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The Federal College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) grant provides a first year full ride scholarship opportunity at Crowder College for any migrant/seasonal agricultural worker. This financial assistance, although substantial, pales in comparison to the support services our program provides.

This year our CAMP students have been busy setting the bar high for our future CAMP students. They have done this with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Memberships, National Migrant Scholars Initiative Internships, Missouri Community College Association Student Leadership Award, United Planet Merit Scholarship and many other scholarships.

We are extremely proud of our students who have completed their first year with distinction. It is our hope that each and every student continues as lifetime learners. CAMP will always be their home and they will always be the pride of our program.

Congratulations 2017-18 CAMP students! You will always have a place to call home here at Crowder College. Remember, once a CAMPer, always a CAMPer.

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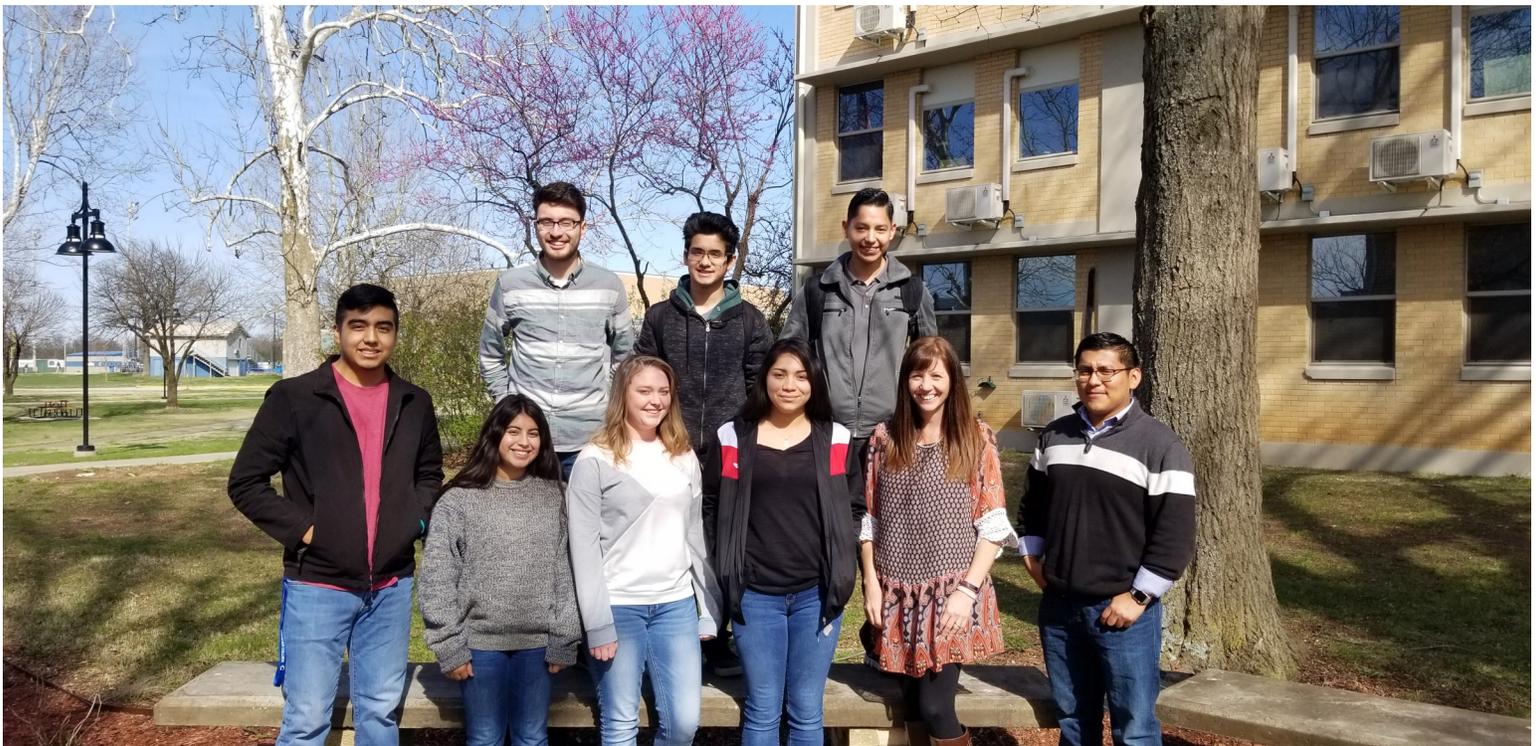


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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS CAMPUS

Written by Kevin Acosta

CAMP STAFF AND STUDENTS participated in a campus visit at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The schedule started with the tour bus being loaded and officially departing Crowder College. After commuting for about an hour, CAMP members were welcomed by the University of Arkansas' tour guides and representatives.

When the tour guides had everything ready, they directed the CAMPers into a presentation room. The CAMPers were then seated to watch a presentation about the university which provided helpful resources. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session which seemed to be very helpful. The CAMPers then split into groups to physically explore and learn more about the campus.

After the tour, the CAMPers were guided to the university's cafeteria for lunch. Around the time of the CAMPers departure from the U of A, some of the students recognized friends who attend classes there. The tour guides and representatives had their last words with their guests before the CAMP students loaded the bus to go back to Crowder College. On the way back, the CAMPers spoke about their day to each other and gave input about their feelings about the university. Many who had lived in Arkansas during their high school years were surprised about how much more relevant the information is for them as transfer students from Crowder College. They were excited about the University of Arkansas now being a real option.



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Posing in front of hog statue. #pigsooie



Old Main was the first permanent building at U of A to be erected in 1875.



Campers (left to right) Kevin Acosta, Alejandro Gardano, Diego Rivas, Francisco Medina, and Marcelo Gardano along with many other CAMPers freely exploring the campus.



Walking tour of the campus



BUILDING HOMES FOR TEXAS - SPRING BREAK

Written by Carlos Palestino

ALMOST A DOZEN Crowder College students and two staff members headed to Odessa, Texas for their spring break, where they participated in community service. Rosario Anguiano a current CAMP student, was one of the participating students as well as four former CAMP students; Kazandra Martinez, Jilberto Alejo, Janet Ibarra, and Elvia Sanchez Rosales. The Crowder students were given the opportunity by Sarah Horine, who led the International Club trip. Sarah said that their purpose in going to Odessa was “to provide service to the Habitat for Humanity area.” The group worked as a team on building a house for a family. Rosario said, “It was one of the hardest community services I have done yet and it was one of the best experiences!”. When asked why it was one of her best experiences, she responded “Because everyone who went had a different personality that fit well with the trip”. She continued by saying, “We all bonded without knowing each other that well.” Former CAMPer, Kazandra Martinez, echoed her response saying that, “The trip was great for getting to know each other better”.

The trip did not only consist of community service. The group also went to The Monahans Sandhills State Park, attended a hockey game and toured the University of Texas Permian Basin. Rosario, who is majoring in teacher education, is now considering transferring to the University of Texas because it had “Everything in a university” she was looking for to finish her bachelor’s degree. Although the group appeared to have a lot of fun, Rosario is most thankful for the opportunity which has opened the door for her education.



Left to right: Jilberto, Rosario, Elvia, Kazandra, Janet and Ibrahima



CAMPERS PLAY BALL

Written by Genaro Cifuentes

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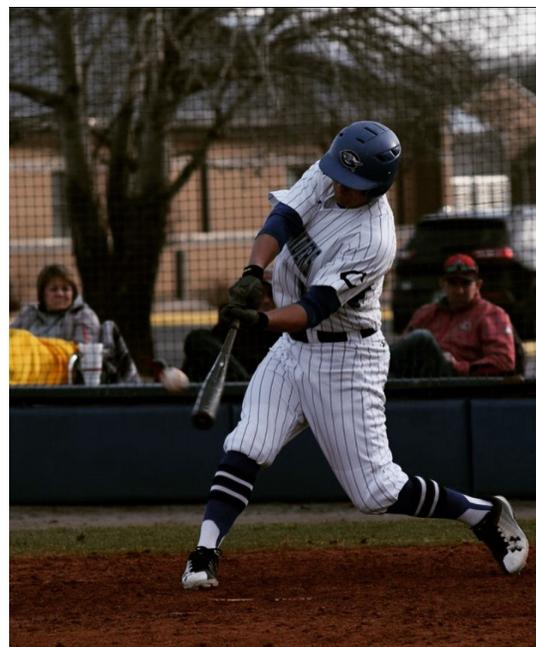
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Michael Chrisman at bat.



Jacob Galbraith in the dugout

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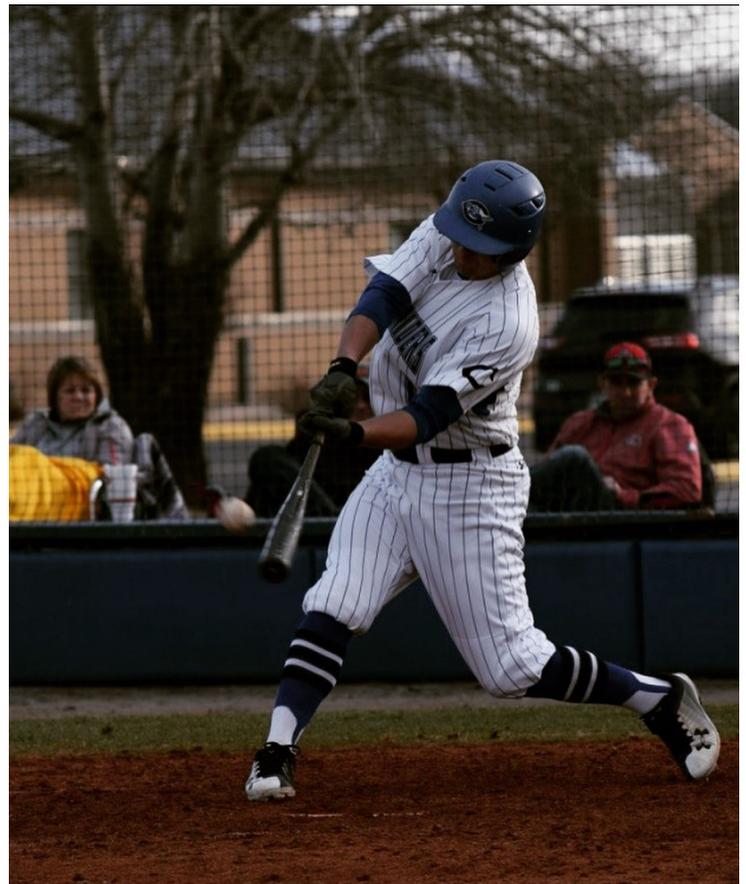
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ROUGHRIDERS CELEBRATE VICTORY!



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Congratulations Graduates!

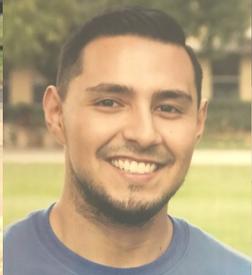
Graduates interviewed by Andrea Calderon

HLA TUN (pictured 1st) will be graduating with an Automotive Technology stackable degree.

One of the difficulties that Hla faced during his time here at Crowder was language. Hla is learning English, but his first language is Karen, which is a language and a group of people from the Thailand-Burma border region in Southeast Asia. Hla had some difficulties communicating and speaking English with the other CAMP students at first. As time passed he met new people and became acquainted with his roommates which helped him “get a better understanding of English, and be more successful in his classes.”

DAVID AMBRIZ will be graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in criminal justice.

A favorite memory that David had with CAMP was going on the cultural trips and CAMP ROCs. He really enjoyed CAMP ROCs because he said that he was able to meet a lot of new people that he is still friends with today. Some advice he had for the incoming students is “to sign up for as many scholarships as possible and to be involved with clubs around the school.”



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FORMER CAMP GRADUATES





HECTOR RIVERA (pictured 2nd) will be graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in business administration.

Hector faced the problem of financial hardship when considering college, but when he found out about **CAMP** it made his decision to attend college possible. He no longer worried about having to pay for classes or books because **CAMP** was able to help him out financially. Hector recommends Crowder to the incoming **CAMP** students because he says “it’s a small school and it is easy to get around. The classes are small and everyone is nice to one another.”

ELVIA SANCHEZ (pictured 3rd) will be graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in business administration.

Elvia has some advice for the incoming **CAMP** students and here's what she has to say, “balance studying and having fun and you will be successful.” She also wants incoming **CAMP** students to know that “you should not be afraid to make new friends, because they will be the ones to encourage you along the way.”

PABLO VARELA (pictured 4th) will be graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in general studies.

Pablo would like **CAMP** students to know that they should “stay on top of assignments, tests and any other activities they have going on. It is easy for you to fall behind and lose sight of your education. If you fall behind or need help with anything there are a lot of people at Crowder that are willing to help you. All you need to do is ask.”

NOT PICTURED: David Hernandez, Janet Ibarra, Jose Jimenez, Leslie Loyola Grijalva, Juan Martinez-Olvera, Jessica Perez, Dayana Rivera, Abigail Ruiz-Gachuzo, Rocio Rodriguez, Omar Rosado, Osiel Salas, Koda Hatfield Stevens,

FORMER CAMPER SCHOLARSHIP

Written by Fermin Hernandez

CAMP HAS A BIG IMPACT on students during their first year in college because they get to experience college without the stress of any financial burden. The CAMP program also provides students with tutors in case CAMP students fall behind in their classes. One CAMPer said, “I like that CAMP was always there for me, and would help me out in any way they could!” Another area CAMP helps students beyond their first year is by offering the Former CAMP Scholarship.

CAMP has five scholarships each year to award to former CAMP students. These scholarships can help college students pay for college expenses in their second year of college. The CAMP staff encourage students to apply to as many scholarships as possible to increase the possibility of getting financial help. Two of the most popular scholarships CAMPers apply for are the Former CAMP Scholarship and the

Foundation Scholarship through Crowder College. In order to qualify for the Former CAMP Scholarship, students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, but it is noted that the higher the GPA, the better chance the student has for receiving the scholarship.

One of the CAMPers who has received this scholarship is Beatriz Sanchez. She is studying to become an occupational therapy assistant. Beatriz is graduating in December of 2018. She was happy to share that “CAMP has a lot to offer.” She explained that CAMP helped “Find her way and helped her to discover her career.” One of the other Former CAMP Scholarship recipients is Leslie Grijalva, who is studying to be a social worker. She said that “CAMP helped her be successful throughout the first year of college by paying for her tuition and helping her with tutors.”

CAMPERS VISIT SILVER DOLLAR CITY FOR CULTURAL EVENT

Written by Esther Miler

APRIL 16, 2018 was a day filled with anticipation for everyone in CAMP because it was the day they all went to Silver Dollar City. Everyone was excited for the day to start, but there were also a few worried faces on the bus because the weather forecast had called for rain that day. Once they arrived, everyone gathered together for a group picture and then they all went separate ways. Silver Dollar City does not just have fun rides, it also has other fun activities such as street shows and theatre performances. For most of the students, the roller-coasters were what they had been excited about, and many headed directly to them once they arrived. Later, when the CAMP students were asked which ride was their favorite, majority of them said they enjoyed the Time Traveler. According to Rosario Anguiano, the ride reminded her of the movie *Alice in Wonderland*; “It had that kind of vibe,” she said. Some of the students felt like going on a different adventure, so

they went on the American Plunge. This ride accelerates down a slide into a stream of water, splashing water on both sides of it and of course, the riders. Needless to say, after they got off the ride, their clothes were completely soaked. The students were all given a meal ticket for any restaurant in the park. When lunch time came, they gathered into different groups to go eat. Some chose to eat pizza, some chose burgers and fries, and others wanted tacos. After lunch, everyone relaxed and just walked around looking at the different sights that Silver Dollar City has to offer. Unfortunately, it started to rain in the later part of the afternoon, and the trip had to end early. Before they left, all the students met up again and took pictures with the big rocking chair at the entrance. Everyone had fun at Silver Dollar City and the trip will remain a fond memory for everyone in the CAMP program.



Silver Dollar City is located near Branson, Missouri.

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

CAMP STUDENTS RECEIVE SPECIAL HONORS

Written by Lisa O'Hanahan



Paola with Dr. Jennifer Methvin (President, Crowder College)

EACH YEAR The Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) awards one student from each of the 12 community colleges with a Student Leadership Award. We are very proud of our CAMP nominee, and the Crowder College selection, Maria Paola Tapia Ibarra. She was joined by Dr. Jennifer Methvin, Crowder College President, CAMP Director Lisa O'Hanahan, and Paola's parents Martha and Rodrigo Tapia Ibarra. Paola accepted her award at the Student Award Luncheon in Jefferson City, Missouri's Capitol Plaza on April 25, 2018. The criteria for the Student Leadership Award was exhibited and noted by CAMP staff, through Paola's interactions with her peers. CAMP staff nominated Paola for her outstanding leadership skills, as a key organizer for the Crowder College Latino Union's dance publications and fundraisers, in addition to serving as a tutor for the Student Success Center. A member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and all around driven individual, Paola exemplifies Crowder College's mission of "Building a civil, serving, literate, learning community of responsible citizens." We commend Paola for her achievement as the 2018 Missouri Community College Association's student leader! Great job!!

CAMPERS are eagerly awaiting further notification from the National Migrant Scholar Initiative after being notified that they have been selected for placement for an internship which can be anywhere in the United States. Current CAMP students, Marcelo Garduno, and Mark Barrios have both submitted applications through the CAMP Association and have been given this special opportunity for a paid internship. Mark Barrios who is majoring in psychology is hopeful for placement in a children's center. He desires to one day serve as a child psychologist. The center is very large and will provide Mark the experience he needs for his future. Marcelo Garduno is majoring in business administration, and his passion is to share the same educational opportunity that has been given to him by serving in the area of migrant outreach and education. He is in the final stages of interviews for a location on the east coast.

Another internship offered through the United Planet Merit Scholarship has been awarded to Bryan Bernal who is researching his country options. Yes, country! He will be volunteering in the country of his choice for a minimum of three weeks while receiving credit through Portland State University as well as the internship experience in his chosen country. He plans to go during the summer of 2019, and will be preparing over this next year for this opportunity.



CAMP students on the Fall 2017 Dean's List

CAMP ROUTES

Interviews conducted by Paola Tapia.

What is some advice you would give to new incoming students?

VICTORIA MUSTERMAN: “Be involved. Always ask questions, or you might miss out on important information. This is your education, so you should take advantage of the resources, and get the most of the upcoming years.”

BRENNAN WATERS: “Be open to doing and experiencing new things. It helps make college easier for you.”

How has CAMP benefited you during your first year of college?

BRETT SCHELLEN: “It has helped me by easing the financial burden of college. It gave me guidance for my first year of college.”

MARK BARRIOS: “CAMP has given me a variety of opportunities. I have received so much help from the staff members and I have learned to become more persistent, responsible, and independent.”

What is your favorite CAMP memory?

FRANCESCA FLORES: “Meeting the staff and students, and getting to know them more every time I came to campus.”

JOHNNIE TRYTSMAN: “Not dying on the zip line, and getting to know everyone.”



CHASE SCHRADER: “The time we got stuck in Fayetteville Arkansas on a cultural trip with our mentors.”

LILIANA MAGANA: “My favorite memory was being able to participate in all the activities like the zip lines, swimming in the spring, and bouncing off the trampolines at Sky Ranch.”

Newsletter Staff

Our College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Newsletter Staff is composed of intelligent and responsible students who enjoy reporting on the exciting and fun events that occur within CAMP and at Crowder College. Additionally, the newsletter staff reports on the many accomplishments of current and former CAMP students. The newsletter staff volunteers numerous hours during the semester to generate the newsletter articles and pictures of the activities. The staff hopes that their peers, parents, high school counselors, college personnel, CAMP and Washington, D.C. representatives have enjoyed this Spring 2018 newsletter edition!



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