The Annual HEP/CAMP Leadership Conference only keeps getting better and better! Our theme for this year was “Honoring the past, treasuring the present & shaping the future.” After all of the hard work and dedication the conference committee put into it, we had a great turn out!

The Leadership Conference consisted of three exciting and fun filled days, February 26th through February 28th. Our CAMP Students boarded the bus and were eager to see what the conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico had to offer. We arrived at the conference, ate a delicious dinner and participated in ice breakers so that everyone had the opportunity to meet new students from all over Southwestern United States. During the second day of the conference, there were workshops given to demonstrate and promote leadership. There were also team building activities and cooperative games organized for students to understand the importance of teamwork. After a long day, students had the opportunity to listen to motivational speakers over dinner. We ended the evening with a dance for students to relax, have a good time, and socialize. On the final day, students had the opportunity to listen to inspiring speakers who were also in challenging positions themselves. After lunch, students packed up and headed home.

Our goal is to inspire, motivate, and encourage students to use their own voices and be the successful students they have the potential to be. Many students walk into this conference very quiet, doubtful, and close minded. After the conference, we tend to see our students opening their outlook on the world. Jacqueline Avitia, a current CAMP student who attended the conference stated, “The Leadership Conference was amazing! Networking and meeting new people helped me improve my communication skills. I really enjoyed the workshops and the activities. If I had the chance to go again, I would!” During this conference students are given that support and resource needed to do what they really want to do and be great. Generally, we see the HEP/CAMP Conference open many doors for these inspired students and we will continue this path in shaping the future for students.

“Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.”
FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK

by Saray Argumedo

Farmworker Awareness Week 2015 was by far the most unforgettable week I have encountered at UNM. This entire week was dedicated to bringing awareness to the issues farm workers have and are facing in the Southwest as well as recognizing local farmers, agricultural advocates and the great Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta. We had students such as Cindy Botello (Hatch, NM), Zelby Martinez (Deming, NM) and Hope Alvarado (Albuquerque, NM) share their artistic talent for our art/photo gallery during this week. The was a key group of CAMP students that took on the leadership role in this event. These amazing and hardworking CAMPers were at every FAW meeting since the beginning, they were there at every UNM and community event, these students went the extra mile to make these events happen; Maria Anchondo (Clovis, NM), Myna Fernandez (Clovis, NM), Eneyda Ramos (Deming, NM), Marlene Munoz (South Valley, NM), Viridiana Mendoza (Palomas, Chihuahua, MX), and Ruendy Castillo (Namiquipa, Chihuahua, MX).

In collaboration with the ABQ community and the Recuerda Cesar Chavez Committee, our students participated in the Cesar Chavez Day of Service which took place at the Sanchez Farm in the South Valley of Albuquerque. Our students and staff had the opportunity to facilitate various workshops throughout the farm, serving 350 elementary school kids from the Albuquerque Public School District. Finally, our week closed with one of the biggest celebrations in Albuquerque, the Cesar Chavez Day Marcha and Fiesta. Our CAMP students were the biggest group that volunteered, taking the lead in logistical duties like setting up chairs and balloons but they also made a lot kids happy by painting their faces.

The farmworker movement will always be marked as an important chapter in our history, as well as all the movements that helped our people move forward. We now have the privilege to continue making history, perhaps not in the fields, but in our surrounding communities and most importantly within the university. The CAMP students are the representation of these movements, and are on the right path to becoming the leaders our communities need now and in the future.

LAS FIESTAS DE CESAR CHAVEZ

by Alicia Dominguez

In conclusion to Farmworker Awareness Week, CAMP participated in two big events the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning at Sanchez Farms and the Cesar Chavez Day Marcha and Fiesta at the Albuquerque Community Hispanic Cultural Center.

The Day of Service this year was held on Friday, March 27, 2015. On this day, CAMP was part of a community service event. The event was held at Sanchez Farms, a hosted 350 elementary students from the Albuquerque Public Schools. The students helped plant seeds, pick weeds, and decorate the gardens. CAMP students and staff also reenacted el Teatro CAMPesino and performed a small skit about saving the Earth and the importance of being sustainable.

In addition to the Day of Service, CAMP students, staff, and alumni participated in the Cesar Chavez Day Marcha and Fiesta that took place at the Hispanic Cultural Center on Saturday, March 28, 2015. We arrived there bright and early to help set up chairs, stages, and tables. Shortly after, the day was kicked off by the Marcha. It started at the Hispanic Cultural Center and followed down 4th Street up to Silver and then turned back. After, the fiesta began there were plenty of activities, live entertainment, and performances to keep CAMPers busy. Many of our CAMP students volunteered painting faces, handing out programs, and manning other event stations.

CAMP students and staff had a great weekend that served to be purposeful and enriched with history and culture. It gave us the opportunity to remember those great people that have helped carve the path for our futures and the futures of our loved ones.
WORLD TRAVELS
by Stephanie Vasquez

Have you ever dreamed about traveling across the world? Thanks to the study abroad program this dream has been made possible not only for myself but for many university students. I studied in Cadiz, Spain during the spring 2014 semester. This experience allowed me to travel on a plane for the first time and took a ten hour flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

The Global Education Office at UNM was very helpful in making this experience possible. They took me step by step through the process of studying abroad. During my time abroad I visited a total of 2 continents, 7 countries, and 32 cities! I met so many people, learned about different cultures and languages and developed new values and interests. I value my nationality. I didn’t notice how fortunate I was to live in the United States until I stepped foot outside of the country and saw how different the rest of the world lives compared to us. I value my languages. Being fluent in two of the most spoken languages in this world is a valuable skill. I was able to communicate in English or Spanish all around Europe. I made international lifelong friendships and gained many skills that will be helpful in my future. I have become more culturally competent and have acquired a better understanding of world views.

The first question everyone asks when hearing about my experience abroad is about the financial cost. Studying abroad is expensive but there are so many scholarships and funding available for students that this reason should not hold you back from traveling.

As for the fears, excitement and mixed emotions, you’re going to have them all and you’re experience is really what you make of it. My study abroad experience was amazing, and I love to encourage other students to get out there and study abroad as well. So where in the world will you go?

Steph’s World Travels
Stephanie, and her travel buddy visiting the leaning tower of Pisa in Pisa, Italy

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS
by John Ortega

Throughout the year CAMP was able to offer a unique first-year college experience for the students of the Fall 2014-Spring 2015 cohort. Three students were interviewed to learn more about their personal CAMP experience.

Cindy Botello
Cindy Botello is from Hatch small town in Southern New Mexico. She Graduated from Hatch Valley High School, and soon after moved to Albuquerque. Cindy said really enjoyed the field trip to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. “It was fun because I was able to get free ice cream and see people make art with a chainsaw.” It was her first time seeing the hot air balloons, she said she really enjoyed the fireworks while listening to smooth jazz around the glowing balloons. Cindy said she has learned a lot her first year in college, she is glad she learned about other scholarships and how it’s important to stay involved “thanks to CAMP I was able to volunteer and get pushed to try new things that I wouldn’t have normally done.”

Jeanette Varela
Jeanette Varela is from the small northern community of Chamita located 5 miles north of Espanola New Mexico. Jeanette graduated from Mesa Vista High School. One of Jeanette’s favorite event was CAMPing because she bonded and got close to many other CAMP students. She was able to do a lot of fun icebreakers, volleyball, and “breakfast was thebomb.com.” It was the first time really being able to connect with the other students. I am so glad I Applied to the CAMP Scholarship program, it has allowed me to meet some amazing people and helped me make lifelong friendships and networking possibilities.

Deisy Ruiz
Deisy Ruiz, comes to us from Roswell a small city in eastern New Mexico. Being from a small town Deisy has grown to appreciate all of the help that was offered through CAMP. Deisy explains that she really valued all the great resources that were offered to her at UNM through the CAMP. She explains that her decision to move to Albuquerque was not an easy one but she is so glad that she had such a great resource like CAMP. For her it was very comforting knowing that you could go to your tutor for help and show you resources around campus.
TENT ROCKS TRIP
by Miguel Rivera

The Tent Rocks Trip is an annual hike taken by the staff and students. It is also the final trip that CAMP has for its students. Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument is an incredible outdoor scene with beautiful views. This area offers an opportunity to observe, study and experience the geologic process that shaped this natural environment.

This event has always been a favorite among students. It allows them to take a break from the daily routine of school and studying, and have a wonderful time in a beautiful place. They are given the opportunity to relax and blow off some steam during a stressful time in the academic year. The trip consists of a one mile hike ending at the top of a cliff, with a great viewpoint to experience the formations at tent rocks. Afterwards we have a lunch at the base of the monument and spend time appreciating the environment and each other's company.

DIANA’S TAKE
by Diana Martinez-Campos, Advisor

It seems like it was just yesterday when the 2014-2015 CAMP cohort arrived to UNM for orientation, yet here we are finishing the academic year. Feeling that the days come and go in the blink of an eye has only made me confirm that time is unstoppable and for this, we MUST make the most out of every minute.

You have probably already heard many people say that “your college years are/will be the best of your life;” however, this can only be true if you make them the best. Have you ever wondered how it would feel like to dance in front of a crowd?

Sign-up for “Lobo’s got Talent;” have you ever pictured yourself traveling around the world? Go study abroad! The university offers an infinite number of possibilities for you to become your best self; you just have to take them! Keep in mind that sometimes, the best rewards are the ones that come unexpectedly so dare to try new things!

Talk to strangers, engage in a new recreational activity, explore Albuquerque and its surroundings, study hard...take the challenge. If there is something that I want you to remember for the following years is that you are the only person in charge of shaping the path ahead so make good choices, get out of your comfort-zone, stay focused, and don’t let anything stop you. Never forget that your CAMP family believes in you, but it’s most important that you believe in yourself. From the bottom of our heart, thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and to see you grow into awesome individuals. We will miss you!

TRINI’S ADVENTURES
by Trinidad Mendoza, Recruiter

I am still amazed at how time flies, I can’t believe that we find ourselves at the end of another academic year. The 2014-2015 has been full of surprises, amazing adventures and tons of laughter. I can now say I have had the pleasure of traveling all over the state, I have seen our beautiful mountain ranges, our open plains, and our enchanted skies. Oh how I love our wonderful land of enchantment. As stare into the sunset, I stand and ponder all the wonderful many changes that this year has brought in my life from starting a new job, to becoming a father, believe life has an uncanny ability to bring many twist and turns.

With the end of this semester, we transition on our students to the rest of their college careers and prepare to bring on the new cohort of students for the fall semester. Throughout the year we have had to opportunity to really get to meet most of our students and staff. Each person brings so much to the table. Each person is a world within. I can truly say it has been an honor to get to work with such amazing young minds. Our students make me feel like the most popular person at CAMP. I will truly miss you all. I wish you all the best, and I encourage you all to really enjoy the amazing landscapes our state has to offer, loose yourself in the beauty of our sunsets, and allow yourself to be swept up by our winds. Let’s see were you end up!
DIRECTOR’S CUT
by Ivan Olay, Program Specialist

This semester I had the pleasure to attend the Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color (PNMGC) recognition dinner for Faculty of Color Awards (FOCA). As I sat there I was in awe of all the wonderful faculty and staff that were being honored and of the students that were there to support them. In my table I had the pleasure to be with two Student Support Services (SSS) students, a professor and a graduate assistant and my noble partner in crime, my son Joaquin. As we conversed it was really cool for me to be able to talk to faculty and students about the state of education in New Mexico, the importance of students of color traveling the globe and more. It was a great experience seeing young minds talking with old ones about issues I had not cared about or had known about until after graduating college and when I started attending graduate school. This also made me reflect on why the CAMP staff and many of these student focused programs are here on CAMPuS, making you aware of possibilities around you.

Every year I reflect on many things from my past and that I have learned like; I should have stepped out of my bubble sooner, taking risks is necessary, being afraid never goes away but you can choose how you deal with it, you fail more than you succeed but failing is good because you learn and finally, there are so many great people in New Mexico just as there are in any other part of this world.

I should have realized many of those reflections sooner but as a college student, I didn’t appreciate or know about the issues surrounding us today like power imbalances, the power of Latinos or any minorities’ students, disparities in our communities and so much more. As a student I was too cool to volunteer, I was too scared to travel abroad, too naïve that inequalities do affect everyone even if you choose to ignore them. I challenge you to make new friends different than the ones you have. I’m not saying to drop your current friends but see the world through someone else that doesn’t think like you.

When you are scared to do something just close your eyes and take that first step, it’s never as bad as you think. College is hard and that’s good, because that means you don’t know everything and you are learning. Be visionary, not only think of what you will do in the next six months or in a year or two but in ten or twenty. Think of how you will be remembered by your loved ones but especially by those that work with you, hear about you and learn from and about you. Will you be the person that made lots of money and had a big house? Will you be the role model that a community appreciates? Will you be the person that opens the doors for others even when those around them wouldn’t? What will be your legacy?

I want to thank all of you, CAMP scholars for making this another phenomenal year at CAMP. Keep making an impact in the world and don’t forget us. Thank you CAMP staff for making CAMP what it is, so much fun. I am blessed to be part of the lives’ that CAMP touches ever year. Remember, “If you are not uncomfortable, you are not growing”.

LILI’S TELL ALL
by Liliana Salgado,

At the time of my birth I was named Josefina Liliana Salgado, but I grew up thinking my first name was Liliana. In 1989, when I became a citizen I changed my name to Liliana Josefina Salgado. I was born in a suburb of Lima, Peru and came to the United States as a four year old, I have had the pleasure of returning to my country of birth three times. In 1982 while visiting Peru I was able to travel to the town of Cuzco, and visit the ruins of Machu Picchu. The last time I visited Peru was with my mother in 2012 for two weeks to visit family. Grew up in the City of Falls Church, in northern Virginia. I moved to Albuquerque Labor day weekend 1987, and have been living in Albuquerque twenty-six years. I have been working with UNM’s CAMP Program since December 10, 2014. My previous job was as an interpreter in the medical field. Before that I worked in the legal field for over 25 years as a Legal Assistant and Paralegal. I love to spend as much time as possible with my granddaughters, Andolina who is 2 ½ years old and Marianela who is 11 months old.

My hobbies use to be hiking, reading, cross stitching, but now my favorite hobby is hanging out with my granddaughters. Interesting facts about me: as a Latina, per custom, I lied about my age, but now that I am a grandmother, I tell everyone my real age. I also like to talk to my plants and have a 2 way conversations with myself. The most rewarding and fulfilling experience in my life to date has been the honor of working with President Obama’s reelection campaign, I have received a Christmas card from the President and his family every year. Working at CAMP has been a wonderful rewarding experience, mostly due to interacting with the students and learning of their backgrounds and culture. I look forward to a long and rewarding career with UNM’s CAMP program.
CAMP STAFF SPRING 2015

Left to right front row: John Ortega, Alicia Dominguez, Durae Gutierrez, Ivan Olal, Saray Argumedo, Liliana Salgado, Diana Martinez-Campos, Stephanie Vasquez.

Second Row left to right: Trinidad Mendoza, Miguel Rivera, Dominic Medina.

Back row left to right: Trinidad Mendoza, Miguel Rivera, Dominic Medina.

Special thanks to all our amazing student staff. Thank you for all your dedication and hard work, we wish you luck in all your future endeavors! Thank you for making CAMP great, we will miss you!