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A note from the staff...



Back Row (L to R): Eva Telles, Academic Advisor; José Montoya, Retention Advisor; Sonia Flynn, Administrative Assistant; Larry Salazar, Recruitment Coordinator. Front Row: (L to R) Michelle Montaña, Director; Dr. Cynthia Bejarano, Principal Investigator

It seems that nine years have come and gone in the blink of an eye, yet so many experiences and stories have abounded since we opened our doors in 2002. From passing a Chemistry test to traveling to Spain and finally to graduating, we have celebrated many, many CAMP achievements. This newsletter highlights only a few of those achievements; otherwise we'd have a short novel! As we set sail for the 2011-2012 school year, we embark on what will be our largest incoming freshmen cohort. This 10th year also marks an important milestone

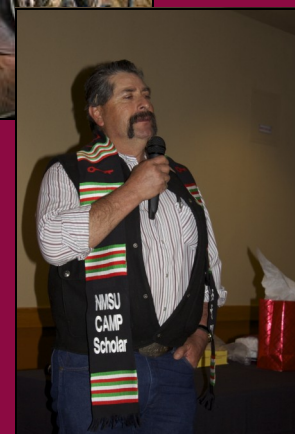
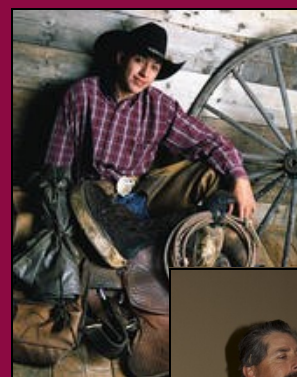
in our history; it will be the last cohort funded through our current grant award from the U.S. Department of Education. We will concentrate our efforts on the task of re-writing for a third grant-cycle. Your support is always appreciated; keep your fingers crossed! Finally, we would like to thank you, our CAMP students and community; you have made this program what it is today. We look forward to another year of success and excellence.

Remembering Sammy

At this year's annual banquet, it was announced that the CAMP Student Council had finally raised enough money to begin awarding the Sammy Gurulé Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established by the NMSU CAMP Student Council and by his parents, Phyllis and Edwin Gurulé. The scholarship will be awarded to deserving CAMP students within the next academic year.

The fundraising effort began in 2007 through an annual enchilada dinner and car washes, all sponsored by the CAMP Student Council. It is the hope of the council to continue raising funds for future CAMP students.

Sammy was a freshmen CAMP student who tragically lost his life in a car accident in the fall of 2006. He touched many lives in his short time here at NMSU. His family, as well as the CAMP students, hope that his memory will continue to be an inspiration to other NMSU students who are pursuing a degree.



Sammy's father accepting an honorary stole in remembrance of his son.

Welcome on board...



The New Mexico State University CAMP Program would like to welcome the newest staff member to the CAMP Family: Eva Telles.

Eva Telles is the new CAMP Academic Advisor and will be working with the incoming freshman. She will be providing various services to the students: advising, mentoring, resources, and support.

Eva started with CAMP in February of 2011. She is from Las Cruces and has worked with migrant families and students for approximately 11 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Family & Child Science and a Master's in Education.

¡Bienvenida, Eva!

First Annual Southwest HEP/CAMP Student Leadership Conference: Growing Leaders for the Future

There had always been talk about possible ways of getting CAMP students from around the region together. Thanks to the hard work of HEP and CAMP programs from New Mexico and Colorado, this vision finally became a reality. This past February, NMSU CAMP took nine students to participate in the first-ever Southwest HEP/CAMP Student Leadership Conference held at the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque. Other CAMP programs from UNM and the University of Colorado-Boulder participated as well as students from the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) from UNM and Northern New Mexico Community College.

Workshop topics ranged from understanding the importance of minority participation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers to learning what it takes to be a leader on campus and within our communities. The conference was designed to encourage continued participation in student organizations and having a voice on campus. It allowed participants to network with CAMP students from other institutions. Attendees recognized that other college students have shared experiences within their personal and academic lives.

When asked about the event, Sandra Martinez, a sophomore, said, "It was a good experience. I'm looking forward to having the conference at the NMSU campus." Indeed that is the goal—to continue collaborating with other HEP/CAMP programs to offer new initiatives and opportunities for our students.



NMSU CAMP students from various cohorts take time to pose for a picture while at the conference.

CAMP Students Perform in “*El Moscas*” y *Los Pesticidas*

On May 6 & 7, 2011, NMSU CAMP students performed in the play “*El Moscas*” y *Los Pesticidas* in Hatch and Deming NM to approximately 100 people. Mr. Nephtali de Leon, the original playwright of “*El Moscas*” y *Los Pesticidas* created a way to bring awareness about pesticide exposure through a Spanish language comedy.

CAMP students that participated were Yessenia Marquez as La Cuca, the female cockroach; Maribel Salazar as Lupita the wife; Jessica Gomez as Muchillas, the *comadre*; Eduardo Rosales as El Moscas, the male cockroach; Erik Moreno as Juan the husband; Bernardo Lopez as El Kooky another male cockroach; Yadira Diaz as the little girl; and, Omar Hernandez as the narrator.

Mr. de Leon stated, “I feel it a great privilege to be in your community and blessed to have the opportunity to work with such special students from CAMP, because they understand the importance of minimizing pesticide contamination. They also show a great love for their roots and really put their heart into what they get involved in. I also want to thank the CAMP staff and persons like Irene Laguna and Olga Alvara who have really been helping so much from behind the scenes. I could not ask for a better group of people to work with!”



Cast: Back Row (L to R): Nephtali de Leon, Erik Moreno, Yadira Diaz, Maribel Salazar, Jessica Gomez, Omar Hernandez
Front Row (L to R): Bernardo Lopez, Yessenia Marquez and Eduardo Rosalez



Martha Estrada: Seattle or Bust!!



Martha saying goodbye to some of the many CAMPers she served throughout the years.

This year has brought a big change to the NMSU CAMP program. In November, we said goodbye to NMSU CAMP’s first Academic Advisor, Ms. Martha A. Estrada. After seven years with NMSU CAMP and many more years as part of the university community, Martha departed for Seattle, Washington. Not to stray too far from home, she accepted a position as the Director for the newly-funded CAMP program at the University of Washington. Martha was fortunate enough to have a special relationship with *every* CAMP student, and leaves a mark of excellence at NMSU. We will miss her dearly, but wish her luck in her new position; we are left with memories that will last a lifetime! Our students now know they have CAMP “cousins” in the Pacific Northwest.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

NMSU Class of 2011

Spring Graduates:



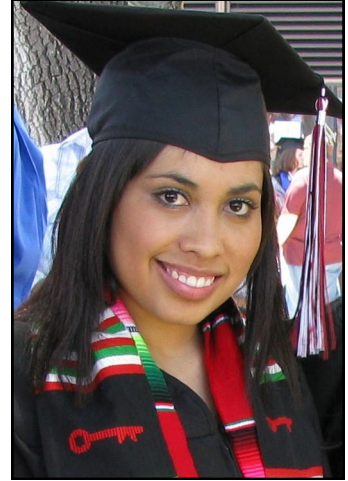
Fernando Sánchez
Columbus, NM
Mechanical Engineering
Technology



Maria Teresa López
Columbus, NM
Business Administration



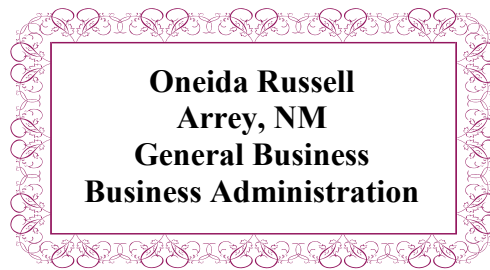
Jesús Rodríguez
Salem, NM
Business Administration



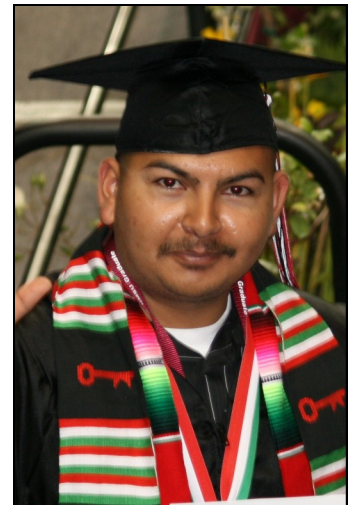
Maribel Rodríguez
Salem, NM
Clothing, Textiles &
Fashion Merchandise



Tony Bobadilla
Sunland Park, NM
Social Work
Spanish



Oneida Russell
Arrey, NM
General Business
Business Administration



Ismael Escobar
Columbus, NM
Criminal Justice
Spanish



CAMP Spring '11 graduates being honored with their stoles at the CAMP Banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

NMSU Class of 2010

Fall Graduates:



José Rosales
Rincon, NM
Accounting



Leonel Caro
Hagerman, NM
Information Systems



Reyna Avitia
Hagerman, NM
Elementary/Bilingual Ed



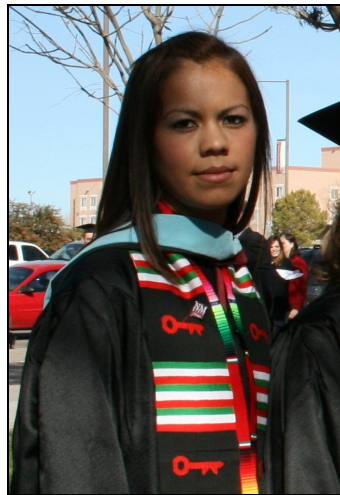
Andrea Lozano
Deming, NM
Elementary/Bilingual Ed



Brenda Cabral
Hatch, NM
Clothing, Textiles &
Fashion Merchandise



William Casaus
La Mesa, NM
Business Management



Erika Martinez
Artesia, NM
Masters of Art Education



Claudia Elizalde
Deming, NM
Family & Consumer Science

The Road to Leadership



Alma and Flor visiting the White House

Since 2009 NMSU CAMP has been sending students to the Bert Corona Leadership Institute (BCLI) in Washington, DC. Sophomores, Alma Hernández and Flor Ogaz, were picked to represent NMSU CAMP at the 2010 BCLI training which was held July 19-24. The goal of the week-long training is to empower students from farm working, immigrant and underdeveloped communities to learn about the democratic process as well as engaging in grass roots development. “We came up with issues that were concerning our state, like teen pregnancy in New Mexico,” stated Flor. The students were partnered with other CAMP students from around the nation, tackling other issues such as the Dream Act. Alma enjoyed learning about new perspectives. She said, “I saw other opinions and attitudes on both sides of the issues.” After the intense training, participants spoke with members of Congress on Capital Hill. Flor expressed how the BCLI experience empowered

her to be a contributor to the democratic process, “We met with CAMPers from around the nation. It made me realize that legislators are doing a good job, but I hope they don’t forget about the migrant community because there are a lot of farm working students that want the opportunity to attend college.” Both Alma and Flor share the same enthusiasm of what they learned and took from BCLI. Moreover, the CAMPers left with an understanding of social change. Alma reflected, “Don’t doubt your cause. If you’re really going to fight for it, then *really* fight for it!”



In a Chilean lab.

Researching in South America

Hard work and persistence have definitely paid off for Daniel “Danny” Ramirez. A CAMPer and Ph.D. student in Biology, Danny has started to enjoy the benefits of his rigorous research. On November 2, 2010, Danny departed for Santiago, Chile to attend a short course titled, Concepts and Model Organisms in Regenerative Biology. The satellite course was the 5th International Meeting of the Latin American Society for Developmental Biology. The purpose of the conference was practicing regeneration and how it could potentially be beneficial for Parkinson disease. His mentor, Dr. Elba Serrano, approached him with the opportunity and financial assistance was provided by the National Science Foundation. Danny always had an interest in attending a conference in Latin America and this was the perfect opportunity for him to accomplish this goal. Being able to collaborate internationally was key for Danny, “I want to start collaborating with professionals in Latin America because they know things we might not know.” This opportunity also allowed him to network at the international level and to understand how research is conducted outside of the United States. He also states, “The more people you know, the better chances you have of becoming a better scientist.” He is staying true to this idea and will be conducting research at Harvard this summer. Way to go, Danny!



With colleagues from Latin America

2010-2011

CAMP Freshman

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the CAMP freshman for completing their first year at New Mexico State University!

L to R, Front Row:

Ramon Hernández, Lucio Sánchez, Heriberto Alvarado, Rick Trejo, Maribel Salazar, Erik Moreno, Jessica Gomez, José Olvera, Emmy Galvan, Crystal Madriz, Gloria Martinez, Valentin López, Anthony Salas

L to R, Back Row:

Pete Castillo, Lily Rodriguez, Javier Segura, Germán Montes, Yessenia Márquez, Rocky Navarrete, Daniela Mora, Jorge Rodriguez, Lorenzo Belloc, Estevan Varela, Martin Meairs, Josh Ibarra, PJ Pacheco, Melissa Cerna, Maggie Ramirez, Rocio Caballero, Nancy Ruiz



Special Events and Announcements



Jessica Valenzuela, a student employee with CAMP, graduated May 2011 with a Bachelor's of Business Administration & Accounting. She received an internship from Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) in Washington, DC this summer. Congratulations!!



3rd Annual CAMP Poster Expo



Freshmen Retreat

CAMP seniors, **Iliana Levario** and **Pamela Prieto** studied abroad in Seville, Spain for fall of 2010. They toured many parts of Europe and inspired more CAMP students to continue traveling the world!





Bernardo celebrates his award with President Couture and his parents, Audelia and Timoteo López.

CAMP's Activist

Every spring, NMSU's Department of Government awards courageous students for their work promoting social justice issues. We are very pleased to announce that CAMP's own Bernardo "Naro" López was awarded the 2011 Department of Government's Social Justice Award at this year's J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium on March 31. He accepted the award in front of an audience of distinguished guests that included Mr. J. Paul Taylor; NMSU President, Dr. Couture; all NMSU deans; and his parents. Naro is a Social Work major and was nominated for his activism within the immigrant community. He explains his interest in social change, "My faith is the motor to keep me alive in this immense world full of struggles. It is my dream to achieve social justice in our society or at least reduce people's sufferings." Well said, Naro!

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