



# NMSU College Assistance Migrant Program

## 2013-2014 Newsletter

Live, Learn and Thrive.

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Las Cruces, NM  
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## A note from the staff...

This academic year has been filled with many new and exciting events for CAMP. Some students had the opportunity to shadow 3 Legislators during the Legislator Session in Santa Fe; others went as far as Japan, France and Costa Rica to study abroad; our freshman students were exposed to amazing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities; and both freshman and alumni students pursued wonderful internships— and got them! We also celebrated great accomplishments. All 29 freshman students all successfully completed their freshman year with a combined cumulative GPA of 3.1. Our academic year came to a close with a total of 20 CAMP students earning a Bachelor's degree, four CAMP students receiving their Master's degree and one earning a Ph. D – a record number for our program! Since the inception of CAMP at NMSU in 2002, 319 students have participated in CAMP and 105 students have earned a degree. This year brought about new changes for our CAMP staff as well. Sonia Flynn, our Administrative Assistant received her Bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages in Spanish. Jose Montoya transitioned from Retention Advisor to our new Recruitment Coordinator. In the spring, CAMP proudly welcomed Sarah Gallegos as our new Retention Advisor. NMSU CAMP is proud to highlight our students' accomplishments in this newsletter.



CAMP staff from left to right:  
Jaime Lopez Academic Advisor, Sarah Gallegos Retention Advisor, Sonia Flynn Administrative Assistant, Michelle Montano Director, Dr. Cynthia Bejarano Principal Investigator, Jose Montoya Recruitment Coordinator.



Pictured Top left to bottom right: Arturo Najera, Jose Paz, Ricardo Chairez, Ricardo "Cachito" Serrano, Yolanda Arroyo, Leo Rodriguez, Angel Mena, Ebelin Ramirez, Juan Esparza, Carlos Hernandez,

## NMSU CAMP's 12th Cohort 2013-2014



Front row (left to right): Uriel Munoz, Jose Paz, Marcos Chacon, Francisco Hernandez, Josue Escobedo, Thomas Cisneros, Joel Cisneros, Middle Row (Left to right): Arturo Najera, Adrianna Castaneda, Cruz Chairez, Crystal Ramirez, Bridgette Esparza, Kimberly Rios, Lupita Marin, Brenda Rangel, Rebecca Chairez, Erick Garcia, Natividad Villa, Kaydee Porras Back Row (left to right) Javier Resendiz, Diego Quintana, Angel Mena, Andrew Rodarte, Ricardo Chairez, Jose Munoz, Joel Casarez, Yolanda Arroyo.

## Outstanding CAMPers!!

Ramon Hernandez recently graduated May, 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Government. He plans to attend law school and become an immigration and criminal lawyer. This decision is based on his upbringing in the farm work community and witnessing many injustices to the workers. Ramon has participated in many civil rights activities such as operating and managing booths, handing out civil rights information during Pride Week for LGBT and volunteered at several orphanages in Japan while studying abroad, all of which he believes will help him to better serve the people he will be assisting one day. Ramon has also served as an intern with HACU, Catholic Charities Legal Services Program and is currently participating in a summer internship with Students Action with Farmworkers in North Carolina. Ramon states "Throughout the four years I spent at NMSU CAMP helped me every step of the way! I can honestly say if it wasn't for CAMP I wouldn't have even gone to college. "



The move from Delicias, Mexico to Hatch, NM four years ago proved difficult for Kaydee Porras. Aside from having to grow accustomed to a new culture and country, Kaydee also had to overcome the language barrier of only speaking Spanish. With time and effort, Kaydee was able to learn English and can now read, write and speak English with ease. Kaydee just completed her first year with a 4.0 GPA and was one of the students who was selected to participate in the Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Internship. Kaydee's biggest challenge her freshman year was overcoming her feelings of being homesick and wanting to go back home. As the semester progressed, Kaydee made new friends and with the help of CAMP, no longer felt homesick. Kaydee's advice to incoming freshman is to "begin setting short and long term goals, and put your best effort into accomplishing them. Participate and join organizations. Socialize. Network. And most importantly, enjoy the ride." For Kaydee, "CAMP has been a remarkable opportunity. Not only did I receive support and help from this program but also lots of love. Now I consider them my second family. Thank you CAMP!"

Juan Esparza's trajectory at CAMP is a prime example of what can be achieved through hard work and perseverance. Although Juan had a rough start his freshman year, he learned from his experiences and was able to come out on top. One of the obstacles that Juan had to overcome as he transitioned from high school to college was "learning to look out for myself – when you're in college you're on your own." Juan's advice to incoming freshman is to stay focused and study hard "the freedom is intense and can either make or break you" and while it is important to have fun, he feels that maintaining a balance between school and fun is the key to academic success. Last year, Juan served as the CAMP student council Secretary and this year he is the newly elected CAMP student Council President. He is currently spending his summer working with children and teaching them how to use computers.



German Montes will be entering his 5<sup>th</sup> year as an Electrical Engineer major. He was born and raised in Madera, Chihuahua Mexico until his senior year of High School, when he and his family made the decision to move to Bovina, Texas. German completed his senior year of High School and graduated with a 3.6 GPA. For his outstanding performance, he was awarded a scholarship from the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) as well as a CAMP scholarship and during his freshman year, German participated in research work for the AMP program. German a major asset to the CAMP program where he has served as a Research Assistant, CAMP COMPA (peer mentor) and one of our most valued tutors. German plans to work in the electrical engineering field once he graduates and looks forward to enjoying life. German states "my advice to the freshman students would be to manage your time wisely between classes and have fun".

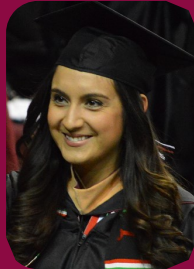


# NMSU CAMP Graduates



**Yesenia  
Luna**  
San Elizaro, TX

Master of Arts in Educational  
Administration  
Fall 2013



**Pamela  
Prieto**  
Dexter, NM

Master of Accountancy  
Fall 2013



**Bernice  
Jauregui**  
Clovis, NM

Master of Public Administration  
Spring 2014



**Alejandra  
Rosales**  
Hatch, NM

Master of Accountancy  
Spring 2014



**Adrian  
Cerna**  
Duncan, AZ

Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Marketing and Management  
Fall 2013

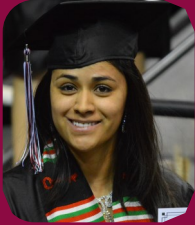


**Carla  
Cisneros**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in Family &  
Child Science  
Minor in CAST  
Fall 2013

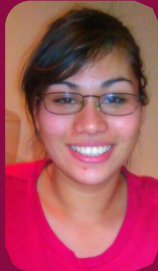


## NMSU CAMP Graduates



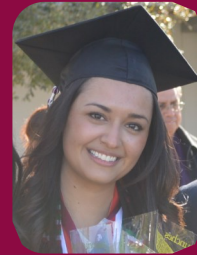
**Gabriela  
Dominguez**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor in Secondary Education  
Minor in Math  
Fall 2013



**Sonia  
Hatcher**  
Deming, NM

Bachelor of Criminal Justice  
Fall 2013



**Iliana  
Levario**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in Nursing,  
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Lan-  
guage (Spanish)  
Fall 2013



**Jose  
Lozano**  
Deming, NM

Bachelor of Science in  
Civil Engineering Technology  
Fall 2013



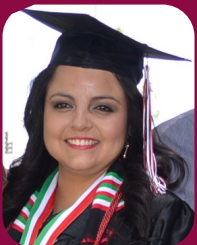
**Jorge  
Rodriguez**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Criminal Justice, Bachelor of  
Arts in Foreign  
Language (Spanish), Minor in Counseling  
& Educational  
Psychology  
Fall 2013



**Martha  
Soto**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Fall 2013



**Yadira  
Diaz**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Accountancy, Bachelor of  
Business Administration -Finance,  
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Language  
(Spanish), Minor in Banking  
Spring 2014



**Alma  
Hernandez**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Individualized Studies  
Spring 2014

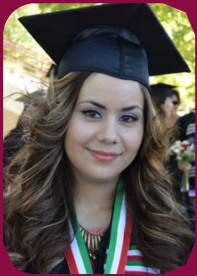


**Ramon  
Hernandez**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Arts in Government  
Summer 2014



## NMSU CAMP Graduates



**Jacqueline  
Lucero**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Summer 2014



**Crystal  
Madriz**  
T or C, NM

Bachelor of Criminal Justice,  
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Language  
(Spanish), Minor in Counseling and  
Educational Psychology  
Spring 2014



**Martin  
Meairs**  
San Rosa, NM

Bachelor of Range Science  
Minor in Ag Business Management  
Spring 2014



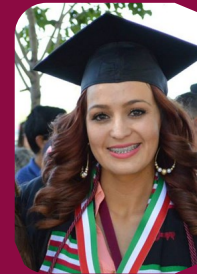
**Maria de  
Jesus Munoz**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in  
Early Childhood Education  
Spring 2014



**Osvaldo  
Munoz**  
Texico, NM

Bachelor of Science in Hotel,  
Restaurant and Tourism  
Management Minor in  
Business Administration  
Spring 2014



**Margarita  
Ramirez**  
Berino, NM

Bachelor of Early Childhood  
Education  
Spring 2014



**Oscar  
Ramos**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Social Work  
Minor in CAST  
Spring 2014



**Lillian  
Rodriguez**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Criminal Justice  
Minor in Sociology &  
Women's Studies  
Spring 2014



**Eduardo  
Rosales**  
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Accountancy  
Bachelor of Finance  
Spring 2014





## 2014 Highlights:

- ◆ Alejandro Cuevas-Oncor Electric Delivery Co. Odessa, TX
- ◆ Emmanuel Galvan-Intern- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Washington, DC
- ◆ Ricardo Angeles- Study Abroad
- ◆ Costa Rica
- ◆ Pedro Castillo- National Student Exchange Puerto Rico
- ◆ Melissa Cerna- Study Abroad France
- ◆ Ramon Hernandez- Study Abroad Japan Intern, SAF, North Carolina
- ◆ Flor Ogaz-Study Abroad, Costa Rica
- ◆ Eduardo Rosalez-Study Abroad, Costa Rica
- ◆ Diego Quintana-Intern, Howard Huges Medical Institute Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Bert Corona Leadership Institute Washington, DC
- ◆ Jessica Gomez- Intern, NMSU AMP
- ◆ Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Cummins Columbus, Indiana
- ◆ Edgar Dominguez-Research Assistant, NMSU Civil Engineering Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Intern, South Central Climate Science Center Louisiana, Oklahoma & Texas
- ◆ Jorge Rodriguez-Intern, ACLU Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Yesenia Marquez-Fellow, Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF) North Carolina
- ◆ Jose Munoz-Bert Corona Leadership Institute Washington, DC
- ◆ Angel Mena-Intern, NMSU Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ José Muñoz-Intern, NMSU Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Thomas Cisneros-Intern, NMSU Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Kaydee Porras-Intern, NMSU Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Yolanda Arroyo-Intern, NMSU Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Kimberly Mieja-Intern, NMSU Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Mayela Chairez-Intern, Colonias Development Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ Maria Gomez-Honors Leadership Bootcamp Washington, DC
- ◆ Osvaldo Munoz-Marriott Voyage Leadership Program Houston, TX

## CAMP STEM Events

### MEDICINAL PLANTS OF THE SOUTHWEST

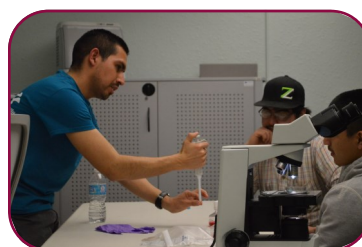
Six CAMP students ending their freshmen year are chosen annually to participate in a four week intensive research program with Dr. Laura Rodriguez-Urbe with the Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Program. Since 2000, this program has offered a unique opportunity for students who are not science majors to explore the natural medicinal purposes that native plants to the US Southwest have to offer.

The Medicinal Plants of the Southwest Program provides CAMP students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of research methods and medicinal plants. Each student team chooses a project, project design, and then carries out their own experiments to test their hypothesis, with limited intervention from the instructor. They analyze and interpret their data, evaluate their hypothesis based on the results of their experiments, and finally present results in an oral poster presentation.

### RISE PRESENTATIONS

All CAMP freshman also participated in a Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) event where doctoral students presented different research projects. During this event CAMP students had the opportunity to participate in various activities such as constructing and calculating the trajectory of their own cardstock rockets and chemically producing synthetic fabrics.

Yolanda Arroyo, Kaydee Porras, Thomas Cisneros, Angel Mena, José Muñoz and Kimberly Mieja MPSW re-search team.



Daniel Ramirez demonstrating his research project studied to freshman students.

Graduate student teaches CAMP students how to create synthetic nylon with chemicals.



## CAMP Student Council

Taking pictures with Santa, dancing to “Thriller” and raising funds for scholarships are just a few things the NMSU CAMP Student Council can add to their repertoire of events this past school year. The goal of the Student Council is to introduce CAMP freshmen to student organizations and eventually serve as a springboard into other types of student activities. The council remains busy by volunteering at several community events such as NMSU’s Halloween Howl and Keep State Great, a university-wide effort to spruce up the campus. The holidays also find the council baking *biscochos* for a fundraiser project and participating in NMSU’s *Noche de Luminarias* event, where a council member dressed up as Santa Claus and took pictures with local children. The Student Council still coordinates the annual César Chávez Blood Drive, and the CAMP Soccer Tournament. As participants in the university’s Latino Week, they also sponsored, inspirational speaker, Ernesto Mejía’s first visit to Las Cruces, NM. Members of the NMSU CAMP Student Council remain very active; thus, setting the example for other students and reminding them that farm-working students are a resilient force on our campus.



CAMP Student Council  
Intramural Soccer Tournament

## Sammy J. Gurule Scholarship Fundraiser

Pictured below

For the passed 7 years CAMP Student Council has been raising money for a scholarship fund to honor one of our CAMP students who tragically lost his life in a car accident traveling home to visit his parents in 2006. This year the Student Council members broke their record by hosting an enchilada sale and raised enough to present 2 deserving CAMPers with a scholarship.



## Halloween Howl

Pictured above



CAMP Student Council participated in the annual Halloween Howl carnival sponsored by NMSU Campus Activities. Over 40 student organizations volunteer to run booths, games and other activities for the community. CAMP students ran a game where participants tossed balls into the belly of a bat and could win candy prizes. Canned food donations were accepted as an entrance fee to the event.



## Scholarships!!!



Flor Ogaz, recipient of the Georgia Jacquez-Lewis Family/CAMP Endowed Scholarship 2014



Emmanuel Galvan, recipient of the Louise Salazar CAMP Endowed Scholarship 2014



Araceli Delgado, recipient of the Sammy J. Gurule Memorial Scholarship 2014



Ricardo Angeles, recipient of the Sammy J. Gurule Memorial Scholarship 2014

## CAMP Special Events



CAMP students, (left to right) Yessenia Marquez, Ramon Hernandez and Jessica Gomez had the opportunity to shadow State Legislators during the 2014 Legislative Session in Santa Fe, NM.



CAMP Student Council sponsored motivational speaker Ernesto Mejia's visit to NMSU during Latino Week



(Left) 2014 Graduate Eduardo Santillan posing with guest State Rep. Mary Helen Garcia for the CAMP 2014 Annual Banquet



Motivated CAMP students pose with keynote speaker Dr. Waded Cruzado President of Montana State University at this year's HEP/CAMP Leadership Conference in Santa Fe, NM.



# Oh, the Places You'll Go!



Oswaldo Muñoz, Marriott Voyage Leadership Program, Houston, Texas



Melissa Cerna, Study Abroad France



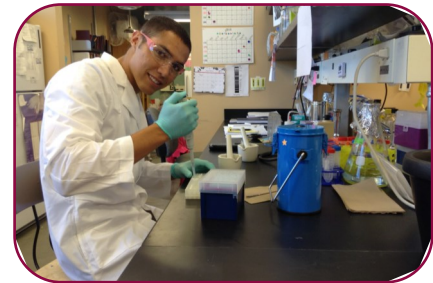
Emmanuel Galvan interning for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), In Washington, DC



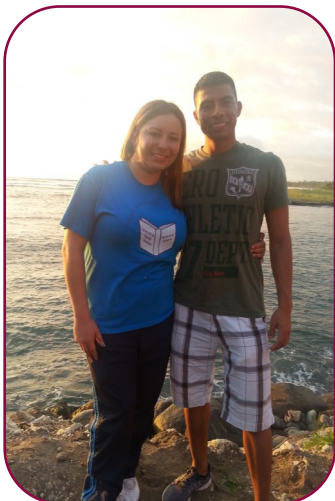
Cesar Chavez Annual Blood Drive



Peter Castillo, National Student Exchange Puerto Rico



Diego Quintana, research assistant for Howard Hughes Medical Institute



Flor Ogaz and Lalo Santillan, Study Abroad in Costa Rica



Medicinal Plants of the Southwest research team (Left to right) José Muñoz, Yolanda Arroyo, Kimberly Mejia, Angel Mena, Kaydee Porras and Thomas Cisneros.



Daniel Ramirez presenting his research of Biology for the CAMP Poster Expo



Diego Quintana and José Muñoz at the Bert Corona Leadership Institute,

## Meet the New Student Retention Advisor

The newest member of our team is Sarah Gallegos. She was born in Albuquerque, NM but raised in Portales, NM. Sarah earned an Associate's degree in Occupational Business at Dona Ana Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business. She has worked in a college setting with students continuously since 2007. Sarah started out as a work study moving up to a full-time position in the Financial Aid Office here at NMSU. When she graduated, she moved to Albuquerque, NM and was hired at a career college as a Financial Aid Administrator and then as a Career Services Advisor. Sarah recently moved back to Las Cruces from Albuquerque, NM and plans on continuing her education to earn a second bachelor degree.



## Special Congratulations to our Staff!



Congratulations to Dr. Cynthia Bejarano, CAMP's Principal Investigator, who was awarded a 2014 Regents Professorship.



Congratulations to Sonia Flynn, our Administrative Assistant, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages (Spanish) with a minor in Business Fall 2014.