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CAMP Tales: A Love Story

Marisol grew up in Hillsboro, Oregon. She came to Corvallis in 2007 where she began her college experience. She was one of the CAMP Scholar Interns (CSI) and became the CSI mentor for the following two years. Throughout her college experience she worked and volunteered in various school offices. She worked as a teacher's assistant in the Educational Opportunities Program for the math department, she worked for the Oregon Migrant Leadership Institute, as well as for the Careers Office. Marisol also had the great opportunity to study abroad in Spain her last term as an undergrad. She graduated in 2012 with a major in Exercise and Sports Medicine with an option of Pre-Therapy and Allied Health and a minor in Spanish. Upon graduation, she was accepted into George Fox University and earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in May 2015. During her time in George Fox she had the opportunity to do her research project in Uganda, Africa where she had the opportunity to provide treatment for children with disabilities. Marisol is currently working in Ontario, Oregon at the St. Alphonus Rehabilitation Service. She eventually plans to work in Physical Therapy.



Ruben was born in Michoacán Mexico, but was raised in Boardman, Oregon. His college career began in 2006. He graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science in spring 2010. He later received his Master's in Animal Reproductive Physiology in spring 2013. While Ruben was in school he took part of the pre-veterinary association, OSU Dairy Club, and OSU steer-A year program. He worked in the Animal reproduction lab as an undergrad and taught introductory level animal sciences labs. He also worked as a Student Herdsmen at the OSU dairy for one and a half years. During grad school, he was teaching higher level reproduction courses and conducting research. He did an internship in Brazil right after he received his Master's. He was there interning for an embryo transfer veterinary clinic, hence that's what he does now. He is currently working for a large Agriculture company called J.R. Simplot Co. as a Bovine (Cow) Embryologist. He handles all of the laboratory duties for the In-Vitro production of cattle embryos. He is now living in the treasure valley of Idaho. He hopes to be stay in that area and with his job for a long time.

Marisol and Ruben meet her freshmen year and his sophomore year during the CAMP events. They have been together for almost 6 years. Most of their relationship was long distance due to school and their professional careers. They made it work and got married on September 19, 2015. The ceremony took place on the eastern side of the state. The religious ceremony was in the Hermiston, Oregon and the reception took place outside in Boardman, Oregon. The wedding had high representation of CAMP alumni. Many family and friends went from all over Oregon. Kenny Arellano who was also in CAMP was Ruben's best man and Rocio Acosta, another CAMP Alumni was Marisol's maid of honor. She also had Roberto Garcia III, who was in EOP, as her man of honor. **"OSU and CAMP continue to bring an enrichment to our lives after graduation in a professional, social and physical manner,"** stated Marisol. They are currently living in Fruitland, Idaho, which is right on the Idaho and Oregon border. There are not currently any children in the picture, but they definitely plan on having a family in the future. For now they will enjoy the presence of Remington, Ruben's hunting dog.

Winter Potluck & White Elephant Exchange

This year the CAMP Potluck was hosted at the Asian & Pacific Cultural Center. This event took place Friday of Dead Week and was led by Lorena Ambriz. 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. The groups were required to agree on a dish, purchase the ingredients together, and cooking the food together. On Potluck day all the groups shared their dishes and experiences with one another.



There was an ugly sweater contest and the white elephant gift exchange. The ugly sweater contest was won by Alejandro Saucedo. The mysterious gifts ranged from apples, to live animals, to blankets and much more. The event was full of love, food, and laughter.



4H trip

The current CAMP cohort ventured to the 4H camp in Salem, Oregon at the beginning of the term. The activities at the 4H trip were led and managed by Vicky Antunez and Miguel Paniagua. To start the trip they began with the song contest between the six groups. They were given a word and had to come up with as many songs containing that word. Miguel's group won that game. The following event was the talent show. There was much laughter during the group talent show. The trip helped the students discover the many amazing hidden talents within this year's cohort. Saturday morning the students were taken on a hike around the camping trail. They were able to enjoy the beautiful scenery the camp provided. Overall, the scholars and the mentors were able to get much closer and they were able to bond as a group.





USHLI

This year marks the 34th annual conference for The United States Hispanic Leadership Institute. This conference is an extraordinary opportunity for students and young professionals to meet recruiters, national policy-makers, and future employers. The conference brings participants together to strengthen their leadership skills and to grow as servant leaders. Participants get to hear nationally prominent, standing-ovation quality speakers and workshop presenters who are highly interactive and experts in their field. Jasmine Meraz, Alejandro Saucedo, Jasmin Huila, Jose Manuel, Efrain Lopez, Brenda Tellez, Sarai Villalobos, Diana Camacho, Marisol Cervantes, and Daniel Cervantes were the 10 young leaders that CAMP sponsored to attend this year's conference. Needless to say, this was an unforgettable experience for the scholars.

*Pictures located on page 5

WRITERS GROUP

The writers' group mainly revolves around WR 115 and WR 121. Students come in with their drafts from WR 121, other class work, or projects such as scholarship letters during their meeting time. The facilitator, Rachana Chanh Son, has the writers' pair off or work in groups of three to look at each other's papers. They go by a peer review guideline called AFOSP (Assignment, Focus, Organization, Support, Proofreading) to prioritize looking at the paper as a whole before dealing with proofreading. Peer review not only helps students improve each other's writing, but also their own. They get to see new perspectives on similar assignments and build revision skills for their own papers. Each writers' group has anywhere from 3 to 8 students. Rachana Chanh Son has worked with the writers' group since Fall 2014. She was introduced to this partnership between the Writing Center and CAMP by her boss Dennis Bennett. She has worked with Melinda Guzman who did the writers' group before her. This term, she is facilitating three groups. Oscar Romero, a current CAMP scholar, likes that the writers group keeps him held accountable, which in turn keeps him on top of his work. Peer reviews also help him do better on his papers and he enjoys helping his peers.



- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- **March 30 - Welcome Back Pozole**
 - **April 8-9 - Beach Trip**
 - **June 4 - Recognition Ceremony**



ALUMNI...WHERE ARE THEY NOW???

Marisol Moreno



In 2010, Marisol began her freshman year at Oregon State University alongside her CAMP cohort and graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor's of Art in English with minor in writing. In the

fall of 2014, she began her Masters of Art in English at Portland State University. She is in her second year of the program and is hoping to graduate this June. She is currently waiting to hear if she has been accepted into the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing with emphasis in Poetry schools she applied to. She wishes to eventually teach literature and writing courses at the university or community college level. And hopes to publish some of her poetry and creative writing pieces, as well as continue writing.

Omar Avila



Omar started CAMP in 2010 and then graduated from OSU in 2014. He majored in BioHealth Sciences with the pre-pharmacy option. After graduation he started filling out applications for pharmacy school and continued with the internship he had at Kaiser Permanente, work-

ing in Pharmacy Administration. He applied to the doctor of pharmacy program at Oregon State and got accepted. Omar is here at OSU in his first year of pharmacy school. The first two years of the program are on the Corvallis campus but the 3rd and 4th year are at OHSU in Portland. He is also interested in doing the Pharm.D/MBA dual degree so if everything works out he will pursue the MBA degree as well. He will be continuing as a pharmacy intern with Kaiser Permanente at their Tualatin location, during the summer. After pharmacy school, he plans on staying in the Portland area and hops to find a full-time job as a pharmacist. *"It's still a long road ahead but I'm already more than half way there!"*

CAMP SCHOLAR GOES ABROAD!!!

Sergio Valenciano



Sergio Valenciano had the opportunity to study abroad in the Netherlands in a city called Nijmegen. Nijmegen is a city a little bigger than Corvallis, with a lot of history and beautiful surroundings. The city is split into two by a river that flows through the city. He went to Nijmegen to complete his International Business Option. Sergio attended Radboud University, which is one of the most prestigious universities in the Netherlands. While his experience with the school system wasn't all that great, he still managed to enjoy his time there. He was in the Netherlands for almost 5 months; from August 10th to December 23rd. The time flew by for Sergio and before he knew it, he was already back home. He tried to visit as much places as he could with the limited time and money. He got to visit a total of 14 countries and 44 cities. Some of those include Denmark, Italy, Morocco, Spain, the United Kingdom, Hungary, Bratislava, and the Czech Republic. Being able to visit all these countries and get a taste of their culture was his favorite part of the experience. Coming from a diverse background, he was better able to understand and communicate

with people from other cultures. Also, being able to learn about his self and his identity was nice, as well as super eye opening and a bit challenging at times. The hardest thing that he had to deal with was eating healthy and finding some spicy food. Being in a country where all that they eat is bread and bland boring food was hard for Sergio. He went to Subway often just to buy jalapenos. He also missed his family and friends, but was able to facetime them often. *"Overall I loved my experience abroad and would honestly say that I learned more outside the classroom than I did inside. I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to have that experience and I always thank my parents for giving me the world. I would challenge everyone who can, to take a term off and go explore the world that is out there!"*

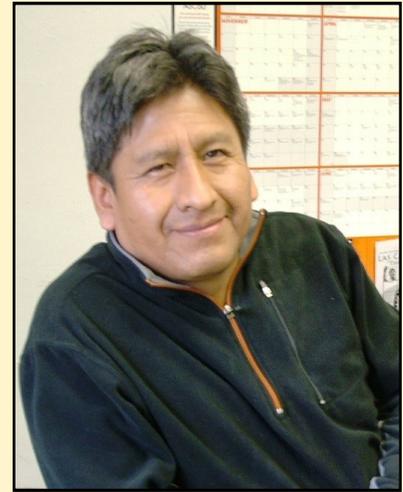


AMAS' UPDATES

This is the finals week for winter term and the spring break is just around the corner. This was a busy term for our students. In February, a group of 10 CAMP scholars attended the USHLI Conference in Chicago. For many or of all the students this was the first time beyond east of central Oregon. No doubt they had a wonderful time there and learned about leadership skills and networking. Also, earlier this month, all students attended the NW CAMP Consortium conference in Seattle, on University of Washington campus. Close to 400 students from all CAMP programs of WA, OR and ID attended this event. OSU CAMP students stayed an extra day to explore and visit the Seattle aquarium.

Around this time, we also select next year's cohort. Last week, the CAMP Review Committee reviewed close to 45 complete applications. Letter of acceptance were sent to forty-three scholars and we are excited that they will be joining the CAMP family in fall term. My gratitude goes to the students who applied for next year as well as to the CAMP Review Committee for read the application and make the recommendations to select those who have the greatest need of the program.

The current 37 students are doing well and soon they will be going through their last term of their first year of experience in college. One student will be leaving us this term and not returning next term. I wish the best and good luck to her; I hope she can return to OSU in the near future.
- Amas



10 CAMP Scholars attend the United State Hispanic Leadership Institute in Chicago

