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Being the oldest sibling is never an easy task, especially coming from a migrant family. Expectations are high when parents sacrifice so much for our success and even higher when there are siblings who look up to us. Arturo Carrillo exemplifies what any family could ask of a son, brother, and leader.

Joining our family in 2007, Arturo began the lineage of Carrillos that would come to be CAMP members. From a young age, the Carrillo parents were insistent on the importance of education. They made it clear that they believed Arturo was the example for his siblings, and he rejoiced in the big brother role. His five siblings, Jessenia, Mariela, Jesus, Amanda, and Ricardo, are all following close in his footsteps and have their own lists of accomplishments. Three of them have also joined the Oregon State CAMP community and will be highlighted in this term's newsletter along with Arturo: Mariela, Jesus, and Amanda Carrillo.

As a Physical Therapist in The Dalles, Oregon, Arturo is an outstanding member of the migrant community. After graduating from Oregon State with a degree in Science of Exercise and Sports' Science, he continued his higher education at Regis University, receiving a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. In his journey to becoming a Physical Therapist, Arturo always kept his siblings in mind. He states “I always wanted them to be proud of me. It has been great seeing them grow from babies to ‘almost contributing members of society.’” His leadership and caring role continue into the outer community as well. He provides seasonal farm workers with therapy sessions free of charge, provides free community courses targeted at the Latinx community, informing them on exercises, and presents at the local high school on Career Day. Today, Arturo is happily married to his college sweetheart, Yanele, who is also a part of the CAMP family. Together they enjoy traveling and look forward to starting a family in the near future.

Mariela followed in her older brother's footsteps when she joined CAMP in 2013. With a goal of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner, she graduated with a degree in Public Health with an emphasis in Behavioral Health and Health Promotion.

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With this degree, she is working with Umatilla County as a Mental Health Associate. Through her work, Mariela is able to deliver “evidence-based intervention to populations of children K-12 who are at risk.” This position will soon come to an end however, as her plan is to return to school and work towards a Master’s degree in Health Administration or complete Nursing School. While still unsure on which route she will take, Mariela is sure of two things and those are her passion for helping others and her longing for travel.

Similarly, to his other siblings, Jesus plans to join the healthcare field upon his graduation from OSU. His journey with CAMP began in 2016 and continues as he tutors the newest CAMP cohort. Finishing his third year, Jesus awaits his graduation coming up next year as he pursues a degree in Kinesiology with an option in Pre-Physician Assistant Studies. With his intended degree, he hopes to go on to graduate school and complete his training to become a Physician Assistant (PA). His inspiration to become a PA derived from his family. Both Arturo and Mariela’s educational discussions with Jesus, when they would come home, triggered his interest of anatomy and physiology. His mother also played a part as she returned to school and became a nurse while he was in high school. The love, support, and examples set by his family push him to achieve his goals. In his mind, he saw going to college as challenge and wanted to show his siblings and parents that he could do it too. More recently, Jesus has found a new passion alongside Arturo: Cider making. He plans to add a Fermentation Sciences minor and looks forward to expanding on his cider making endeavors.

Deviating from her siblings, Amanda is on her way to making a statement, a fashion statement. As one of the newest members of our family, Amanda was influenced by her older siblings and mother. Their pursuit of a higher education led her to set a goal of obtaining a degree, but her passion for fashion design is what led to her intended major in Apparel Design. Her dream is to create a clothing line that integrates her Latin culture. This clothing line would be in dedication of influential women, and perhaps men as well, such as Selena Quintanilla, Frida Kahlo, Shakira, and others. Other than that major goal, Amanda would like to use her degree to work for a high-end fashion company or own her own business/brand. In the present, Amanda is enjoying her first year of college. She spends her time joining clubs, exercising, completing school work, working, and attending campus events. In the future, she plans to add a minor in either merchandising or a different language. With a newly acquired language, Amanda would find success in her hope to travel and design clothing for people from poverty-stricken areas/countries.

All of the Carrillo siblings share a passion for education. Their parents instilled in them a hard work ethic and the hope, of every migrant family, to do better for themselves. Arturo, Jessenia, Mariela, Jesus, and Amanda have gone on to pursue/complete a higher education. Ricardo, the youngest, is completing his high school studies. Perhaps he will be next in joining the CAMP familia. In either case, CAMP has been fortunate to have had four students who exemplify what it is like to persevere and set an example for others.

CAMP Scholars go Abroad



Aleya Garcia – Traveling for Growth

From a young age, Aleya Garcia had a passion for traveling. Between her intended Ethnic Studies major and love for travel, she was able to find a program based in Peru that focused on Indigenous people and Globalization. While in Peru, Aleya was able to conduct her own research on cultural factors between the access to maternal health and the health care center in Ocongate. Upon finishing her research, she was able to present her data to her cohort and program staff. Her hard work in finalizing the research was rewarding as she faced some challenges in the small town of Ocongate with

limited access to electricity and hot water. Aleya experienced many opportunities to learn and grow. When studying abroad, she advises students to do as much research as possible on the intended program, the study abroad experiences others have had, and on the different experiences that students of color may have.

CAMP Alumni...Where Are They Now?



Romeo Lopez Gonzalez – CAMP Scholar 2006

In 2006, Romeo Lopez Gonzalez became part of CAMP. During his undergraduate studies, Romeo found his experience at Oregon State to be “transformative.” His migrant background made it difficult for him to build meaningful relationships amongst all of the traveling he had to do during his high school years, but this would come to change. Between the support provided by his CAMP family, the cultural centers, and student organizations, Romeo was able to flourish. He was very active in the OSU community and received the opportunities to co-chair for an organization, become a coordinator for a cultural center, teach a class, and gain immense skills in public speaking. Romeo went on to graduate with not one, but two degrees, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences and in Ethnic Studies. Romeo did not stop there. He went on to graduate school where he earned a Master’s in College Student Services Administration. Today, his hard work has led to the position of Secretary for the Provost and Executive Vice President of the Oregon State University. In this role, Romeo hopes to support underrepresented students: as this was his goal in aiming to work in College Administration. His hopes for the future include focusing on family and current job and finding new opportunities to continue his passion for supporting students.

CAMP Summer Bridge



OSU Welcomed 35 new CAMP Scholars and their families to our program during CAMP Summer Bridge 2 weeks before Fall term.



July

Lesli A.
Rocio L.
Alexis M.
Araceli O.
Victor R.

August

Nain G.
Yvette M.
Joaquin T.

September

Margarita M.
Jonathan M.

October

David G.
Kevin M.
Leslie N.
Ramon R.

November

Gustavo F.
Victoria G.

December

Giovani A.
Gonzalo E.
Dennet F.
Jacqueline O.

Upcoming Events

- January 10 – The Lion King on Broadway
- January 16 – Welcome Back Pozole
- February 15 – United States Hispanic Leadership Institute

A word from the Director – Amas' Updates



Late in July, I had to take a student to Newberg, OR because her mother had just passed away. The 59-mile drive became one of the longest drives of my summer. After dropping the student off, I randomly choose a Mexican restaurant to eat my lunch. To my surprise the waitress knew me. I asked when and where I had met her. She says: I attended the Oregon Migrant Leadership Institute (MLI) three summers ago and the Institute has changed my education and I became motivated to finish high school. My next question was the expected. Where are you going to college? She replied: I received a full ride scholarship at Humboldt University in California and that's where I'm going for Fall 2018. This conversation reminded me of the many stories I hear many times from past MLI attendees about reaching their dreams to finally enroll at a university.

This past summer and fall has been one of the greatest months because, we at OSU CAMP made a difference on many migrant young lives through the MLI Program. Last summer, we expanded serving to more than 250 high school migrant youth. Because of this experience, many migrant youth see higher education a real possibility and I'm glad we were part of that experience. We hope to see many of the participants come to OSU in the future.

I'm pleased to read the front story about the Carrillo family. CAMP has been able to positively impact families and we have several examples as the Carrillo's siblings. On another note, this year, we have 35 new CAMP Scholars from several high schools throughout the state, surprisingly we have several students from Ontario and Nyssa and four students from a small high school in the Madras area. So far, they seem to be very committed to their education and also appear to be united as a group. They all participated in the CAMP Summer Bridge Program in September, and I was able to meet with each of them in October.

CAMP continues to have the same staff members, no changes so far. I truly appreciate their energies and willingness to do the extra mile to outreach and provide intentional services to our target population. We're off to a good start this academic year.

CAMP Etiquette Dinner



CAMP Scholars get a lesson in etiquette from John and Maria Haroldson to prepare for USHLI.

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