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2022-2023 Newsletter

Message from our Director

"*Caminante, no hay camino, se hace camino al andar.*" This verse from Antonio Machado's poem has always resonated with me, but this year it resonates even more. NMSU CAMP Scholars and staff have embarked on journeys whose paths have led to unexpected places. In 2022-2023, CAMP Aggies did not take for granted the fact that the campus and the world "reopened." Many traveled and had opportunities to explore and experience new adventures across the state, the nation, and even abroad. The amazing, heartwarming highs unfortunately also came with heart breaking lows. We will carry with us the heart and light of those no longer with us. Our CAMP students are resilient and will continue to represent the farm working community with dignity and pride. Cohort 22, you are about to embark on your own journey, one taken by almost 600 students for the past twenty-one years. We look forward to working together and supporting you along the way.

- Martha A. Estrada, Director

21st NMSU CAMP Cohort



Back row from left: Monique Hernández, Daniel Águilar, Angel Gámez, Randy Santos, César Castillo, Sandra Ríos Alba, Ricardo Márquez, Kaleb Villegas, Cristian Acosta, Cesar Rodriguez 2nd Row: Cassandra Gómez, Cristaly Sánchez, Ruth Palacios, Yoselin Velázquez, Edgar Reyes, Wendy Ibarra, Kaliane Vázquez, Keila Hernández, Camila Sánchez Front Row: Diana Jaramillo, Luna Robledo, María Fernanda Muñoz, Emery Villegas, Mia Villegas, Maribel Reyes

This year, NMSU CAMP extended a warm welcome to a cohort of 30 bright and ambitious freshmen, who have embarked on an exciting journey as part of the program. Our CAMP family couldn't be prouder of the immense dedication and unwavering determination demonstrated by each individual in successfully completing their first year in college. As part of their commitment to CAMP, the students participated in workshops and meetings with their peer mentors and academic advisors. The students were also required to attend presentations and activities outside of CAMP. All of this ensured a well-rounded first year of college. The remarkable achievements attained by these students are a testament to the collective efforts invested by these students. We congratulate them and hope they continue to work toward for what they believe in. Looking ahead, we eagerly extend our heartfelt wishes to each and every member of this talented group, hoping for their continued triumphs and successes throughout their academic pursuits and beyond. They are shaping their way to be part of the CAMP students who have gone from the **Campos to College to Career**.

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Farmworker Awareness Week



Picture 1: Student Showcase exhibiting CAMPer experiences in internships, study abroad, and research. Picture 2: CAMP Students held an onion picking simulation for people to experience what it feels like to be a farmworker. Picture 3: Zaira Martin packing up shirts that will be given to the MEP program. Picture 4: César Chávez Blood Drive held outside Corbett Center Student Union. Picture 5: Posters by Corina Valenzuela and Alberto Salazar displayed at the CAMP Student Showcase inside CCSU.

There are approximately 2.9 million agricultural workers in the United States, and from March 25th to March 31st, 2023, the NMSU CAMP hosted Farmworker Awareness Week to raise awareness on the challenges and contributions of these workers. The week included various events, such as a Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive from March 24th to 31st, to provide clothing protection to farmworkers, and a Blood Drive on March 27, where students could donate blood and learn about CAMP and farmworkers. On March 28th, the NMSU CAMP Student Showcase allowed CAMP Scholars to share their experiences as farmworker advocates, interns, and researchers. On March 29th, the program hosted *Noche De Película*, featuring the movie *McFarland USA*, which tells the story of a high school cross country team composed of predominantly Mexican-American farm working students. The week concluded with a live-streaming of *Conversaciones con Líderes Series: Advancing Equity, Excellence, and Migrant Rights* hosted by the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Hispanics. Through the events of Farmworker Awareness Week, NMSU CAMP aimed to honor the contributions of farmworkers and bring attention to the challenges they face.

CAMP Student Council (StuCo)

The NMSU CAMP Student Council hosted a series of activities and social events during the academic year. The Welcome Back Event allowed freshmen and alumni the opportunity to network. This was the first year that StuCo was part of the NMSU Homecoming Parade and it was a success! The StuCo float won in the category of Student Organization (less than 30). Volunteering and serving the community is a big component of this organization. This year, students volunteered at El Caldito Soup Kitchen, a local organization that serves clean and healthy food for those who need it. A hike to Soledad Canyon and wall climbing workshop at the NMSU Activity Center got students up and moving. Students were also part of the intramural sports and named their soccer team, "The Chilli Pickers." StuCo was able to bring back the Annual Enchilada Sale in honor of CAMP student, Sammy Gurulé. This scholarship fundraiser had been postponed since 2020 due to COVID-19. This year, a record breaking amount was raised. On behalf of NMSU CAMP and the Gurulé Family, Thank you!



NMSU CAMP StuCo students stand next to their float during the Homecoming Parade (October 2022).

2023-2024 CAMP StuCo Officers:
 President: *Ricardo Márquez*, Vice-President: *Citlali Delgado*,
 Treasurer: *Adan Hernández*, Secretary: *Wendy Ibarra*, Public
 Relations: *Yitzel González*, Hispanic Council Representatives: *Desley Carrasco* and *Yoselin Velázquez*.

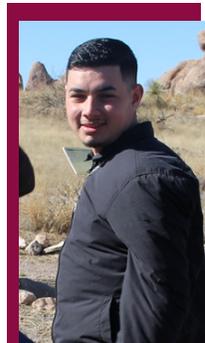
Cohort 19 and 20 Retreat



Students from NMSU CAMP Cohort 19 & 20 pose for a picture at City of Rocks State Park in Faywood, NM

In mid January, Cohorts 19 and 20 embarked on an extraordinary retreat at City of Rocks State Park in Faywood, NM. The event allowed students to explore stunning rock formations and engage in a scavenger hunt. Discovering hidden symbols embedded in the rocks, participants experienced a memorable journey of teamwork and discovery.

In Memoriam



Armando Escalante, NMSU CAMP Cohort 19

The morning of May 12th, we received heartbreaking news that Armando Escalante of Hatch, NM passed away. Our sincerest condolences to the many friends and family that Armando leaves behind. Armando was part of Cohort 19 (2020-2021), the cohort whose first years of college were entirely online. CAMP staff and students that attended the one-day retreat at City of Rocks and Silver City, felt so fortunate to have Armando join them on that trip. Rest in Peace, Armando. You will be missed.

Fall 2022 Graduates



Tania Arroyo
 Bachelor of Applied Studies in Early Childhood Education
 Deming, NM



Carlos Maldonado
 Bachelor of Criminal Justice
 Arrey, NM



Not pictured

Manuel Márquez
 Bachelor of Science in Geomatics
 Salem, NM



Leonardo Ramos
 Bachelor of Business Administration: General Business
 Anthony, NM

Scholarship Recipients

Every year, NMSU CAMP awards scholarships to its alumni in recognition of their accomplishments. The scholarships include the Sammy J. Gurulé Memorial Scholarship, the Georgia Jacquez-Lewis Family CAMP Endowed Scholarship, and the Louise Salazar CAMP Endowed Scholarship. These scholarships honor individuals and families who have made significant contributions to CAMP and support the educational and personal growth of CAMP alumni.

Sammy J. Gurulé Memorial CAMP Scholarship



Daniel Gómez,
 NMSU CAMP
 Cohort 20



Brenda Carrasco,
 NMSU CAMP
 Cohort 19



Pricilla Cháirez,
 NMSU CAMP
 Cohort 20

Louise Salazar CAMP Scholarship



Jessica Pedregon,
 NMSU CAMP
 Cohort 18



Saúl González,
 NMSU CAMP
 Cohort 19

Georgia Jacquez-Lewis CAMP Scholarship



Marcos Salazar,
 NMSU CAMP
 Cohort 18

To be considered for these scholarships, CAMP Alumni can apply via NMSU Scholar Dollars.

Spring 2023 Graduates



Sylvia Yasmin Aniles
Bachelor of Business Administration: General Business
Anthony, NM



Jovana Domínguez
Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
Hatch, NM



Alondra Estupiñan
Bachelor of Science in Animal Science
Chaparral, NM



Amy Gallegos
Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders
Hatch, NM



Diana Guerrero
Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Science
Las Cruces, NM



Gisselle Hernández
Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Anthony, NM



Gemma Lozano
Bachelor of Business Administration: General Business and Economics
Vado, NM



Edith Moran
Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
Deming, NM



Sylvia Porras
Bachelor of Business Administration: International Business and Economics
Hatch, NM



Isela Sánchez
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Rincon, NM



Gerardo Silva
Bachelor of Business Administration: Finance and General Business
Hatch, NM



Carolina Trejo
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Hatch, NM



Lisandro Galván
Master of Social Work
Hatch, NM



Zaira Martin
Master of Arts in Anthropology
Berino, NM



Rene Rodríguez
Master of Criminal Justice
Salem, NM

Highlighting CAMPer Success

USHLI Conference

During the spring semester, NMSU CAMP was well represented at the 41st Annual U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) Conference in Chicago. This year's participants were CAMP Student Ambassador, César Hernández, spring semester graduating CAMP students, Sylvia Porras and Gerardo Silva, and CAMP Retention Advisor, Francisco Soto. The USHLI National Conference, is considered the premier cross-generational leadership conference in the nation where attendees get to network with students and leaders across the United States. Apart from the conference, the students explored the city and visited sites like "The Bean," the Chicago Tribune building, and the NBC Tower in Chicago.



Sylvia Porras, Gerardo Silva and César Hernández at the USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL.

Student Leadership Conference

The Southwest HEP/CAMP Student Leadership Conference is held every spring, creating an eagerly anticipated annual tradition. This event serves as an exceptional opportunity for our CAMP Students to actively cultivate and refine their leadership skills by engaging in meaningful interactions with other CAMP students and experienced mentors. By immersing themselves in this conference, participants partake in a thoughtfully crafted series of workshops that are strategically designed to challenge their ability to work as a team and foster collaborative efforts, ultimately leading to remarkable enhancements in their leadership aptitude.



NMSU CAMP students pose with Community Service Trophy and winning shirt design during the SLC at the Drury Hotel in Santa Fe, NM.

Outstanding Graduate



Sylvia Ximena Porras the Outstanding Graduate for the College of Business

Sylvia Ximena Porras was selected by the Alumni Association of NMSU as the Spring 2023 Outstanding Graduate for the College of Business. In May, she received dual undergraduate degrees in Economics and International Business. This fall, Sylvia will begin a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University. Sylvia is part of the 19th NMSU CAMP cohort.

Skills USA



James Díaz with his gold medal won during the Skills USA competition in Albuquerque, NM.

In April, James Díaz traveled to Albuquerque, NM as part of the state Skills USA competition. He received a gold medal taking him to nationals in Atlanta, GA this summer. James is currently attending DACC pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Architectural technology.

Conversation with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg

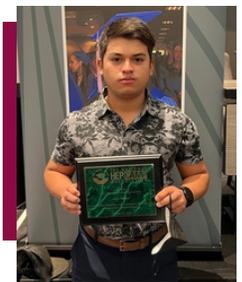


Jonah Madrid speaking of his experience as a commuter college student. Sitting next to him are U.S. Rep. Nanette Barragán of California and U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg

In April of 2023, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, visited Las Cruces as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America tour. Jonah, along with three other NMSU students, were selected to serve on a panel with Secretary Buttigieg. The secretary was accompanied by U.S. Rep. Gabe Vasquez of New Mexico and U.S. Rep. Nanette Barragán of California.

HEP/CAMP Student Champion Award

Ramiro Mendieta received the prestigious Student Champion Award at the 2022 National HEP/CAMP Association Conference in New Orleans, LA.



Becoming Dra. Gutiérrez

In May 2023, Sandra Gutiérrez obtained her PhD in Clinical Sexology from the Modern Sex Therapy Institute in Florida. She is part of NMSU CAMP's second cohort.



Ricardo Trejo at the Spring CAMP Graduation Banquet 2023.

Farewell Ricardo!

This summer we said goodbye to our CAMP Recruiter, Ricardo Trejo, who joined the NMSU CAMP staff in 2018. During his time at CAMP, Ricardo, a graduate of NMSU CAMP's 9th cohort, provided outreach and recruited a total of six cohorts from across New Mexico and parts of West Texas. Ricardo also served as co-advisor for the CAMP Student Council. On behalf of CAMP students, families, and partners, we thank you for your passion and commitment to serving the migrant/seasonal farmworker students at New Mexico State University. We will miss you and wish you the best in this new chapter of your life!

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