The newest addition to the CAMP staff is Catalina Villanueva who will serve as recruiter/advisor. Catti comes from a migrant farm working background and has six brothers and sisters. She graduated from Prosser High School in 2009 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in June 2013 from the University of Washington Bothell (UWB). She is currently pursuing a M.Ed. from UWB and is expected to graduate Summer of 2015.

Catti enjoys spending time with her husband and son, she loves to explore the city and try new food with them. Catti is extremely excited to be working with CAMP & OMA&D to give back to and support the community that she comes from during their time at the UW.

Welcome Catti!


**WA State CAMP Consortium**

In March, a group of 22 UW CAMP students received the opportunity to attend the CAMP Consortium at Central Washington University (CWU). The Consortium was one of three conferences that CAMP students were able to participate in during the year. At CWU they were able to interact with over 150 CAMP peers from across the state of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Their day was filled with leadership enhancing activities and team building. The students were able to engage with different schools in activities that were provided by the facilitators from “Cool Speak”, a youth engagement organization that delivers programs to keep students engaged and involved.

Through personal testimonies and other team building activities, students gained leadership skills that will allow them to inspire migrant youth to not only finish their high school education, but to go above and beyond. The conference left students motivated and enthusiastic to make a difference in the migrant community both at UW and back home.

**Portland Conference**

Hosted annually by the Associated Students of Portland State University, the Northwest Student Leadership Conference (NWSLC) is the largest student-led conference in the Pacific Northwest. A group of CAMP scholars were given the opportunity to attend the two day conference. NWSLC provided students with a unique combination of opportunities to enhance their personal leadership development and gain the skills, context, and expertise necessary to organize and advocate on behalf of the students and communities they represent.

Overall, the CAMP scholars were able to develop their professional skills as well as enjoy the city of Portland in the free time alongside CAMP staff.

**Citizen University Leadership Conference**

The annual Citizen University Leadership Conference is the nation’s most vital gathering on the art of powerful citizenship. CAMP scholars were able to experience and expand their leadership skills through in depth workshops, participatory plenaries, networking, and reflection. The conference offered students proactive conversation, inspirational talks, skill building, music, art, and civic creativity.

The final of the three conferences that were held throughout the year provided CAMP students with many new skills and connections.

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“I am an ordinary person who has been blessed with extraordinary opportunities and experiences. Today is one of those experiences.”

- Sonia Sotomayor
Dr. Lisa Ramirez Visits UW

This year, CAMP Cohort 4 had the opportunity to read *Dulcified: Sweetened by the Education of Life*, as a required reading for the CAMP seminar. As a treat they were also visited by none other than the author herself, Dr. Lisa Ramirez, Director of Migrant Education at the U.S. Department of Education. A private lunch for all UW CAMP students was hosted where they were able to express their thoughts about the book and talk to Dr. Ramirez one-on-one. The lunch concluded with a group photo and the students teaching Dr. Ramirez how to be a true Husky and put her dubs up! In the evening, there was an opportunity to learn about leadership through conversation at a fireside chat, which was open to the public, and gave the campus community an opportunity to ask questions of inspirational words of wisdom.

“Choice + Choice = The Direction of Your Life”
-Dr. Lisa R. Ramirez

CAMP Scholar Opens a Door in D.C.

CAMP scholar Elizabeth Castro received a very unique opportunity in Washington D.C. for the summer. Every year the HEP/CAMP Association selects six students from across the nation to participate in various internships in D.C. Elizabeth will be representing UW and CAMP in D.C. this summer as the HEP/CAMP intern.

She will be working in the Office of Migrant Education, as part of the Department of Education, with Dr. Lisa Ramirez from mid-June to the end of July. In Elizabeth’s words “I am leaving in a few weeks now, and it’s super exciting and a little scary. I am interested in learning more about what happens in the office that created CAMP, and working on something that impacts future students. It’s also great to know that I’ll get to represent my hometown of Mesa, Washington and the communities that I grew up in. I am an International Studies major with a minor in Education, Learning, and Society.”

Elizabeth will be keeping a journal to write about her experiences while she is in D.C. The CAMP program is very excited to be sending a student and looks forward to hearing about her experience. Stay tuned for updates! Check out her blog on the HEP CAMP Association website.

Cultural Events and Trips

Studying everyday can be stressful and a big time commitment, that is why CAMP gave students the opportunity to take a study break and attend a variety of events around Seattle. This year students got the opportunity to go on cultural events that include: a night of salsa dancing, a trip to the Seattle Art Museum, dinners, attending UW’s Pow Wow, and watching the Cesar Chavez film.

These trips and events are offered with the purpose of providing students with a study break but also teaching them about time management and the importance to maintain a balanced lifestyle in college. Throughout the year, the students have been able to build a strong community amongst themselves that has shaped a very memorable first year at the University of Washington.
Thank you for a great year
CAMP 2013-2014 Scholars!

“In the end, the American dream is not a sprint, or even a marathon, but a relay. Our families don’t always cross the finish line in the span of one generation. But each generation passes on to the next the fruits of their labor.” - Julian Castro