



# EL CAMPESTRE

From CAMP to Camp: Enriching Our Community



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## Carmen Lopez, from CAMP Scholar to Graduating



**"A lot of people say I'm involved, but I really try to focus my energy on one thing and do good one thing at a time."**

Carmen Lopez came to Oregon State in the fall of 2010. Carmen came into college an extremely shy individual. She has had a tremendous amount of growth within her years at Oregon State University. She is now a fifth year senior majoring in Human Development and Family Sciences with an option in Human Services and has one of the strongest Latin@ voices on the Oregon State campus. The impact she has left on this campus is remarkable.

After her freshman year and when she was no longer a CAMP scholar, she felt lost. She felt disconnected from campus. It wasn't until spring term of her sophomore year that she joined MEChA and everything began to fall back into place for her. She was able to meet great people who helped her push forward. She had the support of people like Izzy, Monica, and Nicth . "They really provided a home for me," Carmen says. Fall term of her junior year she had the amazing opportunity to study abroad in Spain. Spain helped her find out who she was. Before Spain she wasn't able to connect with a lot of people, but when she came back she was more friendly and open to others. That following summer she became a start leader and right after that she became the new Co-Chair for MEChA for the 2013/2014 school year. She was also part of the Cesar Chaves Mural Committee. All of her involvements have been crucial to her growth and development. She has learned to speak up even when she may be speaking alone. She has grown outstanding leadership skills.

Carmen plans to walk during spring term and graduate during the summer. She plans to move to Salem and work for the Department of Human Services and apply to graduate school during that same time. Carmen wants to receive her Master's Degree in either education or social work. If she does end up doing education, she would like to teach at an elementary school and focus on the Latin@ population. Aside from professional goals, Carmen also wishes to study abroad in Latin America. Good Luck in everything Carmen!!!

# 2015 CAMP RECOGNITION CEREMONY



The recognition ceremony for the 2014/2015 cohort took place June 6. This year our MC's for the ceremony were Alondra Padilla and Adan Avila. The ceremony began with an introduction from Amas and followed by our phenomenal Guest Speaker, Edward Gutierrez. After dinner, the program was resumed by an amazing speech given by our student speaker, Angel Torres. The awards ceremony followed short after that. The External Award was presented to Brent Fetsch and the Internal Award was presented to Penelope Dieble. Guillerma Vasquez was awarded mentor of the year. The academic achievement award was won by Vanessa Nuñez and Francisco Bolaños. Ricardo Perez won the community service award. Mercedies Villarreal and Alondra Padilla were awarded with the Si Se Pudo Award. Cheyla Moranel was awarded with the outstanding leader award. The night wound down by presenting the certificates of completion to all the CAMP scholars of the 2014/2015 cohort. Congratulations all!

## ~CAMP GRADUATES~ ~BACHELORS AND MASTERS~

### Masters

Peter Banuelos, MAIS  
Maria Brambilal, MPH  
Maria Garcia, EDM  
Romeo Lopez Gonzalez, EMD

### Bachelors

Elizabeth Canchola-Pas, BS  
Leticia Chaves, BS  
Ivan Estrada, BS  
Andrea Flores, BS  
Francisco Flores, BS  
Vania Flores Vega, BS  
Gabriela Garcia, BS  
Juana Gaytan, BS  
Carmen Lopez, BS/BA

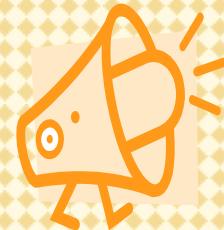
### Bachelors

Nancy Lopez, BS  
Adrian Magana, BA  
Edgar Mendez, BS  
Estefani Nunez, BS  
Daisy Padilla Marin, BS  
Nazario Rivera, BS  
Maira Rodriguez, BS  
Berenice Trapero, BS  
Teresa Vargas, BA



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Start Bilingue — June 28/29
- OMLI — July 19-August 7
- CAMP Orientation-September 17





## ALTERNATIVE SPRINGBREAK!!!

**Francisco Bolaños** had the opportunity to do an alternative spring break in Ashland, OR. During a whole week he went out and worked alongside organizations like Ashland Parks and Rec and Lomakatski. Most of the volunteer work had to do with working on repairing trails, clearing invasive species, and planting trees and they also had deep reflection meetings at the end of the day to really wrap things up. Francisco would work about 8 hours a day and the rest of the day he was free to enjoy his time. He states that working with his group didn't feel like work. During the whole week he got really close to the people he was there with. **"I would say that this was the best group I have ever worked with,"** Francisco quotes. The group he was working with was very diverse and respectful of each other. Aside from the family he created there, Francisco really enjoyed learning about environmental needs and reflected back on how valuable his work was. He says, **"I can honestly say that this was the best spring break I have ever had. I would definitely recommend this trip to anyone brave enough to take their spring break to do volunteer work."**

## ALUMNI...WHERE ARE THEY NOW???

### Nereyda Vasquez



Nereyda graduated from Oregon State in 2012 from Construction Engineering and Management. Nereyda is currently working for Boeing as a project manager in Everett, Washington. Boeing is the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems. Nereyda plans on sticking with the company and eventually wishes to transition into the engineering department within the company.

**Agustin** completed CAMP in 2010 and graduated from OSU in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Ethnic Studies. After graduation he studied abroad in Costa Rica and then moved back home to Salem. This past year he's been worked in the High School Partnerships Program at Chemeketa, volunteering at Latinos Unidos Siempre, a youth group for Latin@ youth, and began his own journey as a danzante with the Titlakawan Azteca group in Salem. **"The best part about being back home is reconnecting with my family before I leave again this fall to start school at the University of San Francisco School of Law,"** he says. Agustin plans to specialize in Public Interest/Social Justice law. His goals are to work with Spanish-speaking, economically disadvantaged, and indigenous populations regarding issues such as wage theft, housing and language discrimination, and other issues affecting marginalized communities. He began wanting to focus on these things during his Ethnic Studies internship at the Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County where he encountered these problems on a daily basis. Long term he hopes to work at a non-profit organization that gives free legal aid and counsel to low-income communities.

### Agustín Vega-Peters



# OMLI Reunion



The OMLI reunion this year took a turn in the right direction. Previous reunions were structured so that people were separated by the weeks in which they came. This year all of the weeks came together and interacted with one another. This year was said to be more inclusive and a much closer reunion. All the students got to interact with each other and share their stories with the rest of the group. The reunion ended with a video that showed the events that took place during all the three weeks.

During winter term, the entire group of first year CAMP Scholars visited Wenatchee, WA for the annual CAMP Consortium. This event brings together many CAMP programs throughout the Northwest in a full day of educational and inspirational activities. CoolSpeak was there to facilitate the fun activities. The speakers were very passionate about turning dreams and goals into reality. In addition, they were honest about the challenges along the way. Our students learned a lot about themselves and their motivations for pursuing higher education. Plus they met many other students from other programs. Altogether, it was an incredible experience for all involved. More than anything, the CAMP Scholars were reminded of the great opportunity before them to take their studies seriously and earn their college degrees one day.

## CAMP Consortium



## MAMMA Mia Concert in Seattle

During Spring break Angel Torres, Brenda Agustin, Cynthia Cravajal, Jorge Ramos, Alicia Osorio, Fabiola Sanchez, and Jose Morales, along with the staff Amas Aduviri, Maria Andrade-Diaz, and Alexsandra Dos Reis, had the opportunity to visit Seattle, Washington for the Mamma Mia broadway performance. These students were able to bond and get to know each other a little better by exploring the beauty of Seattle, Washington together. The students began their day by shopping downtown and then proceeded to explore the city. They got to visit the Fish Market, the Great Wheel, the famous Gum Wall, and many other sites. They had dinner at the Cheesecake factory and ended the night with the Mamma Mia Broadway Musical. ***"It was a great feeling because I love to travel and knowing that getting my education will definitely help me fulfill my desires to travel all over the world. Seattle was one of the many cities on my checklist,"*** states Angel Torres.

# CAMP HIKE WORKSHOP



One of the workshops for the CAMP class this term was the Health Education Workshop. This workshop consisted of the students hiking in the McDonalds Forest and talking about health. Aside from being an exercise to the students, this workshop also exposed them to the community outside of the main campus.

# 4TH ANNUEL CAMP SOCCER TOURNAMENT



For the Fourth Annual Soccer Tournament we had the Staff Team, the Chokocrispis FC, and the Woes. Unfortunately Chemeketa was not able to participate this year, but we hope to play with them for the 5th Annual tournament. Congratulations to his years winners, the alumni team, Chokocrispis FC.

Tournament winners: Edward Miranda, Martin Cortez, Alfredo Vazquez, Oscar Flores, Emmanuel Cortez, Guillermo Vasquez, Brenda Olivera, Luis Hernandez, Clarisa Caballero, and Katya Campos.

## AMAS' UPDATES

We are fully enjoying the spring weather! This year, it seems we skipped the winter weather, and I hope we have great summer weather. In this newsletter issue, I would like to highlight some of things are happening in CAMP and there are in no specific order.

Back in March, we've selected the 2015-16 cohort. They come from all over the state, literally! We in CAMP are excited to meet them and their families during the START Bilingue on June 28th and 29th.

This term, we went through a site program performance evaluation. An external peer evaluator spent two days interviewing CAMP staff and participants, as well as some University personnel. The preliminary report indicates that we are performing well as a program, but I am very interested to see the final report and its recommendations. As a staff, we'll examine in more detail the report this summer and take action on the recommendations. As a program we continue to strive for the best.

We are also getting ready for the Oregon Migrant Student Leadership Institute, (known as the OMLI) that will take place the last two weeks of July and the first week in August. OMLI is a result of our close collaboration with our state Migrant Education Program and the 19 regions the MEP is represented in Oregon. We have received all the applications and 180 migrant high school students will be coming to OSU during those three weeks. A staff of 20 individuals will be working directly with the participants. Fourteen of the staff members are current and past CAMP students.

Around this time there are always some excitement as well some sadness. This year, I am excited that 22 past CAMP students will be graduating from OSU, but also sad because they'll be leaving OSU and perhaps some of them we'll never see them again. Regardless, I am very proud of their accomplishments!

Lastly, our annual CAMP Recognition Ceremony event is around the corner. On June 6th, current students, graduating students, families, OSU faculty and staff and other invitees will celebrate the accomplishment of our students. The keynote speaker at the event is someone who was part of the first OSU CAMP cohort in 2004, which makes the event more appropriate. With this celebration, we'll officially bring to a close the academic year. Over the years, we at OSU CAMP continue to make a difference in the lives of our participants and beyond.

