



# FIRST QUARTER PROGRAM REPORT

## NMSI INTERNS

MARCH 2022

**3** Internships placements in 2022

**4** Internships ongoing since 2021

**10** Internships in the works to start in the coming weeks



**Jacquelin Flores**  
Cohen & Grieb PA  
University of South Florida



**Selina Chacon**  
East San Jose Elementary, UNM  
University of New Mexico



**George Ramirez-Madriral**  
Office of Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin  
Michigan State University



**Jessica Cortes**  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo  
Western Michigan University



**Yessenia Zamora-Cardoso**  
WKAR - MSU  
Michigan State University



**Jose Reyes**  
South Georgia Medical Center  
Valdosta State University



**Janeli Sanchez**  
Excelsior Wellness  
Eastern Washington University

## HIGHLIGHTS

Quarter one has been one of satisfaction, transition, and anew. Once a vision and a thought, NMSI has been realized. Now serving 57 CAMP programs across the country, and delivering a much-needed service to hundreds of CAMP students and to the U.S. employment sector. There has been substantial growth within the past four years; enough that the current number of staff can no longer sustain the heavy workloads and requests for service. Understanding that this is an excellent way to demonstrate the need for service provided by NMSI, we are concentrating efforts on increasing financial support. Director Luis Alonzo Garcia will begin campaigning for additional funds while the team will continue to engage in written proposals and grants. With a priority on diligent student payments, NMSI continues to work with MSU to ensure that the processing of Fin Aid and Stipend awards are timely.

During this quarter, there were plenty of internship opportunities for CAMP students, and NMSI supported Recruitment and Outreach for Mercedes Benz, DTE Energy, CoBank, Migrant Legal Aid, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Transportation, Office of Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, Gordon Food Service, Core-Mark, Farmworker Legal Services, and more. As employer engagement increases, opportunities for CAMP students increase. However, there is a greater need to emphasize the student's professional development and career advising before being placed in an internship. Currently, the demand for professional development is so substantial that the limited number of staff cannot meet the demand. In addition, we are working with our partners to streamline such efforts. However, many of our students seek NMSI for direct support as the program understands CAMP students' trials and experiences.

Funds allocated to individual student support continue to increase annually in correlation with the current market and inflation in the housing and transportation sectors. Therefore, limiting the number of students that receive financial support from NMSI. In addition, inflation has played a significant role in salary increases through the years, encompassing a considerable amount of the budget — consequently reducing funds available for direct internship support. We continue to have a positive outlook despite the challenges of a growing initiative. We look forward to the remainder of the year with an understanding of the needed work to scale NMSI.

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