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## Laura Galindo - A True Inspiration To Our Community

Fighting oppression in the United States is what Laura Galindo stands for. She believes in empowering people of color in order to fight for their own rights. She is currently a junior majoring in Political Science. She plans to attend law school and study human rights and immigration law. She is a strong and admirable Latina. For her strong personality and her determined mind she has had the amazing opportunities to explore the wonders of Washington DC.

Her freshman year, she had a paid internship on The Hill with Senator Gillibrand from New York. She was able to get this internship with the help of HEP/CAMP and the Congress Hispanic Caucus Institute. In the spring of her sophomore year, she went to DC with ASOSU, where they discussed educational issues with Oregon legislators. That same summer she earned an unpaid internship in Washington DC through the help of her sisters of Kappa Delta Chi. This internship was at a political consulting firm, Solidarity Strategies. Solidarity Strategies is one of the



*"Every time I go to DC I learn something new. I've never been to a place as diversified as DC, la ciudad se manifiesta en cultura."*



*"I couldn't have done it without the help of Amas Aduviri, and my Solidarity family Jessica Mejia, Sonia Rangel and Chuck Rocha."*

On top of all these incredible experiences, Laura was also selected as a candidate for the 2014 National United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI). This fall term she has been an RA in Sackett Hall, a senator for ASOSU, a Mentor for the Meyers Program at the NAL, and she also worked in ISS for Oscar Montemayor planning the 2015 USHLI conference. Laura's hardworking ethic has allowed her to attain all these jobs just within one term. Unfortunately, she had to put a pause to all these accomplishments to open a new chapter in her life.

600 students nationwide, three of which are from Oregon State and one of which is Laura Galindo, are currently on a voyage called Semester at Sea. These students earned the chance to study around the world for the entire semester. Laura's trip began January 7 in San Diego, California then traveled to Ensenada, Mexico where they boarded their ship and began their adventure around the world. Laura has the incredible experience to travel to Hawaii, Japan, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Burma, India, Mauritius, South Africa, Namibia, Morocco, and England. She is taking five classes with a total of 15 credits. Her lectures and classes are scattered over the countries they visit, which is a major part of the experience of studying at sea. Her favorite aspect of the trip is being able to completely immerse herself in the cultures of these countries.

The price for the trip was not an impediment for Laura. Her hard-driven personality allowed her to make her dream a reality. She was able to cover more than half of it through scholarships and the rest with the help of her family and friends. Laura is a true inspiration to the Latin community.



This year marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual conference for The United States Hispanic Leadership Institute. Programs like MASA, CASA, Kalmekak, and CAMP sponsor students to attend this phenomenal conference. This year CAMP sponsored six current CAMP students: Viviana Castañeda, Miguel Leon, Erica Morales, Cynthia Carvajal, Angel Torres, and Cesilia Montes. Three other CAMP students were also sponsored through MASA: Karen Montes, Vanessa Leon, and Ricardo Perez. These nine students created a slideshow



presentation to share with their cohort the experiences they had at USHLI. This ranged from quotes that stuck with them from the speakers, forums they attended, to tips from the workshops they went to. Needless to say, this is an experience they cherished deeply and one they encourage others to participate in as well.

Multiple CAMP alumni were also able to attend through the help of these same organizations. Through the help of MASA, Nazario Rivera, Jose Perucho, Katya Campos, Gabriel Rojas, Kenya Juarez, and Alex Arreguin were able to attend the conference. Through the help of the general funds through Oscar Montemayor, Martin Cortez, Amparo Mata, Nayeli Ruiz, Alexandra Dos Reis, Esther Rodriguez, Lorena Ambriz, Pedro Arenas, Arturo Sayago, Andrea Flores, Azalea Martinez, Gerardo Perez, Anesat Leon were also able to attend the conference. Diana Rojas was also able to attend the conference through the help of ADELANTE and Laura Mondragon was sponsored through CAMP.

## Annual CAMP Potluck

This year the CAMP Potluck was hosted at the Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. The purpose of the event is to create a memorable interaction between



the mentors and their mentee group. They were encouraged to create a dish together, this includes agreeing on a dish, going out to purchase the ingredients, and cooking the food. On Potluck day all the groups shared their dishes and experiences with one another. The highlight of the event is the white elephant gift exchange. This is what the students liked the most. The gifts ranged from board games to coloring books and gag gifts, which gave everyone a good laugh! Ultimately the event was a great success!

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**Term Birthdays**

**January**

YASMIN MUNOZ  
VANESSA NUNEZ

**February**

VIKI HERNANDEZ  
SANDRA MECINAS  
ADAN AVILA  
JOSSELYN GUILLEN  
JAQUELINE LEDEZMA

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## CAMP SCHOLAR FINDS PHENOMENAL INTERNSHIP!!!



### Blas Garfias

Blas Garfias is a senior at Oregon State studying Mechanical Engineering. Fall term he attained an amazing internship in Marysville, Ohio with Honda of America in the Marysville Auto Plant. After applying for the position online and going through a series of interviews Blas had the opportunity to intern with Honda for a total of 13 weeks. *“Working for Honda has been my dream job; the co-op position gave me a foot in the door and also exposed me to a career with the company.”* He held the position of Mechanical Engineering Co-op in the Assembly Quality Department. This position required him to analyze and problem solve for the quality of the vehicles being produced and testing new tools on the assembly line. This experience gave Blas the opportunity to make use of his skills as a mechanical engineer.

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

### Aaron Bautista



Aaron Bautista graduated from Oregon State this past June and graduated from CAMP in 2010. Aaron majored in Human Development and Family Sciences

with a focus on Early Child Development. Upon graduation he was offered a job as an assistant teacher at a KidCo Head Start at the Riverside Center in Albany. Aaron plans on going to graduate school and receiving his Master's Degree in Education and eventually work as a middle school or high school teacher.

### Marcos Zavala



Marcos Zavala graduated from Oregon State in 2014 and graduated from CAMP in 2009. He majored in Computer Science with an applied option in Software Systems for Sustainability and Renewable Energy. Marcos has been working as a Software Validation Test Engineer at Intel Corporation, improving the Bluetooth technology.

Furthermore, he is doing what many of us Latin@ students wish to accomplish upon graduation. Marcos is spending time with his family and financially helping his family. He is also providing support and encouraging his siblings to pursue a higher education. Marcos would like to work in Mexico, his home country, as an engineer. However, he wishes to gain experiences across borders; he wishes to go somewhere new and submerge himself in the culture. In further plans, he also wishes to own his own company and have a family.

*“Currently, I feel lonely being one of the few Latinos working for my current company and I would like to see more of us grow as professionals in this area and contribute to the technological revolution that is currently going on.”*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* Mar 6 -- CAMP Consortium
- \* Apr 1 -- Welcome Back BBQ
- \* Apr 17 -- Breach Trip
- \* May 17 -- Soccer Tournament
- \* June 6--Recognition Ceremony



We are almost done with the winter term of this academic year, and finals are next week! It seems also we didn't have an usual winter weather this term. It feels like we are in spring. Last week, I was able to join my students to watch the movie *McFarland, USA*, a movie based on a true story where a football coach with prior anger management issues takes a job in McFarland, a farming town where most of the students work in the fields and attend their local schools. He (the coach) and the students embark on an uphill battle to finally be a very successful team. This was a great movie and also was great to watch with my students who have similar backgrounds.

On a personal note, I am enjoying my work overseeing CAMP and TRiO SSS. However, I wish I had more time to connect with my students (on both sides) on a daily basis. I see many of them are doing amazingly and few struggling with their classes. I'm looking forward to see their grades at the end of the term.

Also, it is exciting that next week we are sending letter of acceptance to students who'll be cohort two for this grant cycle. Thirty-five scholars will be accepted for next year.

As you read this newsletter, you will notice how past CAMP Scholars have gone beyond and doing great things. They have their own uphill battles, but like in the movie, many of them have conquered their dreams and won the battle.