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CAMP Academic accomplishments

**Academic Excellence Awards: (3.0 or better with 12 credits)**
Hipolito Casiano, Alvaro Alvarex, Claudia Gonzalez, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Isaak Gutierrez, Mauro Marquez, Rachael Rocha, Alexis Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez, Donna Roman, Maria Segovia, Maria Vargas, Alma Solis, Jose Villagran.

**Freshman Achievers: (3.0 or better with 12 credits)**
Hipolito Casiano, Alvaro Alvarex, Claudia Gonzalez, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Isaak Gutierrez, Mauro Marquez, Rachael Rocha, Alexis Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez, Donna Roman, Maria Segovia, Maria Vargas, Jose Villagran.

**Sustained Academic Performance Awards: (2.5 or better with 12 credits)**
Ana Aguayo, Jaquelin Garza, Carmen Iwankovitsch, Liliana Martinez, Fabian Meza, Sergio Montes, Claudia Ramirez,

**Freshman Director’s Award/Outstanding Leadership Award:**
Jose Villagran & Alma Solis

**Sophomore Director’s Award:**
Maria Carmona

**MSU CAMP Achievement Award:**
Juan Cruz

**In Recognition of Commitment to Academic excellence**
Francisco Terrazas, Rosa Rodriguez
Student Reflections...

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Albert Parra
My first year at MSU was a fun and exciting experience I will never forget. The CAMP program was there to guide me every step of the way giving me a sense of family I had never experienced. Attending a Big Ten University with a reputation as good as MSU will do nothing but open many doors of opportunity for my future.

Alexis Rodriguez
Prior to attending MSU I was somewhat nervous about what to expect from such a large university. However MSU CAMP made the transition easier by welcoming us with great excitement to start the new year. They introduced me to the new staff and to mentors who were eager to help us out. Soon after school started I got more at ease knowing I had support. Also I got more comfortable with my classes which were not as hard as I had originally thought before coming to MSU. As the year went on I learned to be more independent and was able to meet many new friends. Being able to participate in study abroad for spring break was also such a great experience. I was able to go to Merida Mexico, where I have never been before. CAMP played a large role in allowing us to attend this trip. My experience here at MSU has been very successful and for that I am greatful.

Alma Solis
My name is Alma E. Solis. I graduated from Paw Paw High School, in Paw Paw Michigan. I've learned so much from my experiences here. I've learned what is like to have responsibilities, and what it is like to be out on your own. I think that these experiences have helped me become a more mature person and also have helped me to be independent. I'm grateful to C.A.M.P for giving me the opportunity of being able to attend this university. Also I want to say Thanks to all the staff in the C.A.M.P program. I want to say to Maria, that I loved being her IEP, and that I appreciate everything she ever did for me. Also I want to thank you Amparo, because without you I probably wouldn't have come to MSU. You really made a difference in my life, and I just want u to know that I really appreciate everything you did for me.

Alvaro Alvarez
In the beginning of the school yeah I was worried about were I'd be living, and the food that was so much different from home. The weekends are the one thing that I anticipated because that's when I go out and have a good time. While I am enrolled here at MSU my future will be a success because college is not hard school, it is a place where boys become men and girls become women. It has also let me strive for new and better goals for myself and my family.
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America Rodriguez
MY experiences here at MSU have been overall pretty good. It has been better than I expected and I have learned so much. Coming here has helped me define what I want in my future. It has opened my eyes and I learned a lot from a wide spectrum of people. The people I've met have been amazing and I have made some lasting friendships.

Ana Aguayo
Before I came to MSU I have fear of being on my own and lost in this huge campus. When I arrived, I learned that a new family was waiting for me. Homesickness was one of the obstacles that appeared in my journey, but CAMP gave me the support, advice, love and even scolding, just like a real family. During my first year, I met a lot of people who are and will be the base for my future. I was involved in Native American & Hispanic Business Students, Multicultural Business Students, alternative spring break, multiple activities and volunteer work. My grades were as good as I would have wanted for my first semester. During my second semester, I have been working hard to achieve the dream I have of getting educated and break the chain of ignorance among migrant people, especially Mexicans. Every action and decision I take in MSU will define my future that is why I think with the picture of my future on my hands, heart, mind and soul. Being the middle child, oldest one at home, and first one to go to college, the future of my family is also in my hands, they expect a lot from me and I would not like to disappoint them.

Arturo Garcia
My experience here at MSU was exciting and stressful at the same time. There were moments when I wouldn't deal with being away from the life I had adjusted to. It took a while to deal with the changes, but having friends on campus including CAMP students really helped. Their support and advice really encouraged me to continue my education. It took awhile to adjust to my schedule and find time (as well as ambition) to study for exams. Along with headaches and heartbreaks... The year consisted of a tragedy as well. When my brother passed away in the fall, I felt like my world was caving in. The same world that had taken me so long to build and get used to. I told myself everything would be alright and that life would change for the better. But sometimes forgetting about your problems isn't the best thing. I wasn't planning on telling anyone but Amparo found out about it. I was glad that she did. It really was hard for me to keep all those emotions inside and I had to tell someone before I exploded. I talked with Toby and Maria about it and they taught me so much as they told me about their experiences. I'm glad I had people around me while I adjusted to this life changing experience.

Carmen Iwankovitch
My experience here at MSU has been a mix of different things. Some good, some bad, mostly firsts. For example, living on my own and knowing that all of my decisions are weighted solely on myself. I know that without these experiences even the not so good ones my life would never have been the same. Thinking back to a time not so far back, I remember being nervous about school, or being alone or even the size of campus, or even being run over by a crazy person on a bike. It is still yet to happen.
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Claudia Gonzalez
My experience here at MSU has been one to remember. It has tested my will power and capabilities to an extent that I can say I have learned a lot about myself during these past two semesters. Because of all the hard work I put into this year, I have set a good foundation for my future years here at MSU, in which I am sure will be just as good.

Claudia Ramirez
Being here at MSU has been a sweet and sour experience. I have gained many friends, most of those who I now consider family. I think this first year was one of my most challenging years because I had to overcome so many different obstacles just to get here. Just to think that it was so hard to get here and now the year is almost over. Being here has taught me so many different things especially the roommate thing. I mean I had never shared my room with anybody, especially not with 3 other girls that I barely even knew. I learned how to adapt to different situations and how to handle them with cut things getting out of control. MSU has impacted me so much that I actually want to come back next year, for me this was a really hard decision to make, especially since so many people back home are counting on me to stay there and go to school in the valley. It was these experiences and so many others that helped me grow as a person and I have CAMP to thank for. Thank you CAMP for giving me this great opportunity to attend MSU. It is because of you that I am here in a recognized University and not just in a community college back home like I thought I would be.

Claudio Armijo
Being at MSU made me realize how mature I really am. It made me become a more independent person, because of the fact that I have no relatives close by. I had to learn how to adapt to many things at MSU such as the weather, food, and people. Being at MSU taught me many things. I learned to be a better person and it influenced me to keep striving for my goals.

Donna Roman
I have had many different experiences including successes and failures during my first year at MSU. All of these experiences helped me grow and discover new things about myself. Being able to finish the year made me realize that I can accomplish higher goals; this has pushed me to try harder things because I now feel that I can not fail.
**Student Reflections...**

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**Edgar Ponce**
My experience here at MSU has been pretty good. I have had to learn a lot and adjust to many situations. It is a lot different from high school. In that, you have to apply yourself more. I think MSU will impact my future in that it will make me a more responsible person.

**Fabian Mera**
My experience here at MSU so far has been a positive one. I have made a lot of new friends and met a lot of new people including tons of girls. Attending MSU will help me reach my goal of becoming successful in life by getting a good job. MSU has an excellent college environment. It offers so many different things to do so you are always busy. MSU will help me achieve all of my goals.

**Hippolito Casiano**
Everybody at the CAMP office knows me as “Polio” the kid who runs a lot. As a freshman I came to MSU looking for new ways to succeed in my life. I met new friends who like me were willing to give it all to succeed in class. I believe most of my performance came because of the CAMP staff, who introduced me to MSU. I use my running as a way to keep me motivated. Everyday I have the attitude that practice makes someone better. I strive to make myself faster and faster on the track and academically.

**Isaac Gutierrez**
Michigan State has been a great experience for me this first year. Although I was nervous at first I was able to make so many new friends in my first week here which helped me to adjust to the university environment. Also I really proved to myself that I am able to really bare down academically and live up to my responsibilities as a student. I know that people around me are proud of how well I have done this year which makes me feel good to know that I have support. I look forward to another outstanding year here at MSU.
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Jaqueline Garza

Waking up each morning during the first few weeks were incredible and I loved the idea of being a Spartan. Even though it was hard being away from those you live and especially if you are really attached like I am with my father. But then you accept the idea that you are here to help them. You are changing your life and impacting the life of others you meet here. During this first year I met many people and created new friendships and even met with old ones. It wasn’t easy getting accustomed to a university so big and the idea of sharing your room with a complete stranger. But you learn little by little like I did this year. I had 2 roommates, one in the fall and another in the spring. Overall it has been a great year. My classes were not a big challenge. It’s the whole idea of studying for them that I wasn’t familiar with at first. Now I’m thinking of returning for another year and creating a new page in my life here at Michigan State. I know I will have a concrete future written for me if I follow through and earn a degree at MSU.

Jacqueline Gonzalez

My experience at MSU this first year has been a fun and learning experience. One thing brought me here which is to build a better future for my family and I. This experience has made me understand and see life from a different point of view. A view where I no longer see life as a teenager but as an independent adult.

Liliana Martinez

When I made the decision to attend MSU I never realized what this really meant until I arrived here. MSU provided a different platform for me. I was used to having the support of my parents back at home, but here I found my self alone, sometimes lonely, days went by, classes seemed to take most of my time keeping me from finding my self alone. I realized that MSU has more to offer than I could have probably guessed. The possibilities for advancement and networking are extensive in the personal level I learn my lessons I began to feel a little more comfortable with myself and took the risk of stepping out of my box. On the academic level I find the university life challenging but overall not as difficult as I had expected. MSU has provided a new view point of the world and I am willing to return the following year and maybe take a closer look at what is out there. There is much more to life than just family close friends and I am willing to find out what that is.
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**Luis Chapa**
This first year at MSU was great. Sometimes I felt that I was lonely but not for long, thanks to the CAMP program it made me feel like home. I am sure that I was not the only person that felt that way. I took this year at MSU like a "stepping stone" to learn more about other places. This will help me in making better decisions for the future because I feel that by being away from my parents has shown me that I can succeed in life by myself.

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**Guadalupe Cerda**
My experiences here at MSU have been good and bad. More good than bad because I am learning about how to manage different situations, and that if you look for help you are going to find it. So MSU can make you or shake you.

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**Margarita Vasquez**
"Life is all about risks that requires you to jump." My first year here at Michigan State has been that...risks. I never thought that I would have met as many people who have impacted my life the way that they did. I want to thank all of my friends and family that have helped get me through this year. I will take the memories with me forever. Thanks again to all of my close friends ("the boys" and my girls) for always being there when I needed someone to talk to. After all the support I received this year I feel I am really prepared for the future.

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**Maria Vargas**
My experience at MSU has been one of triumphs and tribulations. As far as my academics I feel that I did well my first semester and hope to do better the second semester. I learned so much about myself and the type of person I found myself to be.
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**Maria Segovia**
Through the Camp program, I had the opportunity to continue my education at Michigan State University. Thanks to their support, I was able to conquer any barrier that represented a challenge. As I am here writing this paragraph, I realize how far I have accomplished. This would have been impossible without my CAMP family. Thanks to their guidance, my success at MSU is a dream come true.

**Mauro Marquez**
My experience here at MSU has really been a life changing. When I first came here I thought I was going to be homesick, but thank god I networked with a lot of people, this has changed my life. Since I have been here I have definitely become a more independent person too. Each time I get a low grade in one of my classes I come to the realization that how much I study really reflects on my grades. This is one thing that has changed me, because before I use to blame the teachers when in reality it was my fault.

**Rachael Rocha**
MSU was an exciting time for me all year, seeing new things meeting new people everyday. I know that I have become more independent and a better person. Whether you turn to the right or to the left your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the way I walk in it”. Isaiah 30:21

**Raul Martinez**
My experience here at MSU has been eye opening. It made me see that what is not easy, it is usually worth it. MSU has played a big part in me mentally toward school work and ambitions. I want to attend MSU next year but also look forward to see home soon. I hope to get my degree from a university like MSU if not MSU. I think it has been a big step toward my goals whatever they may be and I am very appreciative of the role it plays in my life now.
**Sergio Montes**  
My first year at MSU was a great one because I learned to be independent, made new friends, and opened many doors for the future. Although the food could use some serious improvement, everything else was great.

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**Sergio Martinez**  
Michigan State University has really made a change in my life. I came from the HEP program and was worried that I would struggle with the college level classes. I had support on all sides and was able to build the confidence that I needed to be successful. I know that I can accomplish my goals and that my future will be brighter when I do so. Also, I was able to make some really good friends that I will not forget.

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**Juan Calderon**  
Adjusting to life at Michigan State was not easy for me. I left many people behind that I had trouble saying goodbye to. The first semester was the hardest for me especially with new situations like roommates and cafeteria food to deal with. Once I adjusted, I have really turned things around for myself in a positive way. I have had two good academic semesters and look forward to the challenges I will encounter the rest of the way. Also, I was able to attend Alternative Spring Break in Mexico, an event that I will never forget.

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**Veronica Rodriguez**  
Attending MSU has been a very intense and exciting year. I have learned to have time management and view my life in different perspective. My goals have increased to the unexpected. I want to major in Chemistry and master in Forensic Science.
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**Jose Villagran**
My first year at MSU was an interesting one. I found out firsthand that this thing called "college," is challenging. It is not that the course material is unmanageable, but rather the fact that so many other problems overwhelm you is what becomes difficult. I learned how to persevere in moments of difficulty; I also learned how to fail. You will have your big ups and your big downs at MSU, but all in all, it's a great opportunity to succeed and is realistically accomplishable.

**Epifanio Gomez**
My plan here at MSU is to treat my school exactly the way that my grandparents treated the fields. What I mean is picking my education and knowledge as though it was straight out of the fields. Harvesting everything that I can out of what I am taught. To leave a new impression on my children and grandchildren. To have my education by their field of harvesting.

**Juan Ivan Cerda**
The first days here on campus I was very doubtful. I was always thinking to myself whether or not I belonged. But then I started putting the negative thoughts out of my head and decided that this is where I wanted to be. I have people here that believe in me so if I just try I will do just fine. I believe that if I keep trying to achieve my goals here at MSU they will all come true.

**Medardo Briceno**
My experience here at MSU has been great so far and I hope that it stays like that. Since being at MSU I learned a lot about myself and others. I became more independent as far as taking care of my responsibilities.
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Lizette Garcia & Kella
I will never forget my experience here at MSU. In the beginning of the year I had a really hard time adjusting to the whole college scene. Attending Michigan State has changed my life dramatically. Before I decided to go back to school, I was a stay at home mom and I never thought I would ever go back. CAMP gave me the opportunity to be in their program, because of that opportunity I know that I am going to get a good job and provide my family with the best.

Juan Roberto Castillo
My first year here in MSU made me more responsible and caring. I learned that goals are not easily reached. I have learned that with dedication to my studies and hard work you can reach most of your goals that you put in mind. There for I believe my first year in MSU was a great experience for my future goals, I am going to try my best to improve and succeed.

Jose Luis Saucedo
My experience at MSU has been great and also makes me feel confident that I have a family like CAMP. This helps me to go forward and overcome any circumstances. I know that attending MSU will impact my future goals in many ways by challenging my abilities in classes and life at the university.
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