The CAMP Chronicle

As many of you know, our dear Program Director, Flora Lucatero, has recently left to pursue other opportunities with her husband, Rafael and their soon to be addition to the Lucatero family!

As a staff, we would like to dedicate our Spring Newsletter to Flora Lucatero as a way to thank her for her constant support and dedication to our program. Her commitment to our program never wavered and we wish her nothing but the best as she continues to achieve great things in the future!

We love and miss you, Flora!!!!!!!
Congratulations!!!

Hello to all,

Congratulations! You have made it through your first year as a college student! Over the past year it has been an honor to watch all of you grow as individuals and college students. We are definitely lucky to have you as part of the College Assistance Migrant Program. You are all very inspirational and courageous people! Many of you have overcome obstacles and made sacrifices to continue your education at Central Washington University. We commend you for that! You will soon be the people assisting and sharing experiences with our newest College Assistance Migrant Program family members.

As for recruiting, things are very promising for this upcoming school year. Thus far, we have had good amount of incredible students who have already confirmed acceptance into our program. We are currently in the process of assisting incoming students with paperwork needed to complete their files so that they may be considered for admission to our program. On Monday, May 8th the program staff conducted a “Call Night,” in an attempt to extend our services to incoming Central Washington University migrant students. Thank you to Juanita Silva, Manuel Rodriguez, and Sophia Lucatero for their assistance with this event.

Next, thank you to the following students for volunteering as honorary ushers at the upcoming Hispanic Academic Achievement Program Awards:

Hector Gonzalez, Gerardo Amezola, Mellisa Camarena, Pamela Alvarado, Maria Godinez, Raul Castro, Victor Ruiz, Yesenica Valdivia, Maira Navarro, Guillermo Meza

We hope that all of you have a great summer! If any of you are in Ellensburg please stop by the office because we can get pretty lonely in the summer months. Finally, here is a phrase to live by that is often scribbled in yearbooks, “Stay cool and don’t ever change.”

Sincerely,

David H. Garcia

What’s up at YVCC?

By: Manuel Rodriguez;
CAMP Assistant Retention Counselor

YVCC CAMP students have been very involved this quarter in attending cultural enrichment trips, meetings, and participating in workshops. On April 22, YVCC CAMP students attended Tillicum Village as part of their cultural enrichment activity. All students who attended agreed it was a fun and knowledgeable experience. We also had a monthly meeting on May 10th, where the students worked on creating a resume and cover letter for future job prospects. Wednesday, May 17th, was advising day for YVCC CAMP students. All students who came in for advising were well informed on courses and registration times.

On Wednesday, May 24, CAMP hosted a career night at Central Washington University where YVCC students had the opportunity to interact with CWU CAMP students and gain insight into careers such as business, accounting, education, law, law enforcement, medicine, arts, and entertainment from a panel of local professionals. Everyone gained new information that will be crucial in their future careers.

Our final YVCC monthly meeting was held on June 7th, where CAMP provided a banquet dinner for YVCC CAMP students and their families. With the end of the school year in sight, CAMP recognized and awarded those students who completed their first academic year with the College Assistance Migrant Program. In conclusion, spring quarter offered many fun and educating activities for all students and turned out to be a very productive quarter for all CAMP students.
We had a great opportunity to take 21 CAMP students to Seattle. An exiting event happened on our way to Seattle, Manuel Rodriguez managed to get us lost and Veronica had to save the day for our students. Finally after reaching our destination we had the opportunity to visit historical Tillicum Village on Blake Island. We had a traditional salmon lunch that was cooked over an open fire. During lunch we had the pleasure enjoy a spellbinding dance performance, provided by the Northwest Coast Indian Natives. With in the dance performances they told stories about their history on Blake Island. After the fairy ride the students were able to enjoy down town Seattle, with shopping, eating and hanging out together.

This spring quarter was filled with monthly meetings intended to prepare our students for next year, as well as educate them on campus resources. They were well informed on student employment by an excellent presentation by Gayle Dohrman, the Assistant Director of Financial Aid. She spoke about the opportunities and advantages work-study has to offer. The students were also spoken to by Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Retention Counselor, who researched and arranged a binder filled with a variety of affordable off-campus living locations for students. At our May monthly meeting, Neil McFarlane, Linda Garcia and Thomas Madrigal were present on behalf of Student Support Services. They encouraged our students to join their program in order to continue getting the excellent support they have received throughout their first year of college from CAMP. However, June’s meeting was filled with delicious BBQ food and lots of fun in the sun!! Overall, this quarter’s meetings went great and I hope all your finals went well and everyone has a safe, yet great summer! See you in the fall!!
Spring Quarter 2006 Retention

By: Miriam Bocchetti, Retention Specialist

Another Spring Quarter is upon us and it might be the hottest one yet! As the temperature soars, college students tend to lose their focus and skip class to play outside. But CAMP students are another story! As we plan for all of our exciting upcoming events, many students have taking the lead on different projects this quarter. I would like to take this opportunity to honor several of our students who have accomplished exceptional things! Gerardo Amezola, along with the help of student staff member, Celeste Licea, worked steadily for weeks on what was certainly a big hit at our End of the Year Banquet.

He revamped a traditional PowerPoint slide by adding music and other special effects. We would like to thank Gerardo for his work on this project as it is purely volunteer and very generous of him. Thank you, Gerardo!

Another one of our students planning great things for her future is Martha Sanchez. Martha has secured a spot working at Disneyworld in Florida for Fall Quarter 2006. She will work in retail management as well as have the opportunity to attend classes and receive credit for it. This sounds like one of a kind, rewarding experience. Martha will return to CWU Winter Quarter 2007. Good luck, Martha! We will miss you!

Wendy Chiprez is yet another student who refuses to miss out on any opportunities that come her way! As a freshman recipient of the prestigious INROADS internship, Wendy will spend this summer working at Boeing. She is one of the only freshmen to be chosen for this position. Wendy is looking forward to gaining real work experience as she is planning to major in Finance. In addition, Wendy currently serves as the CAMP club President and is working on a project that will inspire and motivate students on campus to demonstrate their artistic talents for all of campus to enjoy.

As always, we encourage our students to take the necessary steps to prepare for their future and never miss an opportunity because you never know when another is going to present itself. All of our students are very unique individuals and we believe they can accomplish anything they set their minds to. After all, they have survived the transition to college and that is one of the most challenging journeys to embark on!
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