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## Message from the CAMP Team

¡Saludos de parte de NMSU CAMP! We are extremely proud to share with you some highlights of the 2019-2020 academic year.

This past year, we welcomed our 18th Cohort of CAMP Scholars. Students conducted life-changing research, traveled outside of their comfort zones, were highlighted and recognized for their hard work and dedication. These opportunities continue to be possible thanks to the support of our CAMP families, students, staff and our many university and community partners.

The 2020 Spring semester found us moving our services and programming to a remote format. Despite these difficulties, CAMP students and staff remained committed and connected via virtual platforms, managing to successfully wrap up the semester.

To quote Einstein, “in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” We look forward to the numerous opportunities that await us in order to grow, learn and serve our NM farm working communities. ¡Gracias y para adelante!

*Martha A. Estrada, Director*



## 18th Cohort: Goals Achieved

In 2019-2020, NMSU CAMP served 33 first-year students, and 94% successfully completed their first year of college. Of these students, 90% returned to school in the Fall of 2020. Congratulations CAMP Scholars!



# CAMP IMPACTO 500

## Transforming Communities Through Higher Education

The 2019-2020 school year not only marked the eighteenth year the first CAMP Scholars, and their families, set foot on the NMSU campus. This year, we also celebrated having served our 500th student.



L to R: Adriana Vargas, Paulina Samaniego, Edgardo Cazares

The celebration kicked off with the Sammy J. Gurulé Memorial Scholarship Enchilada Fundraiser. Accompanied by the Gurulé family, the CAMP Student Council hosted the fundraiser at 100 West Café in Gerald Thomas Hall. We continue to thank the CAMP friends and families for supporting us and purchasing the delicious red and green enchilada plates prepared by CAMP students.

The next day, NMSU CAMP hosted "IMPACTO 500: Transforming Communities Through Higher Education," an event that promoted our serving 503 students since 2002. The 100th, 200th, 300th, 400th and 500th CAMP student ever served comprised the student/alumnae panel, and our keynote speaker was NMSU CAMP graduate and engineer, Jessica Gomez. Representatives Gallegos and Lara and NMSU Chief of Staff, Lenny Martinez, were our special guests.



Panelists: (L to R) Oscar Torres, Yarely Ogaz, Thomas Cisneros, Ramon Hernandez, Claudia Elizalde-Licardie

## CAMP Scholars Abroad

### Itzel Zerecero, Cohort 15 (2016-2017)



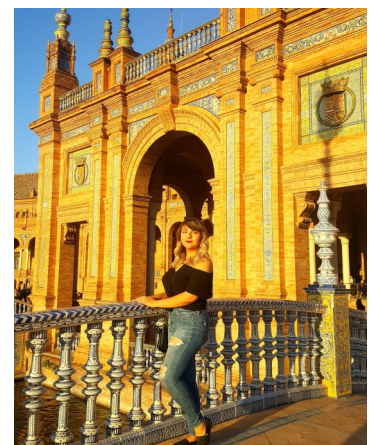
In the Fall of 2019, Itzel studied abroad in Seville Spain. She recounts that her experiences were life changing. "While studying abroad I attended Universidad Pablo de Olavide in Seville, Spain. I took psychology courses that counted towards my degree at NMSU. It was a very enriching experience to learn about different cultures and surround myself with individuals from different parts of the world. Going outside of my comfort zone has made me grow at an emotional and spiritual level."

Itzel is currently doing research on Diversity and Identity Politics, as well as completing her last semester, expecting to graduate in December. In the future, Itzel plans to attend grad school and complete her Master's in Clinical Psychology. "My major is very important to me because mental health is an essential part of our wellbeing and I can't wait to contribute to this field."

### Mariana Rascon, Cohort 16 (2017-2018)

In the Fall of 2019, Mariana studied abroad in Seville, Spain, at the University Pablo de Olavide through the Hispanic Studies Program. Mariana had the opportunity to take Spanish classes with Spanish professors while also taking business classes in English that were required for her major. Mariana shared, "I loved studying abroad because traveling was so easy and I visited and learned about countries that I had dreamed about my entire life."

Mariana is currently serving as a COMPA for the 19th CAMP Cohort, and her wisdom and experience is a great asset to the CAMP Team.

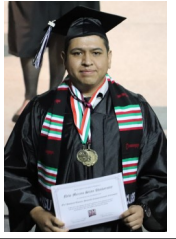




## Fall 2019 Graduates

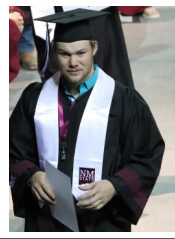
**Martin Duron**

Hatch, NM  
Bachelor in Aerospace  
Engineering



**Michael Downs**

Caballo, NM  
Bachelor of Science in  
Agriculture



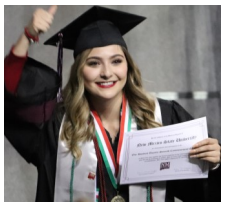
**Israel Monsiviaz**

Anthony, NM  
Bachelor of Criminal Justice



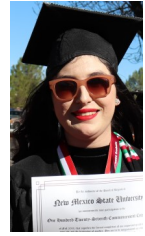
**Paulina Samaniego**

Santa Teresa, NM  
Bachelor of Science



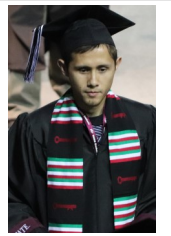
**Maria Solis**

Deming, NM  
Bachelor of Applied Studies



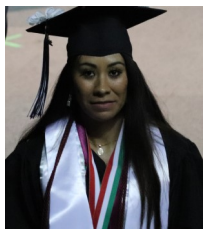
**Ricardo Terrazas Al-vidrez**

Deming, NM  
Bachelor of Science in  
Education



**Elizabeth Zavala**

Hatch, NM  
Bachelor of Arts



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

-César E. Chávez

## Spring 2020 Graduates

**Patricia Cardenas**

Hatch, NM  
Bachelor of Science in  
Education, Communication  
Disorder  
Minor in Counseling &  
Educational Psychology,  
Minor in Linguistics



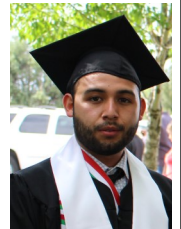
**Oscar Guerrero**

Hatch, NM  
Bachelor of Science in  
Civil Engineering



**Josue Escobedo**

Anthony, NM  
Bachelor of Arts in Jour-  
nalism and Mass Com-  
munication  
Option in Structural  
Engineering



**Jose Munoz**

Garfield, NM  
Bachelor of Science in  
Chemical Engineering  
Bachelor of Business  
Administration in  
Economics  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Spanish



**Roberto Guerra**

Deming, NM  
Bachelor of Business  
Administration in  
Management



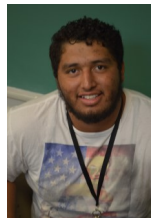
**Jesus Carrasco**

Artesia, NM  
Bachelor of Science in  
Animal Science  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Spanish



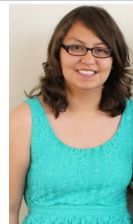
**Martin Serrano**

Hatch, NM  
Bachelor of Accountancy  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Spanish



**Paulina Ledezma**

El Paso, TX  
Bachelor of Business  
Administration in General  
Business  
Minors in Business Law



**Hector Lombera**

Hatch, NM  
Bachelor of  
Accountancy



## Spring & Summer 2020 Graduates

**Elisa Olave**

Hatch, NM  
Bachelor of Science  
in Communication  
Disorders  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Spanish



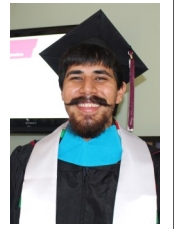
**Emmanuel Galvan**

Hatch, NM  
Master of Arts in  
Education, Curriculum  
& Instruction  
Psychology



**Ricardo Trejo**

Deming, NM  
Master of Public  
Administration



**Manuel Serrano**

Hatch, NM  
Master of Science in  
Mechanical Engineering



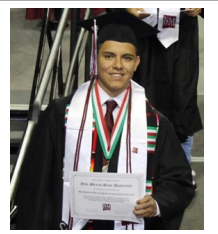
**Joel Cisneros**

Hatch, NM  
Master of Applied  
Geography



**Alberto Salazar**

Sunland Park, NM  
Master of Criminal  
Justice



## Student Highlights

### Manuel Serrano

Manuel is a PhD. ABD (all but dissertation) candidate in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at New Mexico State University. He earned his Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from NMSU. His research interests are in the fields of energy harvesting, non-linear dynamics, micro and nano electromechanical systems, and vibrations. Manuel was raised in the Hatch Valley where, at an early age, he was taught the importance of pursuing a higher education. Manuel's family moved to Hatch in 1994 from Zacatecas, Mexico and are seasonal farm laborers in the valley to this day. Manuel has received many accolades throughout his academic career, such as the New Mexico NASA Space Grant Fellowship, Los Alamos National Laboratory LADSS Fellowship, and is recognized as a Hispanic Scholarship Fund scholar to name a few. Although he is very proud of his achievements, he believes there is nothing more important than his family being proud of him. He shares that his success is due to the pain they have endured. Manuel has several goals he wants to achieve. He is projects finishing his PhD studies within the next 2 years. Afterwards, he plans to work full time at Los Alamos National Laboratory, who is funding his PhD research. More importantly, Manuel says he plans to work hard on creating a way to help give back to his community, and to help other young minds with similar backgrounds obtain a higher education. These are his goals after he has settled into his career.



*"Thank you, CAMP, for everything you have done for us and continue to do so. I'm very blessed to have this great program with a phenomenal support system throughout my college career."*

*-Manuel Serrano*

# Online Learning

## Adapting to a new reality

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, we will have to adjust to a new virtual environment. Unlike the years before the CAMP office space (Milton Hall, Rm. 16) will be closed to students and the general public. The majority of NMSU classes will be online, school work will be done from home, and interacting with peers will be done online. Do not let this discourage students. You will have the support and assistance from your CAMP peers and staff, to ensure students have a successful first year.

Remote learning includes having the appropriate technology to participate in an online environment. A laptop, camera and microphone are important tools that will allow us to meet and serve students appropriately. Be sure to inform the CAMP Staff if you are ever in need of any tools and/or equipment to ensure your academic tech needs are met.

At NMSU CAMP we are committed to supporting social connectedness during a time of social distancing. It is important to practice techniques and coping strategies for adapting to our new normal. This will allow us to successfully support student academic remote needs.

Even though the CAMP office is closed, CAMP Staff will have face-to-face interactions through CAMP Connect.

CAMP Connect: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/98707496055>

Hours: Monday through Thursday, from 9am-12pm and 3pm -5pm.

Coffee w/ Me: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/98707496055>

Hours: Thursday, from 9am—10am



Microsoft Teams



## Staying Safe During the Pandemic

It is critical to the success of NMSU in these times that everyone understands the facts about COVID-19 and the role that every student, faculty, staff, and community member plays in protecting the health and safety of our NMSU community.

To minimize the risk to public health presented by the spread of COVID-19 while working and learning at NMSU, students, staff, and faculty are expected to adhere to the following:

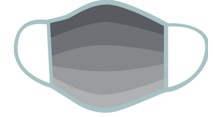
- Limit my exposure to COVID-19 by maintaining social distancing guidelines professionally and personally.
- Wear the appropriate cloth face covering or personal protective equipment and practice proper hand-washing techniques frequently.
- Closely monitor your health and do not enter an NMSU building or participate in face-to-face activities if you feel sick or if you develop or display symptoms of COVID-19.
- Decontaminate work surfaces at the beginning and end of my work.
- Follow all NMSU guidelines to protect the public health.





## Staying Safe During the Pandemic (cont.)

Recommendations relating to face coverings, monitoring, self-quarantine, and isolation will be updated in alignment with guidance from the [New Mexico Department of Health](#). Changes will be communicated to the university community.



Take time to explore [NMSU READY: A systemwide return-to-campus plan](#). This is a living document, informed by the plans from our colleges and service units, and it is filled with links to detailed protocols created by our knowledgeable professional and based on advice from experts from the CDC, NMDOH, and professional organizations.



If you have a positive test for COVID-19 **and** have been on campus in the 48 hours before you were tested or developed symptoms, immediately notify your supervisor and Aggie Health and Wellness (call 575-646-7375 or notify David Carbajal at [campus\\_health@nmsu.edu](mailto:campus_health@nmsu.edu)).



## NMSU CAMP Student Council

The CAMP Student Council is an ASNMSU chartered student organization whose purpose is to assist students in enriching their college experience through community service, fundraising, social activities and promoting leadership skills.

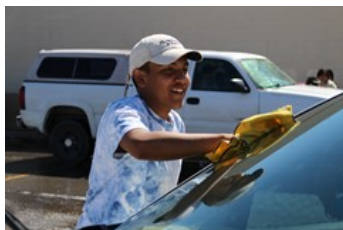
The CAMP Student Council is open to any student within the University or any of its branches. Coming to the CAMP Student Council bi-monthly meetings can help you feel to connect to other CAMP students.

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