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# CAMP collaborates with CSI Program

Crystal Carrillo has managed an impeccable GPA and is highly involved

The CAMP Scholars Internship program is a collaboration between University Housing & Dining Services and CAMP, and was created to ensure that young students with a history in migrant or



seasonal agricultural work develop their personal and professional potential. The CAMP Scholars Internship (CSI) program combines leadership training with hands-on and practical intern experience during the academic year (OSU, CSI website).

Carrillo originally applied to the CAMP program and later found out about the CSI internship. She became interested after hearing all the different experiences acquired through this position. Today she says *It was everything I expected and more*. Given she is a freshman she likes that she has more advantages than the average freshman due to being part of this program. The various individuals she has networked with are influential and have helped her in many ways. She adds *My supervisor is great and working together on projects and meeting deadlines has helped me in different aspects other than just work*. Carrillo goes on to mentions she has learned to manage time wisely and be more time efficient along with gaining professional etiquette. All of these are only certain things she could attest to off the top of her head. She elaborates on how it has paid off to be organized and structured. She is always *go and go and go, my days are always long* but manages to do it all within her work, school and social life. We at CAMP are very content with all she has been able to do and still maintain a perfect GPA.

Overall, her freshman year has been great and she has gotten to meet all kinds of different people and experience many different situations as well as address particular situations with a different perspective. She has recently gained more interest in ethnic and race topics and mentions she is more aware of identities and is able to understand more of her own identity as well. She is very excited to continue gaining more knowledge in different areas and always trying hard to reach her best potential. It becomes overwhelming but I think everyone in CAMP understands and has been a family away from home. They provided me with many opportunities and you can really depend on them and all the students in my class as well; we understand our backgrounds and one another.



# (cont'd) CAMP collaborates with CSI Program: Nancy Lopez

Nancy was first attracted to the CSI program because her high school advisor described the many opportunities it offered. She was especially intrigued by the amazing leadership skills she would be able to acquire.

Now that she has been interning for almost two terms she mentions it has been a rewarding experience and she has had many opportunities to learn outside the classroom through this experience. One thing Lopez really enjoys are the projects and being able to collaborate with others. She understands everyone is different and it may be difficult to work with others but it's important to consider everyone's strengths and know how each individual can contribute. Through a marketing project she learned how important little details are to the advertising industry and, here too, was able to provide and acknowledge constructive criticism without adding conflict to the collaborative project. This also, she mentions, gives her a perspective on how important it is

to admit when something is wrong and move on. She will always carry this with her socially and academically.

Lopez is majoring in General Science and focusing in Nursing, therefore she knows she will always use these gained networking skills, through this experience, when speaking with patients and working with individuals in the medical field.

Words of advice: Learn how to manage your time and balance your schedule. Don't' stress too much, school is first, your job is second and everything else thereafter. And lastly, learn to ask for help, your supervisors and are there for you and to provide guidance"



# Upcoming Events

- CAMP Welcome Back BBQ -First week of term
- CAMP Ski Trip-January 20-21st
- Mentor-Mentor Civil War Basketball Game
   -February 26th

# **CAMP STUDENTS GO ABROAD**

## OPPORTUNITIES IN PEACECORPS; WORKING IN ASIA



Kenny Arellano, CAMP 2006

"I graduated in 2010 and didn't have much to show for it. After a while, I learned about English teaching opportunities in Korea from a friend. I applied to a government sponsored program, and luckily I got a job. Now I teach English in Seoul, South Korea to public elementary students. This has been a great opportunity. I'm enjoying Korea, and what I do.

# Class of 2011 happy birthday

January
Martin Sanchez

**February** Freddy Diaz

Esmeralda Flores

Melinda Guzman

March
Norma Lopez

**Eloisa Luis Ramirez** 

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN EUROPE



Lorena Birrueta, CAMP 2009

"My study abroad experience was amazing. OSUs Santander program is great. All classes were in Spanish and the teachers were really fun. We got to learn a lot about the history of Spain, the culture, and about everyday life. I got to live with a host family while in Santander. I learned a lot about the culture from my host mom. Santander is a small town but very beautiful. I loved the beaches. They were really nice and had amazing views. The night life in Santander is really fun. People usually start out the

night by going for drinks around midnight and then end up dancing till six in the morning.

You will end up meeting a lot of new people and making great friends. I really recommend this program. We got to visit other cities during the program and we had a lot of free time to get to know the city more and also do some traveling on our own. I got to visit other places in Europe for a cheap price. I got to go to Barcelona, Rome, Venice, Verona, and Paris. They were all amazing. I plan to go back someday and visit. It's a whole different atmosphere and the people are really great. I recommend that everyone studies abroad and the OSU Santander program is a really good one."

# **AMAS' UPDATES**

We are cruising through this term and I can't wait until spring term arrives. So far, there is not much to share other than the term has been moving faster than I expected. Our students continue to give their best on their studies, and we see some of them more often in our building than others. In terms of outreach and recruitment, February has been the priority deadline for the application for the upcoming cohort. Melisa and Maria made sure all submitted applications for review were complete prior to the review of the applications. On March 2nd, the Review Committee (faculty and staff from different campus units compose this committee) read the applications and recommended the new 35 students for 2012-13. Also, they recommended the students to be placed on the waiting list. The acceptance letters are going to be mailed soon to the applicants.

The Peer Mentoring Program continues with their programmatic events. A few days ago they had a get together potluck before going to watch the basketball Civil War game. Roberto is planning a weekend trip to the coast for students and staff will be staying at the yurts. How cool is that?

This is dead week and next week is finals week, two quarters gone and one more to go for this year. I'm looking forward to seeing how my students performed in their academics this winter term. In general, CAMP students get higher GPA scores in winter compared to the other terms. Nevertheless, CAMP will continue to make sure students do their best until the last day of classes. I am excited for the spring term, the potential nice weather and warmth is a plus too.

Amas

