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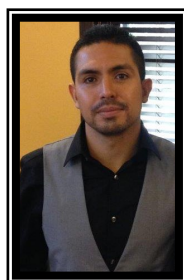
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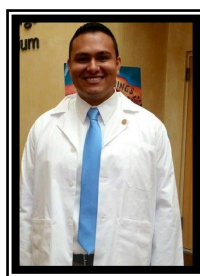
CAMP Reaches New Milestones

This academic year marked significant milestones for our program. CAMP had its first Ph.D. graduate, Daniel Ramirez! In addition, three other outstanding alumni featured in this edition, continue to make us very proud! Our 24 graduates – the largest group in CAMP’s history – were also a good cause to celebrate, including the graduation of two great artists. Our freshmen students actively participated in various STEM-related activities. Many of our alumni expanded their knowledge through internships, conferences and study abroad. We are also proud of our CAMP Student Council and two staff members who each received prestigious awards! We look forward to a new year of accomplishments!

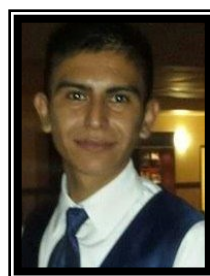
Outstanding Alumni: When Dreams Come True



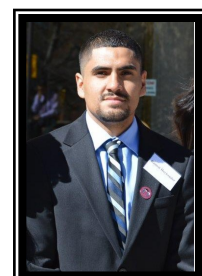
Dr. Daniel Ramirez-Godillo



Carlos Cano



Tony Bobadilla



Ramón Hernández

Daniel Ramirez-Godillo defended his dissertation, titled “High throughput Analysis of Xenopus for Inner Ear and Neuronal Disorders,” and graduated with a Ph.D. degree in December, 2014. Dr. Ramirez is now working on his post-doctoral training at the University of Denver Anschutz. Upon its completion, he plans to apply for a faculty position and conduct research in diseases that affect the older population (hearing and balance, taste, and olfactory).

Carlos Cano graduated from NMSU in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Biochemistry. He is starting his third year of medical school at the University of New Mexico (UNM) and expects to graduate in 2017. Throughout this year, he will be in rotations at local hospitals and clinics. Carlos is still

deciding on whether to practice internal or family medicine for his residency.

Tony Bobadilla is currently working on his Ph. D. in Special Education at NMSU. He graduated with a Bachelor’s degree of Social Work in 2011, earned his Master’s degree in 2013, and plans on finishing his doctorate in 2017. He works as a social worker for the Las Cruces Public Schools District and is attending school full-time.

Ramon is Hernández is our first CAMP student going to law school at the School of Law at UNM. He graduated in May, 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Government. Having a strong sense of justice, stemming from his upbringing in a farm working community, he believes his experience will allow him to better serve the people he will be representing when he becomes an attorney.

CAMP Activities and Special Guests



Joaquin Zihuatanejo

Latino Week

As part of NMSU's Latino Week, the CAMP Student Council invited award-winning slam poet and teacher, Joaquín Zihuatanejo to be the keynote speaker for the event. Joaquín spoke to our freshman students providing words of wisdom and encouragement. He also facilitated a workshop on leadership and motivation.



Caravana 43

On March 19, 2015 NMSU CAMP welcomed the *Caravana 43*, a group of Mexican parents and supporters traveling throughout the United States, to advocate justice and awareness for their children, the 43 college students who went missing on September 2014 in Ayotzinapa, Mexico.

Families of the missing students, shared with CAMP students and staff their harrowing account of events leading up to their children's disappearance and the Mexican government's unwillingness to provide answers.



Left: Estanislaio Mendoza, father of disappeared Ayotzinapa student Miguel Angel Mendoza, Josimar de la Cruz and Blanca Luz Nava, mother of missing Ayotzinapa student Jorge Alvarez



Right:
CAMP Students Jose Olvera,
Ricardo Serrano & Emmanuel Galvan

Poster Expo

On April 8, 2015, CAMP held its 7th Annual Poster Expo where 18 students presented their research, Co-op and internship experiences. This annual event is a great way for students to showcase their work to other CAMP students and guests from the university and community.

One of our honored guests at this year's Poster Expo was New Mexico Representative, Doreen Gallegos. An alumna of NMSU, she has made advocacy for children, families and the community a central part of her life.



Left:
NMSU CAMP Students
posing with NM State
Representative, Doreen
Gallegos

Right:
N.M. State Representative,
Doreen Gallegos, and Poster
Presenter Ricardo Serrano

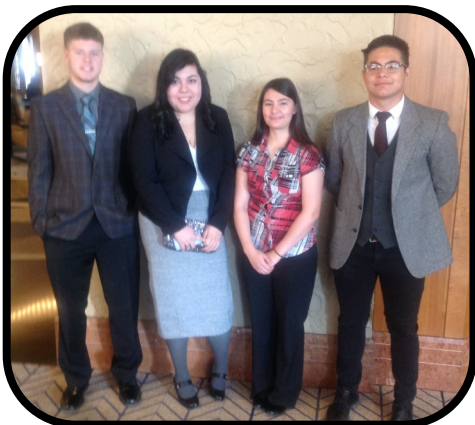


NMSU CAMP 13th Cohort



Back left: Miguel Angeles, Ernesto Burciaga, Ricardo Terrazas, Joshua Flores, Marcos Olivas, Jessica Unzueta, Fabiola Martinez, Miguel Gonzalez, Luis Navarro, Maria Solis, Luis Gomez, Alberto Salazar, Alonso Rodríguez center left: Jose Olivarez, Roberto Guerra, Marisol Guerra, Angelica Galvan, Magaly Zuniga, Erika Alvarez, Rubi Madrid, Patricia Cardenas, Maribel Juarez, Levi Martinez front left: David Rodriguez, Galeb Sandoval, Angel Casillas, Adrian Caraza

Conferences



USHLI– Josh Flores, Angelica Galvan, Erika Alvarez and Levi Martinez



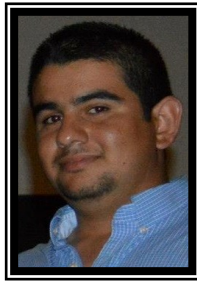
ERN STEM Conference– Edgar Dominguez, Alicia Mulconrey, German Montes and Diego Quintana

This year CAMP students attended two national conferences that were new to the NMSU CAMP program. Four CAMP alumni students who are majoring in STEM based majors were selected to participate in the Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The conference objective was to help college and university undergraduate and graduate students enhance their science-based communication skills and to better understand how to prepare for science careers in a global workforce. Four CAMP freshman were also selected to attend the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) Conference. USHLI is a Latino organization that promotes the advancement of Latino students by promoting education, research, and leadership development. USHLI also strives to empower Latinos by increasing civic awareness, engagement, and participation.

CAMP Exclusive Scholarship Recipients



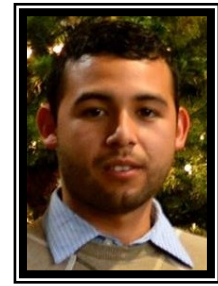
Marisol Chairez,
Sammy J. Gurule Memorial
Scholarship 2015



David Diaz
Sammy J. Gurule Memorial
Scholarship 2015



Marisol Caro
Louise Salazar CAMP Endowed
Scholarship 2015



Josh Escobedo
Georgia Jacquez-Lewis Family/CAMP
Endowed Scholarship 2015

Student Participation

Conferences, Internships & Study Abroad	Participants
United States Hispanic Leadership Conference (USHLI), Chicago, IL	Erika Alvarez, Levi Martinez, Angelica Galvan, Josh Flores
Emerging Researcher National (ERN) Conference in STEM, Washington, D.C.	Edgar Dominguez, German Montes, Alicia Mulconrey, Diego Quintana
Southwest HEP/ CAMP Leadership Conference, Santa Fe, NM	Alicia Mulconrey, Magaly Zuniga, Jessica Unzueta, Guadalupe Marin, Cody Rumsey, Emmy Galvan, Miguel Angeles, Francisco Hernandez, Marcos Olivas, Galeb Sandoval, Alonso Rodriguez, Luis Navarro
NMSU Bridge Inspection Co-op Program, New Mexico	Edgar Dominguez and Oscar Guerrero
NMSU Medicinal Plants Internship, Las Cruces, NM	Erika Alvarez, Rubi Madrid, Ebelin Ramirez, Luis Navarro, Bridgette Esparza, Miguel Angeles, Frank Hernandez, Ricardo Terrazas
HACU Internship, Veterans Affairs Office, Pittsburgh, PA	Brenda Carrillo
US Probation and Pre-trial Services Internship, Las Cruces, NM	Mayela Chairez
New Mexico Corrections Department Internship, Las Cruces, NM	Valentine Lopez
Fish Wildlife Conservation Ecology, Chiapas, Mexico	Pedro Castillo
Disparities Elimination Summer Research Experiences (DESRE) Statesboro, GA	Marisol Caro
City of Las Cruces Public Works Department, Las Cruces, NM	Oscar Guerrero
NASA White Sands Center, Las Cruces, NM	Juan Esparza
Study Abroad, Costa Rica	Maria Gomez, Ricardo Serrano

NMSU CAMP Fall 2014 Graduates



Daniel
Ramirez-
Gordillo
Las Cruces,
NM

Doctor of Philosophy
Biology



Brenda
Corral
Canutillo, TX

Master of Arts in
Educational Administration



Jesus Avitia
Dexter, NM

Bachelor of Science in Civil
Engineering



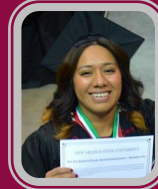
Alejandro
Cuevas
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in
Engineering Technology



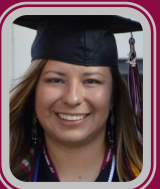
Guadalupe
Jaramillo
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Business
Administration & of
Accountancy



Sandra
Martinez
Deming, NM

Bachelor of Fine Arts
in Painting



Flor Ogaz
Deming, NM

Bachelor of Science in
Education



Nancy Ruiz
Deming, NM

Bachelor of Community
Health



Ricardo
Trejo
Deming, NM

Bachelor of Business
Administration

NMSU CAMP Spring 2015 Graduates



Oscar Ramos
Hatch, NM

Master of
Social Work



Neyda
Aldaba
Las Cruces,
NM

Bachelor of Science in
Nursing



Heriberto
Alvarado
Deming,
NM

Bachelor of Creative
Media in Digital Film
Making



Ezequiel
Angeles
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Criminal
Justice



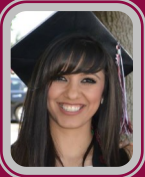
Ricardo
Angeles
Hatch, NM

Bachelor
of Criminal Justice
Bachelor in Spanish



Jose Cerna
Duncan, AZ

Bachelor in
Engineering
Civil Technology
Bachelor in Spanish



Melissa
Cerna
Duncan, AZ

Bachelor of
Business Administration
in International Business
Bachelor in Spanish



Mayela
Chairez
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of
Criminal Justice
Bachelor in Spanish



Julia
Fuentes
El Paso, TX

Bachelor of
Science in Special Edu-
cation and Elementary
Education



Emmanuel
Galvan
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of
Creative Media in
Animation & Visual Effects
Minor in Digital Film



Jessica
Gomez
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of
Science in Mechanical
Engineering Minor in
Spanish



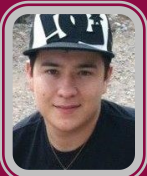
Yessenia
Grado
Hatch, NM

Bachelor in
Individual Studies Minor in
Counseling & Educational
Psychology



Valentin
Lopez
Deming,
NM

Bachelor of Criminal
Justice Bachelor of Arts
in Sociology & Spanish



Sergio
Maldonado
Arrey, NM

Bachelor in Business
Administration



Alicia
Mulconrey
Fabens, TX

Bachelor of Science in
Animal Science



Jose
Olvera
Hatch, NM

Bachelor of
Creative Media in Anima-
tion & Visual Effects
Minor in Digital Film



Lucio
Sanchez
Columbus,
NM

Bachelor of
Fine Arts in Drawing
Minor in Sociology

Bridge Inspection Program



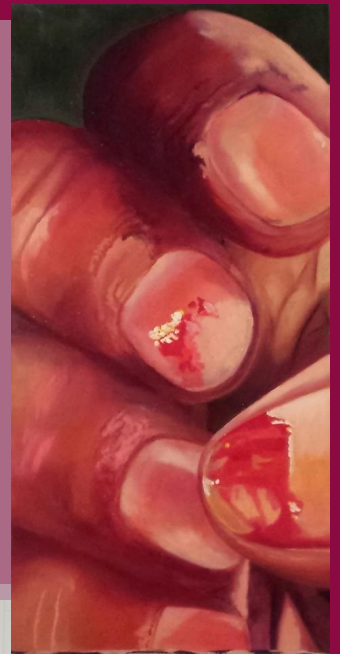
Two CAMP engineering students, Edgar Dominguez and Oscar Guerrero were able to participate in the NMSU Bridge Inspection Co-op Program. The summer Co-op gives engineering students hands-on experience in bridge design, inspection, construction, evaluation and bridge maintenance. According to Program Director, Dr. David Jauregui, students who participate in the program “come out with a very special set of skills that is not available anywhere else in the U.S.”



Artist: Lucio Sanchez
Drawing: Untitled

Lucio Sánchez and Sandra Martínez graduated this year with a Bachelor Degree of Fine Arts. Through their art, both try to express what they have seen or experienced in their own lives. In Lucio’s case, it’s the corruption and oppression in Mexico. For Sandra, it’s the struggle of the farmworkers that moved her to paint this piece, which she titled “Chile Picker.” She is teaching art at Columbus Elementary in Columbus, N.M. and continues to bring awareness to the farmworkers struggle.

In his artwork, Lucio uses charcoal and water colors on paper. Sandra mostly works with oils, but likes to incorporate other materials into her art.



Above
Artist: Sandra
Martinez
Painting: “Chile
Picker”



Sandra Martinez celebrating her
BFA show with CAMP Staff

NMSU CAMP Student Council takes home prestigious award!



The NMSU CAMP Student Council took the prestigious “Student Organization of the Year” award at the First Annual NMSU Student Leadership Awards Ceremony held on April 26, 2015 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The students worked countless hours doing community service, scholarship fundraisers and advocacy for first-generation college students. They certainly deserved this prestigious award!

CAMP Team Members Receive Awards

Two CAMP staff members were recognized this year at the Arts & Sciences Annual Faculty & Staff Awards Ceremony held on April 23, 2015. The program director, Michelle Montaña, and Sonia Flynn, our Administrative Assistant, received the Outstanding Exempt Employee Award and the Outstanding Non-Exempt Employee Award, respectively, for their hard work and dedication to CAMP students. We are very proud of them!



Michelle Montaña



Sonia Flynn