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BARRIERS ARE TEMPORARY, ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE PERMANENT

"Sometimes I don't feel I've accomplished everything [...] I want people to notice the work that I do"

classes was a challenge; however she didn't let that get in her way. She knew she had come here to study and never thought she would attain more than one goal.

While in Mexico, she showed interest in medicine and the healthcare system but there were many barriers that hindered that aspiration. With thousands of applicants and very few open spots it's almost considered a dream to make it into medical school in Mexico. Without having sufficient funds and the right connections, she was sure she wouldn't get into the school of her choice. Therefore, she embarked on the odyssey of fulfilling her American Dream. She enrolled at OSU, became part of CAMP, and began studying Business but later changed her major to the abovementioned. Further discussing the differences between the US and Mexico, she added that there are more opportunities here than there are in her country. "In Mexico you decide your career in high school and once you begin you stick to it, there's no turning back unless you start from scratch." Here she was given the opportunity to explore other majors and change to the one she initially had fallen in love with without being set back by much. One of her goals, aside from finishing up her career, is "having a career that makes a change in [her] community." All in all she has accomplished a lot since her arrival in 2006.

After many failed attempts our schedules finally enabled an interview. As we grabbed a bite and respectively picked at our food, we reminisced about the everyday occurrences. Herrera even touched upon the differences from her native country, Mexico, and the US. She misses the fact that it is more laid back and relaxing, together we contrasted how the US can influence a fast-paced lifestyle in which pressure is a given and deadlines always have to be met. Hence we hadn't been able to discuss this any earlier, *we both laughed.*

About to complete her studies in Nutrition Science and a pre-med option she says "Sometimes I don't feel I've accomplished everything." Herrera feels like she isn't done; it doesn't stop after graduation. She has already fulfilled so much that conforming to a college degree just isn't enough.

When she first arrived in the states, it was difficult for her to adjust to a whole new and different environment from the one she was used to. Making friends and keeping up in

Two of a Kind



Thus far for this school year, Cristina Delgado has mentored Annalisa Sanchez and Carmen Lopez and they have really formed a great relationship.

We asked and they answered... Cristina and Annalisa did many things together, they attended a conference and spent about seven hours together in one day. Some of the things that she did with Carmen involved hanging out while studying and attending a friend's birthday party.

Students went to Spain in 2010. They also had the opportunity to join the crowd during the Soccer World Cup.

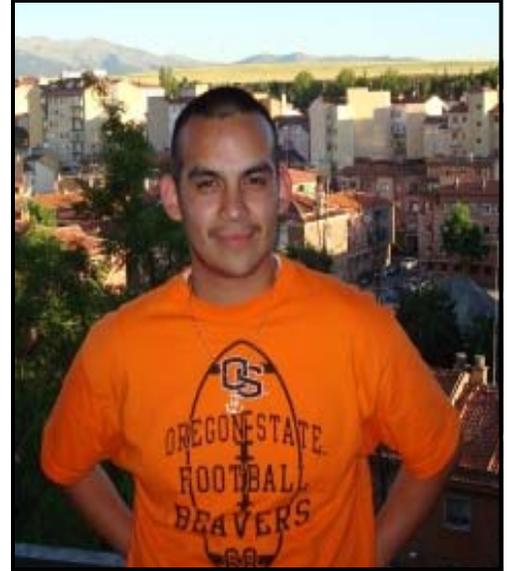
Alfredo Najar

Abroad Location:

Segovia, Spain

Year: Summer 2010

"I liked the fact that I was able to get out of the US and experience another culture, another way of thinking, just another way of living. Also, that there is so much history everywhere. Every city we would go to, every monument or building had a story to tell. It was almost like going back in time."



Yanele García

Abroad Location:

Segovia, Spain

Year: Summer 2010

"I really enjoyed learning about the culture. Every day I found myself discovering new things. The Spanish were very friendly and their food was delicious, especially churros con chocolate. I also loved the fact that it is so easy to travel from city to city and to different countries. It truly was a trip of a lifetime."



Term or Upcoming Events

- Oct. 21st- Blazers vs. Nuggets basketball trip
- Oct. 23rd & 24th- Ashland trip with Mentors
- Nov. 18th.- Mentor/Mentee Bowling Night @ 6:00 pm, MU Rec Center
- Jan. 5th-CAMP Welcome back BBQ @ 5:00 pm at 4C's
- Feb. 12th & 13th- Snowboarding @ Mt. Hood Ski Bowl Departure: 11:00 am between Waldo and Snell Hall
- Mar 11th- Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference
- April 11th- Si Se Puede



ALUMNI...WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Ruben Mendoza **CAMP 2006**

I did a six month internship as a Lab tech doing Embryo Transfers in high-end genetic beef cattle after finishing my bachelors degree in Animal Sciences last spring. I am now back at OSU to complete a Masters degree in Animal Reproductive Physiology. After finishing my degree I plan on either continuing on to Veterinary school or going out into the industry and working. Until then I will put one foot in front of the other and by the grace of God, here I go!



Enero

Elizabeth Gonzalez
Raúl Muñoz
Gonzalo Plancarte



Febrero

Arturo Sayago



Marzo

Pedro Arenas
Alex Arreguin
Salvador Martinez
Erica Teram



Class Excursions

Each year our students and staff take a trip to Ashland, Oregon to view at least two plays during the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. This year the group went and saw two plays: *Ruined* and *Pride and Prejudice*. After some feedback and conversing, I found that the students who were able to make the trip reported they had a great time with their peers. Students really enjoyed the plays, especially *Ruined*.

CAMP also takes the students to a Blazer game; however they did this a little earlier in the year than they usually plan for. They took a good sized group and saw the Blazer vs. Nuggets game.



INTERESTING TIDBITS

- Overall GPA for this group is 3.26
- Men -17
- Women -15

~...we have several new schools represented this year. This year we have students from schools we have never had students from.. they include... Amity HS, Wilsonville HS, N. Marion HS, Vale HS, and South Albany High School .

On behalf of Wendy: "This group is amazingly focused and I love them all!"

AMAS' UPDATES

We are halfway into winter term of this academic year. A couple weekends ago I was able to join the Annual CAMP Peer Mentor Ski Trip to Mount Hood Skibowl. I was excited because I wanted to see our CAMP scholars snowboarding as well as to improve my downhill skiing skills. Most of the students snowboarded until the late hours of the night. I saw many mentors and mentees connecting with each another. The camaraderie and the friendship developed up in the ski slopes will have long effect on each of the participants. I'm glad I was able to be there to enjoy the camaraderie of the group and I'm already looking forward for the next year's trip.

On another note, Wendy Aleman, Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator left the program for another opportunity at San Diego State. It was a loss for CAMP and a gain for San Diego State. I know it was a very difficult decision she had to make. On her last day of work, I witnessed the powerful impact she had on many of the CAMP scholars. People who are passionate about their work can make the difference in many people lives. Wendy was one of them. I will miss her work ethic, professionalism, passion and her belief on those she helped.

In about two weeks we will be selecting the cohort group three. Thirty-five scholars will be selected for next year. We have received several applications over the last weeks and our Selection Committee is excited to read the application and make the recommendations to select those who have the greatest need of the program.

The current 32 students are doing well and soon they will be going through their last term of their first year of experience in college. I am proud of them!



Amas

Farewell, farewell



Wendy Aleman, striking a pose while most likely multitasking and getting many CAMP tasks done!

“If it wasn't for Wendy I wouldn't be here today. I hadn't heard about CAMP until she came to visit my school and held a presentation in regards to the program. I applied and here I am!”-*Alex Dos Reis*

“Extraño la sonrisa de Wendy, siempre tuvo la habilidad de iluminar cualquier lugar con su encanto y manera de manejarse.”-*Elsa Avila*

“I miss her smile. She was always so nice too. She kept calling me to invite me to OSU and convinced me. She's very persistent.”-*Jacob Cida*

“One adjective that describes Wendy: *persistence*, and it's not a bad thing.”-*Gera Casimiro*