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Message from the CAMP Team

Greetings from New Mexico State University CAMP! We are proud to share with you some highlights from our 2018-2019 academic year.

This past year, CAMP Scholars conducted life-changing research, met presidential candidates, traveled outside of their comfort zones, and were highlighted and recognized for their hard work and dedication. These opportunities are possible thanks to the support of our CAMP families, students, staff and our many university and community partners.

It has been seventeen years since the first CAMP Scholars, and their families, set foot on the NMSU campus. This upcoming year, we are beyond excited to not only celebrate our eighteenth year, but we will also serve our 500th student! We look forward to you joining us as we celebrate these milestones in 2019-2020.

-Martha A. Estrada, Director

17th Cohort: Goals Achieved

This year, NMSU CAMP served 30 first-year students and were able to achieve a 93% successful completion rate; that is, 28 students successfully completed their first year of college. Of these students, 100% of them are returning to school in the fall of 2019. Congratulations CAMP Scholars!



Making a Difference

CAMP Community Night: Chaparral, NM

Through collaborations with community leaders and agencies, NMSU CAMP hosted a community event in Chaparral, New Mexico. The NMSU CAMP Community Night served as a method to engage with migrant farm working families and to offer support to a rural and underserved community.

This outreach and recruitment event helped inform parents and students of the importance of higher education as well as their overall well-being.

Local agencies participated in this event to share employment resources, health services, GED assistance, and legal support, including other



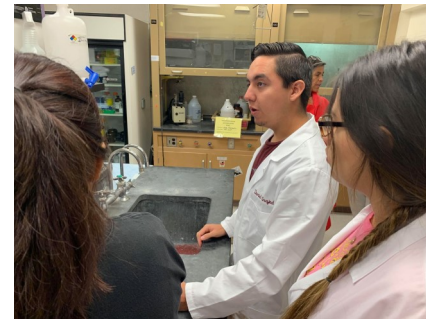
resources available to the

community. By connecting families with resources, we managed to reach the underserved and to increase awareness of NMSU CAMP's mission. Our ultimate goal was to engage with local migrant and farm working families and make them feel welcomed!

Summer Programs

Medicinal Plants Research Internship

The CAMP Medicinal Plants Internship has been held at NMSU and directed by Laura Rodriguez-Urbe for over eight years now—growing and evolving with each year. This summer, eight sophomore students from the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) from different majors including Electronics and Computer Engineering, Biology, International Business/Spanish, Elementary Education, Environmental Sciences, Social Work, and Nursing participated in the NMSU-CAMP 2019



Daniel Grajeda and Gisselle Hernandez



Serbando Dominguez and Airam Sanchez

Medicinal Plants Internship. During the internship, the participants acquired basic laboratory skills, learned to read and discuss

literature from peer-reviewed journals, were trained in laboratory safety, the use of equipment, and learned and experienced the scientific process.

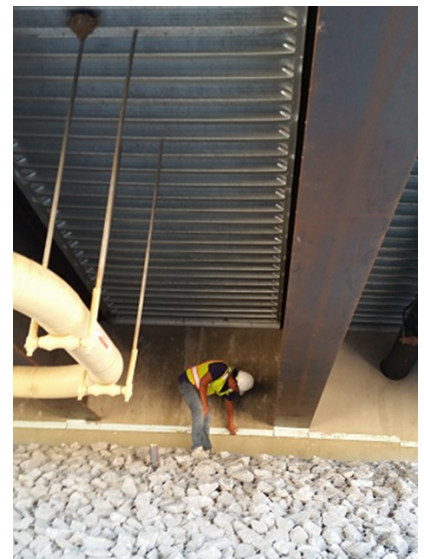
The students designed and carried out their own experiments to test their hypothesis, and they analyzed and interpreted their data with limited intervention from the facilitators. The Internship concluded with student poster presentations on Friday, June 21, at the Skeen Hall Rotunda.

Bridge Inspection Program

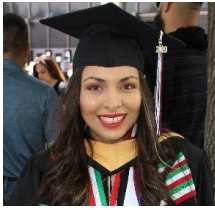


Edgardo Cazares

In partnership with the NMSU College of Engineering, Civil Engineering student and CAMP Scholar, Edgardo Cazares (Garfield, NM), participated in this summer's Bridge Inspection Program (BIP). As a CAMP BIP student, Edgardo earned his bridge inspection certification and spent a month inspecting bridges across the state of New Mexico alongside NMSU engineers. BIP is the only program of its kind in the U.S.



Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 Graduates *



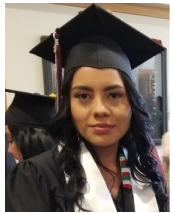
Yesenia Aldaba
Deming, NM
Master of Social Work



Kimberly Mejía
Deming, NM
Master of Science in
Family & Consumer
Sciences

Fabiola Martínez

Hatch, NM
Bachelor of Social Work
Minors in Psychology &
Counseling & Educational
Psychology



Angel Mena

El Paso, TX
BS Electronic &
Computer Engineering
Technology



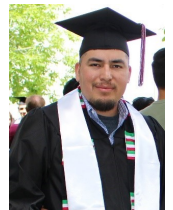
David Rodriguez

Deming, NM
BS Chemical
Engineering
Minors in Materials
Engineering & Chemistry



Gilberto Sánchez

Animas, NM
BS General Agriculture
Minor in Wildlife Science



Jessica Unzueta

Hatch, NM
Bachelor of Social Work



Fernando Nájera

Carrizozo, NM
BA Individualized Studies



Thomas Cisneros

Hatch, NM
BS Mechanical
Engineering



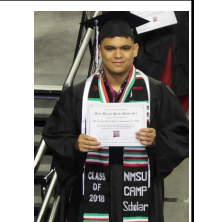
Erika Alvarez

Deming, NM
BS Nursing,
Minor in Community Health



Angel Casillas

Deming, NM
Bachelor of Criminal
Justice
Minor in Spanish



Joshua Flores

Santa Rosa, NM
BS Civil Engineering,
Option in Structural
Engineering



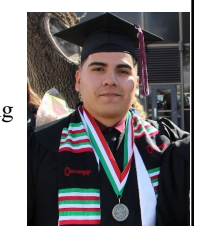
Angélica Galvan

Hatch, NM
Bachelor of Criminal
Justice
BA Foreign Languages,
Spanish



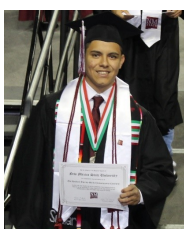
José Olivarez

Hatch, NM
BS Electrical Engineering
Minor in Mathematics



Alberto Salazar

Sunland Park, NM
Bachelor of Criminal
Justice
BA Foreign Languages,
Spanish



* Not Pictured

Rubi Gutierrez-Madrid

BA in Art w/Concentration in Studio Art
BA in Animation and Visual Effects

Diego Quintana

BS in Biology

*"To make a great dream
come true, the first
requirement is a great
capacity to dream; the
second is persistence."*

-César E. Chávez

Aggie Pride

David Rodriguez recognized in local media outlets



We are so proud of our NMSU CAMP Alum David Rodriguez. Earlier this year an article was written about him, and was covered by our local media.

Originally from Delicias, Chihuahua, David Rodriguez moved with his parents to Deming, NM when he was 17-years-old. In 2014, after graduating from Deming High School, David began his first year as an NMSU CAMP Scholar. David overcame the cultural shock of a new country, learned a new language, and excelled academically, especially in Chemistry and Math. Soon after the successful completion of his first year at college, David married and became a father.

Starting a family at a young age while attending college meant that David had to learn to manage his time efficiently so that he could fulfill all of his goals and responsibilities. David's excellent grades and strong grade point average garnered him acceptance into the prestigious Honors Society of Chemical Engineers as well as a research internship with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute where he performed research on breast cancer. In addition to all this, David also served as a tutor and mentor to other CAMP peers, as well as to younger students in the Las Cruces Public Schools Migrant Education Program.

In May of 2019, David received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and two minors in Chemistry and Materials Engineering. A few weeks after graduating, David and his family moved to Rio Rancho, NM, where he has accepted a position with Intel Corporation.

You can watch his interview at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_7kQQAaw_c&feature=youtu.be

U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference and Telemundo Visit



Corina Valenzuela, Daniel Grajeda, Gilberto Sanchez, and Zaira Martin

This past Spring semester, NMSU CAMP was well represented at the 37th Annual US Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) Conference in Chicago.

This years participants were CAMP Student Ambassadors, Zaira Martin and Gilberto Sanchez, CAMP first-year students, Corina Valenzuela and Daniel Grajeda, and CAMP Director, Martha Estrada. Apart from attending the conference, NMSU CAMP had the opportunity to tour the NBC Chicago Tower and studios with Telemundo Chicago News Anchor and NMSU Alumna, Anabel Monge.



CAMP Scholars with journalist and fellow Aggie, Anabel Monge



CAMP Scholars with U.S. Presidential Candidate Julian Castro

CAMP Scholars Abroad

Yucatán, México

Studying abroad is one of the most valuable educational experiences in which students can participate. Eager to put her educational knowledge into real life practice, NMSU CAMP alumna Maria Solis traveled to Yucatán, México to study abroad for the summer. Currently a senior in Early Childhood Education, Maria researched the benefits that children get through the use of bilingualism. She traveled to several neighboring schools including Valladolid, Yucatán, where children speak both Mayan and Spanish (pictured below).



In her free time, Maria was able to explore the wonders of the Yucatan, such as the Mayan stepped pyramid of Kukulcan, El Castillo (pictured to right). The pyramid was built as a temple to worship the Mayan feathered serpent deity, Kukulcan. In the spring and autumn equinoxes, the late afternoon sun casts triangular shadows along the northwest balustrade, which create the illusion of a feathered serpent crawling down the pyramid. She also had the opportunity to visit a natural sinkhole in the Yucatan named Cenote Xkeken. Filled with clear blue, green, azure colored water these beautiful sinkholes were once thought to be the gateway to the underworld. She enjoyed her time abroad, and looks forward to graduating this Fall 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education .



Costa Rica

In 2017, Jesús Carrasco studied abroad in Sevilla, Spain. After that experience, he could not pass up the opportunity to do it again; this time, in Central America.

Carrasco, who is majoring in both Animal Science and Spanish, traveled to Costa Rica with a group of fellow Spanish students and faculty. His main goal was to expand his language abilities and earn credit towards his degree. However, the experience taught him more than that. Thanks to his participation in several community projects, he got to know “los Ticos”, the wonderful people of Costa Rica. That, to him, was the best part of the trip.



“Not all classrooms have four walls.”

-Anonymous



¡Enhorabuena!

CAMP Staff Retirement



We say a heartfelt goodbye to CAMP Administrative Assistant, Sonia Flynn, who will be retiring this Fall semester.

Sonia joined the CAMP staff in 2008. During these past 11 years, Sonia offered comfort, a shoulder to cry on, and care to our CAMP students who sought her out. Many students considered her as an aunt or confidant, and she will be missed for those traits, and many more.

Known for her great attention to detail and organizational skills, Sonia helped to coordinate important program tasks that have been critical to our successful program. We will miss her at the office, and look forward to hear of the great things that she will continue to do.

On behalf of the CAMP family, thank you for your passion and commitment to serving the migrant/seasonal farmworker students of New Mexico State University. We wish you the best in this new chapter of your life!



During her time at NMSU, Sonia completed her bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages and, in December 2018, she received her master's degree in Spanish.

Fall 2018 CAMP Graduates with Sonia: (L to R) *Erika Alvarez, Angélica Galvan, Sonia Flynn, Fernando Najera, Angel Casillas,*