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In 2013, Eduardo Santa Cruz-Enriquez made a decision that would alter the future paths for his siblings. Being the first in the Santa Cruz-Enriquez family to join CAMP and to pursue higher education, Eduardo set the example for, not only his sisters but, his entire family.

From the start, Eduardo had his mind set on working in the beef industry and completed his degree in Animal Sciences. His success did not stop there. His intentions of entering the beef industry were achieved and he now has a leading position in a field he is passionate about. He leads a team at the Beef Northwest organization as their Assistant Manager. He enjoys his profession and states “I consider myself very successful and I am very thankful for all of the opportunities I received during my time at Oregon State.” His drive does not stop there, however. In the future, Eduardo sees himself running his own ranch and raising cattle and goats.

Following in similar steps, Jakelyn Santa Cruz-Enriquez joined the CAMP family in 2016. She is currently still working towards her intended Agricultural Business Management bachelor’s degree and minor in Animal Science. Her passion for continuing her education has highly been motivated by her mother. “My mother didn’t get the opportunity to get a high school diploma, so it has always been her dream to watch her children walk across the stage with a bachelor’s degree.” Inspired by her brother and organizations, such as FFA and 4-H, Jakelyn hopes to work for an ag lending company in order to provide financial support to individuals like her brother who want to start their own farms or ranches. While she completes her studies, Jakelyn finds the time to be highly involved with a variety of organizations on campus. Her varying positions include being: an ambassador for the College of Agricultural Sciences, merchant chair for her sorority Sigma Alpha, and is a part of the College of Sciences Leadership Academy.

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All of her dedication to these organizations has allowed her to develop leadership skills that will aid her in her long-term goals. Ultimately, Jakelyn is working to own her own agricultural-related company and give back to the youth in her community.

This year, Gabriela Santa Cruz-Enriquez began paving her own path into an agricultural future. As a recent CAMP member, she has begun her studies in Agricultural Sciences and in a minor in Comparative International Agriculture. Much like her siblings, she hopes to influence others on the importance of agriculture, quite literally. Gabriela aspires to be a high school agriculture teacher and place emphasis on international agriculture by taking her students on trips. In the meanwhile, she continues to add to the impressive Santa-Cruz Enriquez resume by partaking in extracurricular activities and being highly involved within the university.

The importance of their work, and others’ working in the agricultural fields, often goes unappreciated. Their field of work is what provides us with sustainable and ethical foods and is a strong aspect of what brings the CAMP family together, as many of our families have similar professions. An example of the success a migrant family can reach through the generations, the Santa Cruz-Enriquez sibling have worked hard to honor their mother’s sacrifices and build on her efforts. The potential in these siblings can only leave wonder on what they and their younger siblings will accomplish next.

**CAMP Scholars go Abroad**

**Jorge Ramos – Growth Amongst the Unknown**

As Jorge Ramos got closer to his graduation, he was missing out on the opportunity of studying abroad. A conversation with friends and family led to his applying to a program that allowed him to visit several countries and make new memories. These countries included: Iceland, England, Germany, Spain, Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Myanmar, Vietnam, China, and Japan. While traveling around the world, Jorge was able to mostly get over his fear of the ocean while scuba diving in South Africa and managed to see 2 out of 7 wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal and The Great Wall of China. During his time in this program, he was surprised to see how welcoming everyone was no matter the country. He bonded with these people through food, dancing, and laughter. Even more shocking was the difference in atmosphere that he found from country to country. In the United States, a more individualistic approach is scene throughout our culture, but in the countries Jorge visited, he was happy to embrace the collectivism approach to life. As others consider studying abroad, Jorge recommends that others try to be as open to their new experiences. He believes that keeping an open mind and embracing the different cultures can be an opportunity of a lifetime.
Lorena Ambriz –  
CAMP Scholar 2013

Graduated in 2018, Lorena Ambriz earned her bachelor’s degree in Sociology with a concentration in Crime and Justice and a minor in Philosophy and Social Justice. During her time at Oregon State University, she was exemplary of what CAMP alumni are able to accomplish. Lorena worked in the: Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, Women’s Center, ASOSU, CAMP, and OMLI. She formed part of organization such as: MECHA, ADELANTE, Mock Trial team, Agents of Change through Law, Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, and the Oregon Students of Color Coalition. To continue adding to her impressive undergraduate resume, she managed to study abroad in London and land an internship in Senator Jeff Merkley’s office. Today, she resides in Portland, Oregon and is pursuing a Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice while working as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. Lorena is unsure of what her future holds but takes joy in her studies and looks forward to accomplishing more in during her graduate career.

Jose Becerra –  
CAMP Scholar 2007

Opportunity knocked on Jose Becerra’s door when he joined CAMP in 2007. That year led him to everlasting friendships and eye-opening experiences that made him become more dedicated and responsible when it came to his success. In his words, “It just made me realize that with an education in this country, you can achieve many things but more importantly, it opens many doors for you to be successful; in reality, nothing is impossible.” These doors are the ones he worked hard to open for his family, as he wanted to provide opportunities that he did not have when growing up. He held these values as he worked towards his Bachelor’s degree in History and even through his return to Oregon State to complete his second degree in Education. He is now opening more doors for young minds as he teaches seventh and eighth graders at Linus Pauling Middle School. As a dual immersion teacher, he has the opportunity to teach History in Spanish. Jose hopes to continue in this position for a few more years, but he ultimately hopes to transition into a position as an Athletic Director or Vice-Principal. His advice to collegiate students is to learn to network as “you really need to find avenues to sell yourself and meet people that can help you put your feet in the door of somewhere/place.”

Upcoming Events

- April 10 – Welcome Back Carne Asada
- April 26 – Northwest CAMP Consortium
- June 8 – Recognition Ceremony
The spring term has already started. We cruised pretty much through winter term and now it’s the second week of spring term. So far, not much to share other than the term has already been moving faster than I expected. This past term, one of our big events was the trip to Chicago, IL for the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) conference. Most of our students (30) and staff attended this conference and the learning and experience was valuable for all those who were part of conference. Another event for the program was the “Reunion” of past attendees of the Oregon Migrant Leadership Institute (OMLI). Close to 80 high school students throughout Oregon came to Portland for a day to reconnect and share their experiences after their participation in OMLI. Many shared about getting better grades, being accepted into different colleges and universities, applying and getting scholarships, taking on leadership roles at their schools, etc. It’s amazing to hear about and see the impact made by OMLI on the choices and decisions students are making.

In terms of outreach and recruitment, February was the deadline for the application for the upcoming CAMP cohort. On February 26th, the Review Committee (faculty and staff from different campus units compose this committee) read the applications and recommended the new 35 students for 2019-20. Also, they recommended the students to be placed on the waiting list. The acceptance letters already had been mailed to prospective CAMP scholars.

This the second week of spring term and the last for the year. Our students continue to give their best on their studies, and we see some of them more often in our building than others. We hope CAMP students continue to excel on their academics, get higher grades, and finish strong this term. CAMP will continue to make sure students do their best until the last day of classes. I am excited for the spring term; the potential nice weather and warmth is a plus too.

**CAMP Activities**

30 CAMP Scholars were able to travel to Chicago, IL and attend the United State Hispanic Leadership Institute where they were able to hear many prominent speakers including, Dolores Huerta and a couple presidential candidates.