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Great News from our Director

NMSU CAMP has been refunded by the Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education! We are very excited that our long legacy of CAMP at NMSU will continue to live on so that we may serve many more students in the future. We expect to do great things as we begin another grant cycle and are grateful that our program will continue to help students achieve academic success!

This year went by very quickly for all of us. We served a total of 35 students in our 15th cohort and held many workshops, events and presentations which enriched their freshman experience. Three sophomore students had the opportunity to shadow legislators at the 2017 Legislative Session in Santa Fe. Six of our freshmen students participated in the Medicinal Plants summer internship program and two upperclassmen majoring in engineering participated in the Bridge Inspection summer internship program.

Among our achievements and significant milestones, thirty-two freshman students completed their first year successfully, twenty students earned their Bachelor's degree, three students earned their Master's degree and one earned his MD from the University of New Mexico. Exciting times for our graduates, their families and CAMP staff to see students accomplish great things!!

As we close this 15th year at CAMP, we have discovered new knowledge, had many enriching experiences, made new friendships and shared some monumental moments together with colleagues and students.

Michelle Montano, Program Director

15th Cohort



Back row from left: Edgardo Cazares, Hector Lombera, Guillermo Lemus, Quaid Downs, Manuel Sanchez, Javier Arroyo, Jaime Rascon, Dante Bojorquez, Lisandro Galvan **2nd row:** Jeremiah Padilla, Manuel Marquez, Anahi Elias, Manuel Rodriguez, Yarely Ogaz, Neida Rocha, Jennifer Rodriguez, Elisa Olave, Lupe Lopez, Adrian Soto **Front row:** Rosie Marquez, Izarahy Montes, Itzel Zerecero, Emi Herrera, Mariela Munoz, Diana Guerrero, Paulina Ledezma, Diego Rivera,

This year NMSU CAMP welcomed thirty-two new freshmen into our CAMP family. We are extremely proud of their hard work and successful completion of their freshman year at college. As they carry on to their second year of college, we wish them continued success in their academic endeavors. We look forward to seeing our newest members of NMSU CAMP alumni as college sophomores and role models for our new group of incoming freshmen in the fall.

NMSU CAMP Celebrates its Quinceañera



CAMP staff and students in front of CAMP office in Regents Row (2007)

After fifteen years of serving students from farmworker backgrounds, NMSU CAMP is celebrating its quinceañera! These years have passed quickly as our work with students has been extremely fulfilling and deeply meaningful. We have witnessed 410 students come through our doors since 2002, and we remain inspired by each student's story of perseverance and determination. In these years, we have not only served students, but we have grown our CAMP professional and student staff. We moved our offices from Regents Row (a small dormitory building) to Milton Hall, and with the support of NMSU, we have had the good fortune of expanding our office space to include a computer lab and conference room. We have received state and national recognition for our good efforts, and we have forged an institutional identity at NMSU with benchmarks of student success. We have served students from across New Mexico and the West Texas borderlands, and we have even served one or two students from Arizona and California!

Our pride in our students is reflected in the mantra of recruiting, retaining and graduating farmworker students, and helping to transform the lives of numerous hardworking families. This translates to changing the career opportunities and quality of life experiences for numerous individuals and their families. This reality makes us smile and beam with pride at what our students have accomplished. Over 77% of our CAMP graduates are now professionals in New Mexico contributing to the economic engine of the state. Other graduates have gone on to work as professionals in the Washington, D.C. area, New Jersey, California, Texas, Indiana, and North Carolina. Our graduates are teachers, engineers, Bureau of Land Management experts, social workers, nurses, criminal justice professionals, therapists, speech pathologists, accountants, business and restaurant managers, bank loan officers, and even a post doctorate and medical doctor. We have watched our CAMP students grow educationally, professionally and personally, and it has been a gift for fifteen years, to watch this progress. We remain committed to serving our students and families at NMSU, and hope to continue our efforts with the wonderful NMSU educators, CAMP community partners, legislators and families that have made our students' successes possible. Mil gracias to all our supporters and partners as we celebrate our quince años!



CAMP staff and students outside of new CAMP office in Milton Hall (2012)

Dr. Cynthia Bejarano, Principal Investigator, Regents Professor

Student Council



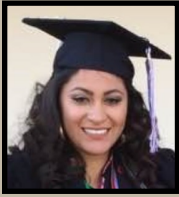
CAMP students volunteering at the student council's bake sale

The main objective for the CAMP Student Council is to promote leadership skills to CAMP and NMSU students. We encourage our students to become leaders in their communities and as the CAMP Student Council President, I can proudly say that we accomplished our objective. This year we held 10 successful fundraisers including car washes, bake sales, and raffles. We participated in several community service events such as the Big Event (where we helped clean the streets of Las Cruces), Dress a Child (helping children pick out school clothes at Old Navy), Cesar Chavez Blood Drive (a three-day event where over 100 students donated blood) and many more activities. We also took part in NMSU Latino Week, organizing a majority of the events that were showcased during the week.

Next year's elected Student Council officers are comprised solely of newly graduated freshman CAMPers, something that hasn't happened in our council's history! I cannot think of a greater example that our students are growing as leaders. The success of the CAMP Student Council is all due to the participation of our students!

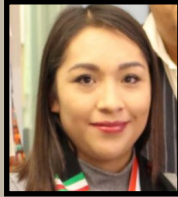
Martin Durón, Student Council President 2016/2017

Fall 2016 Graduates



Deming, NM
 Bachelor of Business Administration in Management, Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages Spanish

Brenda Carrillo



Deming, NM
 Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science in Sociology, and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages Spanish

Marisol Chairez



Mesquite, NM
 Bachelor of Science in Information Engineering Technology

Juan Esparza



Hatch, NM
 Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages Spanish

Maria M. Gomez



Deming, NM
 Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Science with a minor in Child Advocacy Studies

Kimberly Mejia



Bovina, Texas
 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

German Montes



Deming, NM
 Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages Spanish

Jose Paz



Hatch, NM
 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology & Foreign Languages Spanish

Kaydee Porras



Berino, NM
 Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing with a minor in Spanish

Lucy Ramirez



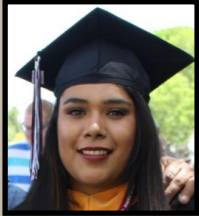
Hatch, NM
 Bachelor of Public Health

Marlene Zuniga



Celebration of the 2016 CAMP graduates

Spring 2017 Graduates



Hatch, NM

Master of Social Work

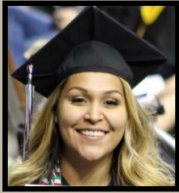
Carla Cisneros



Hatch, NM

Master of Social Work

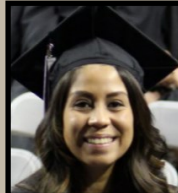
Yessenia Marquez Grado



Salem, NM

Bachelor of Arts in
Sociology

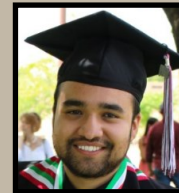
Alexa Alanis



Arrey, NM

Bachelor of Arts in
Sociology

Jessie Cabral



Deming, NM

Bachelor of Science in
Family and Consumer
Science in Clothing, Textile
and Fashion Merchandise
with a minor in Business
Administration

Marcos Chacon



Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science
in Geography

Joel Cisneros



Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in
Individualizes Studies
with a Minor in Commu-
nity Health and a Minor
in Counseling and Edu-
cation Psychology

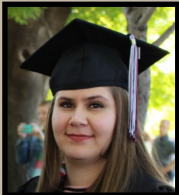
Brigette Esparza



Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in
Information Engineering
Technology and Bache-
lor of Art in Foreign
Languages Spanish

Josue Gonzalez



Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science in
Elementary Education
and a Minor in Coun-
seling and Education
Psychology

Crystal Lucero



Texico, NM

Bachelor of Science in
Agriculture Economics and
Agriculture Business Bache-
lor of Arts in Government
with a minor in Business
Administration

Uriel Muñoz



Deming, NM

Bachelor of Science
in Agriculture

Jorge Andres Sandoval

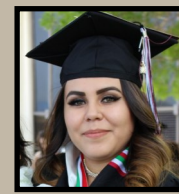


Sunland Park, NM

Bachelor of
Information and
Communication
Technology

Baudelio De Santiago

Summer 2017



Hatch, NM

Bachelor of Science
in Hotel, Restaurant
and Tourism
Management

Jennifer Santos

Study Abroad



Paulina Samaniego in Sevilla, Spain

Traveling has always been part of my life. Since I was little, every summer my family and I would migrate to Alaska to work, processing salmon. I guess that has made my heart wild and adventurous. Fall 2016, I decided to experience something that I will never forget. I wanted to live a new experience, meet new friends and study in the place I always dreamed about - Sevilla, Spain. Studying abroad allowed me to travel to Portugal, Morocco, Italy, Paris and France. This experience opened my eyes to another culture that isn't my own. I have gained confidence in myself and am grateful and blessed for the opportunity to study abroad. I'm thankful to my family and CAMP, to whom I owe the person that I am today. I encourage every student to go, live, learn and travel because it's the best way to gain new life experiences.

Paulina Samaniego

Studying abroad has been my greatest experience so far. I had the opportunity to explore six countries including Morocco, Italy, France, England and Portugal; as well as meeting amazing people from many different cultures. I have memories from all the cities I traveled to, and if someone asks me which was my favorite one, I couldn't possibly respond. Every place I went to, left a mark on my heart. I am thankful to God for this experience and the ones to come, as I continue to embark on new experiences and future travels.

Marilu Varela



Marilu Varela and Paulina Samaniego in the city of Venice, Italy

Leadership Conference

This year four CAMP freshman and a peer mentor, were given the opportunity to attend the National Collegiate Leadership Conference (NCLC). The conference extends beyond the conventional definitions of leadership and is designed to help students tap into their leadership potential, helping them grow both personally and professionally. Over six hundred students from across the country attended this annual student run conference to learn about leadership and to participate in community service.



CAMPers Jose Muñoz, Quaid Downs, Rosie Marquez, Yarely Ogaz, Diego Rivera



Israel Monsivaiz with Representative Doreen Gallegos

Legislative Shadowing

Three CAMP students spent several days in Santa Fe during the 2017 New Mexico Legislative Session. This CAMP initiative, in coordination with the NMSU Office of Government Relations, allows students to shadow a state senator or representative to learn about the legislative process. Participant students, Paulina Samaniego, Israel Monsivaiz, and Martín Durón, shadowed New Mexico State Senator William Soules and Representatives Doreen Gallegos and Nathan Small, respectively. The students had a great experience as they learned first-hand what goes into making state law.

Fifteen Years of Student Success at NMSU



Cohort 1



Cohort 2



Cohort 3



Cohort 4



Cohort 5



Cohort 6



Cohort 7



Cohort 8



Cohort 9



Cohort 10



Cohort 11



Cohort 12



Cohort 13



Cohort 14



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