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## Diaz, 2004-05 CAMP student attains graduate school acceptance

by Yazmin Brambila



When Lupe Diaz first visited the OSU campus she felt a sense of connectedness within the Latina/o community. Diaz compared other colleges but when she visited those others she did not feel as if she fit into any of them. Once here at OSU Diaz received a lot of support from CAMP throughout her college career. Diaz mentions that the CAMP/EOP programs kept her here, "These programs made a huge difference on my education" hence these programs ease the financial costs, they advocate for students, but the most important thing is they provide a support system for the students throughout their college experience.

Diaz' parents influenced her continuance of higher education. They encouraged her and they were very proud when she graduated from high school, where she graduated with honors. She says that her father always told her the following in regards to education "[...] no one can take it away from you". Diaz is the

first from her family to attend college. She enjoys learning and actually going to class and doing the work. Her experience as an undergraduate influenced her decision to continue on to graduate school where she will further develop her interest and benefit the community.

A major challenge she has faces is being a student and a parent. By being a mom and a student she always felt that she was torn between her daughter and school. The financial burden of childcare and finding quality childcare was also difficult.

When asked about the awards she has received\* throughout her career here at OSU and if they have been a source of motivation Diaz responded:

*"No...the awards are not a source of my motivation; the source of my motivation is making a difference in my community especially in the Latina/o community; [...] furthering my education will allow me to do that. Awards should not be motivators. I do things because I like them."*

In conclusion, her words of advice to other students: "Don't waste your time and money while you are here. Go to class and work hard from the beginning and once you graduate don't forget to give back to your community".

Diaz' Future plans: she will be graduating this spring term 2009. Already, she has been accepted to 2 graduate schools, here at Oregon State University and also to the University of Washington. She opted for Oregon State University. Her goal is to work toward a master's degree in human development and family sciences. After obtaining her Master's, Diaz Plans to pursue a PhD in a similar or related field. She plans to do research in education to find what affects children's learning and how to prepare children at early age to be more successful in their education.■

\***Awards Received:** Junior/Senior Waldo Cummings Outstanding Award 06-07 & 07-08; Undergraduate Research Award Spring 2008, Spring & Winter 2009, BT Iron award and the OSU Alumni Education Opportunity Award.

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# FYI: New CASA Director

Gustavo Martinez-Padilla



## Quick Facts:

- Originally from Miami
- Lives in Eugene
- Background in Education
- History teacher
- Was a high school Principal
- Adopted two little boys

## WE ASKED:

Why OSU?

- A. True Beaver Believer
- B. Relocate
- C. New Opportunity
- D. Other: *A passion for social justice*

Which of the following sports do you enjoy watching on television?

- A. Golf ???
- B. Basketball
- C. Soccer
- D. Other: *Football*

Favorite Celebrity actor?

- A. Brad Pitt
- B. Javier Bardem
- C. Anthony Hopkins
- D. Other \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite music genre?

- A. Drama
- B. Romantic
- C. Comedy
- D. Thriller
- E. Other: *Documentary*

What nationality do you consider yourself?

- A. Doesn't matter, we are all human beings
- B. Hispanic
- C. Latino
- D. Chicano
- E. Other: *Cuban*

# ALUMNI...WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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## Narce Rodriguez, CAMP 1982

"CAMP was my gate to the future, I was scared, the first [Latina] from my town and my family to be in college. It was a journey that I will never forget, but the key was to find others in the college who could help me with my fears and challenges with academic expectations. I remember thinking: "Being in the classroom is better than being in the fields/el campo where it was hot or cold," that became my motivation. This quote sounds simple but for me it was a big deal to make my familia proud and to tell my community "SI SE PUEDE". I earned my Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and Spanish and a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (Education and Women Studies) from Oregon State University."



## Oscar Montemayor, CAMP 1982

"Soon after graduating (June '87) with a B.A in Philosophy from Oregon State University (OSU), I obtained a position with Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon as an Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) Specialist, assisting undocumented individuals and families with the then legalization process. A year later (Sept. '88), I became the academic advisor for the College Assistance Migrant Program at OSU and have been assisting university students ever since. I am completing a Masters in Interdisciplinary Studies (Education/Counseling, Ethnic Studies and Spanish). I've been married 25 years and have a wonderful 18 year old son who thinks he knows more than I do."



## Edward Gutierrez, CAMP 2004

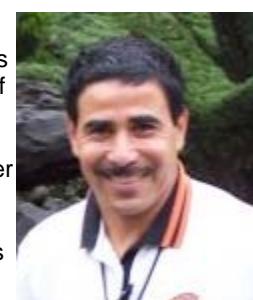
Edward Gutierrez (CAMP '04) graduated from Portland State University in 2008 with a History degree and is currently planning to attend graduate school this Fall.

Since late 2008, Edward has stayed busy with two temporary positions at Oregon State University (formerly with ISS and currently with the EOP office) as well as a part-time position with the Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, a Salem area non-profit dedicated to the empowerment of communities of color through educational advancement and political advocacy.



## Mario Magaña, CAMP 1991

Through perseverance and support, he learned English and completed his Bachelors of Arts degree in Liberal Studies in 1997; and then a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) degree in Forest Resources, Adult Education, and Spanish in 1999. Today Mario A. Magaña is an Associate Professor and the Camp Director for the Oregon 4-H International Summer Camps that will reach over 250 Latino youth this year. He also provides leadership to the 4-H Latino Soccer Programs in Oregon, and provides professional support to OSU Extension Faculty and Staff to find new ways to reach out to Latino youth and families.



## Announcements/Upcoming Events

- CAMP CoEd Soccer Team
  - ~Game with Chemekta, TBD
  - ~Game with PCC, TBD
- May 14th– Career trip to State Farm in DuPont, WA
- May 30th– 5th Annual CAMP Recognition Ceremony in MU Ballroom @ 5:00PM
- June 12th-SI SE PUDO Graduation Ceremony @ 7PM in MU Ballroom
- June 28th and 29th– START Bilingüe Program @ OSU campus



## Yearly Ritual: Shakespeare Festival



Each year our students and staff embark on an odyssey to Ashland, Oregon to view at least two plays during the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. This year there were sixteen students who were able to make the trip and reported they had a great time with their peers. "The trip was more than exquisite," mentioned German Serrano, "my favorite play was *The Servant of Two Masters*. It was comical and showed realistic occurrences that happen day to day in one's life."

Having this trip as part of the CAMP class curriculum has been an unforgettable experience. By combining leisure with academics, the students are able to gain knowledge from the morale of the plays, travel and get their mind off daily activities on campus and the typical stress of being a first year student. They had time to spend with their peers as well as advisors outside of the office.

Those who attend, stay overnight, dine together for breakfast at a locally owned restaurant, attend the plays, bond during lunch and dinner and usually have a grand time.

## OSU CAMP Scholars Go Abroad



**Vanessa Baez**, photographed at the Roman Coliseum while studying abroad through a summer program at OSU.

**Study Location:**  
Europe Tour

**Year:** 2008



**Geraldine Casimiro**, next to the Moon Pyramid in Teotihuacan located in Mexico City.

**Study Location:**  
Morelia, Michoacan

**Year:** Fall 2007



**Yazmín Brambila** is pictured above, standing next to Chateaux de Loire located in France.

**Study Location:**  
Angers, France

**Year:** Fall 2007

## Term Birthdays



**April**  
Aniano Lara

**May**  
Rodolfo Villegas  
Jose Zamora

**June**  
Josefina Magdaleno  
Victor Mondragon  
Clara Mandujano  
German Serrano  
Jose Venecio-Manriquez

**July**  
Edgar Mendez  
Oliver Padilla  
Victor Vasquez  
Marina Martinez  
Yanelly Gonzalez

**August**  
Julio Orozco  
Emily Escobedo  
Jesus Partida  
Leonel Perez  
Jose Hernandez



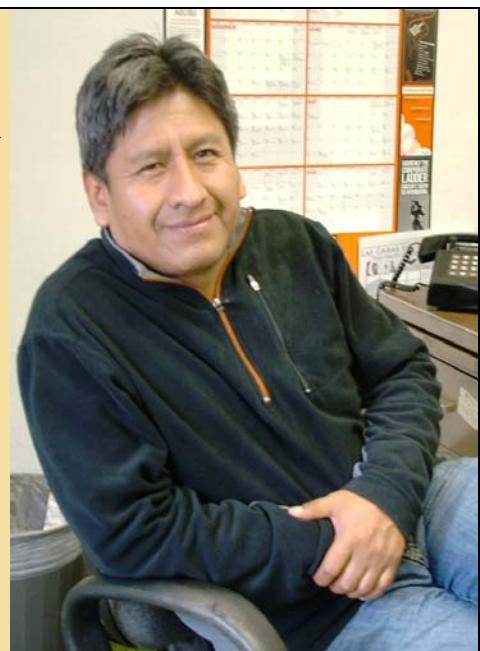
## AMAS' UPDATES

Welcome to the first quarterly Oregon State University College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) "El CAMPestre" newsletter. Generally, you start a newsletter when you start a project or a program. For some reason, we have decided to start our first newsletter issue at the end of our grant cycle.

This year marks our 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with the CAMP program at OSU. Throughout the last five years we saw CAMP accomplish many objectives. It began at a rapid pace. We have seen many important milestones in the ongoing process. Last summer, OSU CAMP was recognized at the National HEP/CAMP Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. as one of the top nine CAMP programs out of 46 programs in the country to have 90% or higher success rate of continuing students from the 1<sup>st</sup> year into their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of college. Also, during the last two years, we have received more CAMP applications than the number of slots we are funded for. This means most (over 94%) of our students are still enrolled or have graduated from OSU, and we have more students on the waiting list trying to get into our program.

In February, we submitted our grant proposal in hopes of being funded for another five years. If we are funded, you will receive our regular quarterly updates of our program through "El CAMPestre" during the next five years. We hope "El CAMPestre" is the new beginning of our next grant cycle. I am optimistic that we will be funded again!

Amas



## From CAMP to Campus: A Bit On Our Staff

**Wendy  
Alemán**



Sign: Sagittarius  
Born: Rhode Island  
Favorite Telenovela: Cuidado con el Angel  
Favorite Food: Thai  
Another place I would consider living in? Puerto Rico would be great!  
Other things I wish I did more of: Hiking and Camping  
Undergraduate Major: Environmental Science  
When I was younger...I was so quiet people didn't think I spoke (Spanish or English!). My first sentence was [vamos] "a la casa pues!"

**Oscar  
Montemayor**



When I was a freshman in college I...received my first 4.0 GPA  
Favorite book: Borderlands *La Frontera* by Gloria Antaldua  
If I could be a super hero I'd be: Batman  
Something I do for Leisure: Play a round of Golf  
Times I changed my major before knowing what I wanted to do: Once  
Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption  
I wish I...had more hours in the day  
Golf or Soccer: Golf

**Maria  
Andrade-  
Diaz**



Favorite Music Genre: Mexican (Banda, Duranguense, Ranchera)  
Mexican Food, Italian Food or Chinese Food? Definitely Mexican  
Favorite number: 15, though I'm not sure why  
In the evening you'll usually find me... hanging out at home with my boys (husband and son). Usually NBA on TV or watching my husband play some sport.  
A perfect date would consist of...I'm not the fancy type, but I would say getting dressed up and grabbing some tortas on our way to a baile or Blazer game.  
Born: A little rancho in Valparaíso, Zacatecas  
Favorite Sport and Team: Basketball-Portland Trail Blazers; Baseball-Seattle Mariners  
Number of concerts I've been to: Too many to count but on average, we go to about 8-10 a year