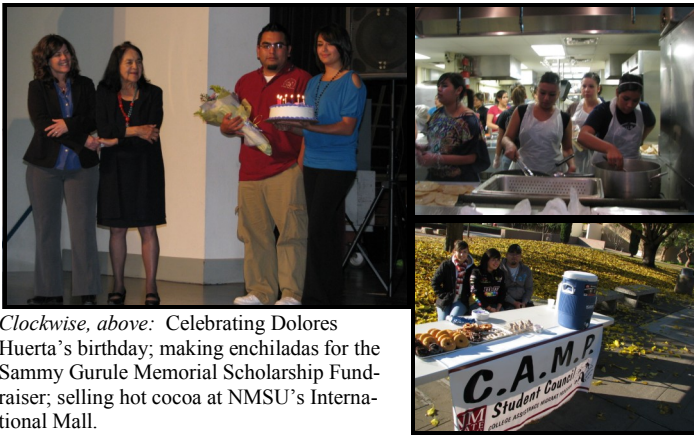
4th Annual Fiestas Latinas Soccer Tournament, Sponsored by CAMP Student Council



Top Left: L to R - Daniel Ramirez, Noe Casillas, Jose Duron.

Student Council Officers Ezequiel Angeles (Treasurer), Jose Rosales, Omar Hernandez (President), Pamela Prieto (Vice President), Jose Duron (Public Relations).

Community & Fundraising Events



Clockwise, above: Celebrating Dolores Huerta's birthday; making enchiladas for the Sammy Gurule Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser; selling hot cocoa at NMSU's International Mall.

Student & Staff Retreats



Top Left & Right: CAMPers at the end of the year retreat in Cloudcroft, NM. Bottom Right: CAMP Staff (Larry, José and Dr. Bejarano) visiting an onion field in Hatch, NM.

CAMP Families



Top: Celebrating the end of the Fall '09 semester with family; Crystal Lucero and mom.

Far left: Ana Palacios and dad. At left: Felipe Casillas and Maria Mendoza.

More Special Events



Top: Participating in the National Collegiate Leadership Conference at the University of Arizona. Bottom right: 2nd Annual CAMP Poster Expo.



Student Experiences: Studying Abroad



Pahola and her Belizean students.

Pahola Cabrera, was fortunate to travel to England and Belize. Last summer she studied Muslim immigration in London at Queen Mary University. This past January, she boarded her destiny to Orange Walk Town, Belize to complete her student teaching. Pahola taught at the San Francisco Roman Catholic School. She said this of her journey, "I learned that as an educator, *EMPATY* is key!" Note that empathy is stressed without the H, as commonly used by Belizeans. Because of its proximity to Belize, Pahola also traveled to Quintana Roo, a state in México, visiting beaches and jungles. To best describe the spring semester, Pahola simply says, "It was an *UnBelize-Able* experience!"

Sometimes the call of duty comes in different locations and experiences. Throughout the last year, several students had the opportunity to pack their bags and head for the adventure of a lifetime. From taking the metro in Spain to educating the children of Belize, CAMP students found that adventure is only a plane-trip away.

José Cerna, a senior majoring in Civil Engineering, traveled to Sevilla, Spain in the fall of 2009. During his time abroad, José studied at the Universidad Pablo de Olavide. He also found time to travel Europe. Madrid, Barcelona, Rome, Lagos and Dublin are just a few of the cities José can add to his repertoire of travels. Although traveling alone can be intimidating, José left us with this thought, "The best part of this trip was that, not only did I get to see other cultures, but I got to live it." For those students still sitting on the fence about studying abroad, he gives you this advice, "Life gets tough once you leave your comfort zone, but when you're willing to risk it and give it your all, the rewards are fulfilling. I would say the biggest lesson learned is to keep an open mind."

Many CAMP students are currently in the planning phase of future academic experiences. These students are doing great things and are constantly looking for innovative ways to make it all happen.



José visiting a cathedral in Europe.



L to R, front row: Omar Carrera, Maria T. Lopez, Yesenia Godoy, Maria I. Gonzalez, Maribel Rodriguez, Pahola Cabrera. Middle row: M. Alejandra Trejo, Pamela Prieto. Back row: Jose L. Rosales, Guadalupe Gallegos.

BCLI's Experience in Democracy Leadership Program, Summer 2009

"The best part was [learning how] to develop a professional agenda addressing the concerns of our community and being able to express those concerns to our state representatives...acting as the voice for many people gave me a great feeling!" —Maria T. Lopez

"Being a leader takes time, involvement, and a willingness to work for the change that we would all like to see." —Maria I. Gonzalez

"We learned a lot about the historical event by visiting different important parts of the city such as the Holocaust Museum, the Vietnam and Korean War Veterans Memorials." —Pamela Prieto

"Remember that anything you set your mind to is possible; do not let others keep you from your dream. We need more Latinos/Hispanics representing us in DC." —Alejandra Trejo

"I learned about Bert Corona and his struggles. It made me realize how sometimes a leader has to face difficult conditions when fighting for noble causes." —Omar Carrera

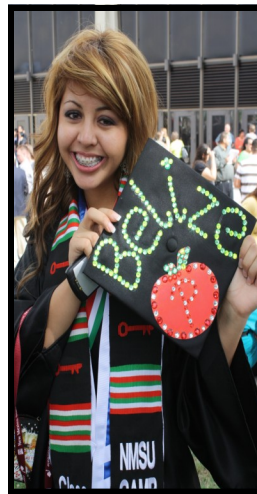
NMSU Class of 2010: Spring Graduates



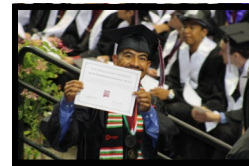
Mauro Alvarado,
Mechanical Engineering
Technology



Jim Armendariz,
Animal Science



Pahola Cabrera,
Elementary
Education



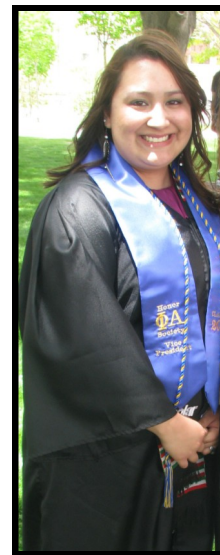
Maira Torres,
General Business



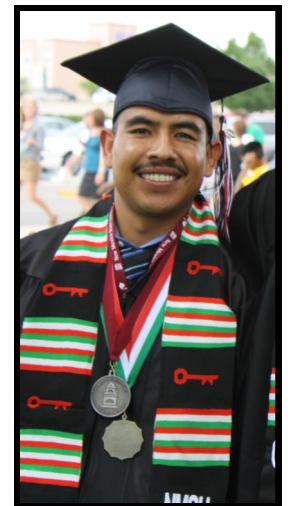
Tayde Soto,
Accounting & Spanish



Jessica Rocha,
Accounting & Spanish



Maria Realzola,
Social Work



Omar Carrera,
Mechanical Engineering
Technology

NMSU Class of 2009: Fall Graduates



Sandra Caballero,
Journalism & Spanish



Guadalupe Gallegos,
General Business



Rafael Hernandez,
Athletic Training

CAMP Freshman Graduates, 2009-2010

**Congratulations for
completing your first year at
New Mexico State University!**

L to R, Front Row: Sonia Aldaba, Diego Dominguez, Jessica Almaraz, Bernardo Lopez, Eduardo Rosalez, Martha Soto, Maria Mendoza, Mayra Arriaga, Brenda Carranza, Carla Cisneros, Alma Aguilar, Crystal Lucero, Julia Fuentes, Alejandro Cuevas, Luis Dominguez

L to R, Back Row: Juan Rodriguez, Felipe Casillas, Monica Olvera, Luis (LL) Levario, Lorenzo Sanchez, Alejandra Rosales, Berenice Escobar, Flor Ogaz, Ana Palacios, Abigail Montellano, Sandra Martinez, Ana Martinez, Brieann Gillespie, Guadalupe Jaramillo, Alma Hernandez



Welcome to the NMSU CAMP Familia!



The New Mexico State University CAMP Program would like to officially welcome the newest member of the CAMP staff, our Retention Advisor, José Montoya.

José came to us in early October 2009, from Denver, CO. A native of Alamogordo, NM, José was eager to return to New Mexico to study and work on the border. As the CAMP Retention Advisor, José works towards planning activities and events for all students, but particularly for CAMP sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students. He provides assistance and support to our program alumni in order to help students reach their academic goals.

Bienvenido José!

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