Student Workers

The Centro Cultural César Chávez has had a positive turning point this year at Oregon State University, Spring of 2014. They constructed a new center, creating a larger capacity, and has increased the number of events that are being held at the center. This has many positive effects on our Latino community, on and off campus. It has lead us to expand our resources to help our students.

Nazario Rivera, a 4th year student was introduced to the center his freshman year while in CAMP. He describes the center as “A home away from home”, where he can go socialize with others in a safe and comfortable environment. It has helped him meet other Latino students, while also helping identify himself and learn more about his culture. Not only learn about his Mexican culture, but it has helped him learn about other Latino cultures as well. By attending events the center puts on such as sexuality, economics, and many others that are not just strictly Latino culture based, but a broad range of issues occurring within and our university. As an internal coordinator this year at the 4 C’s, it has helped him take on a whole different role compared to other on campus positions he has previously held. It has lead him to be a mentor to help his staff, while also preparing him with new skills.

“CAMP was actually the reason that I applied to the 4 C’s”, explains Nayeli Ruiz a current CAMP student. Throughout the whole year, Greg and Maria send out emails with a lot of job opportunities, its just up to us to take action. Ruiz was given the job opportunity to work as the center coordinator, where she has learned to create events. This opportunity has lead her to get out of her comfort zone and be an active leader on campus. It has helped expand her choices here at Oregon State, by introducing her to new career possibilities.

The Centro Cultural César Chávez has helped students across campus. It has created an enjoyable environment, where they can relate and learn from one another. Thank you to all the centers on campus, who have helped create resources for students.
These last couple of days has been very quiet in our CAMP offices, except for the noises of the building construction next to our offices. School is over and summer is here!

This was our last year for our grant cycle, but last week we were notified for funding for another five years. This means that we will continue to serve the 36 scholars we selected back in March in the upcoming academic year. We ended our academic year in a high note with the CAMP Recognition Ceremony and the “Si Se Pudo” graduation where both keynote speakers who are CAMP alumni were amazing speaking out of their heart and 22 past CAMP students graduate this year.

We are also getting ready for the Oregon Migrant Student Leadership Institute that will take place in July. The Leadership Institute is the result of our close collaboration with our state Migrant Education Program. Our goal is to serve 180. We have received most of the applications and close to 180 migrant high school students in the three weeks. A staff of 20 individuals will be working directly with the participants. Fourteen of the staff members are CAMP students who are currently enrolled at OSU and some of them are recent graduates.

Also, we’ll be soon starting with the process to hire the Outreach Specialist position. My hope is the new staff will be able to joins us sometime in September. We are excited to have the new person in our team. But I want to give my appreciation to Melisa Lopez for being an outstanding person in her position these last three years and also I’m proud of her accomplishment of getting her Master’s degree.

I am looking forward with my staff to continue to work with students from farm worker backgrounds as we’ve done over the years. We at OSU CAMP continue to make a difference in the lives of our participants and beyond.

**AMAS’ UPDATES**

**Congratulation Class of 2014**

Melisa Lopez, M Ed.  
Aaron Bautista, BS  
Ruby Canchola, BS  
Marlene Cervantes, BS  
Vanessa Cervantes, BA  
Jaqueline Diaz, BA  
Alexsandra Dos Reis, BS  
Fidel Izquierdo, BS  
Jose Lachino, BS  
Aniano Lara Gomez, BS  
Marisol Moreno-Ortiz, BA  
Christopher Navarro, BS  
Lizeth Ochoa, BS  
Marco Olivera, BS  
Oliver Padilla, BA  
Angelica Perez, BS  
Leonel Perez, BS

John Rivas, BS  
German Serrano, BS  
Erica Teran, BS  
Agustin Vega-Peters, BA

Left: Marlene Cervantes delivers amazing speech as the keynote for “Si Se Pudo”  
Below: Amas celebrates with our CAMP Alumni graduates.