

## FIRST QUARTER PROGRAM REPORT

The National Migrant Scholars Internship (NMSI) Initiative welcomes the new Associate Director, Salvador Chavez. As a College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) alumnus of Michigan State University (MSU), he brings a keen understanding of the migrant and seasonal farmworker community and has over a decade of experience working with Career Services and Workforce Management in the state of Michigan. In addition, with the collaboration of MSU and Migrant Student Services, NMSI's team composition was able to expand. With a Program Coordinator and a Graduate Intern, NMSI is now better able to meet the high demand for holistic internship services. Further, as mentioned in the 2022 First Quarter Report, our campaign for additional funds has borne fruit, and now we are happy to share that we have secured funding for a full-time Administrative Assistant. We are currently in the process of recruiting candidates for this new position.

During this quarter, communication and collaboration with our employer network has been a priority. NMSI supported recruitment and outreach for a considerable number of employers, such as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), CoBank, Kellogg's, the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, GreenStone, Sparrow Hospital, among others. Furthermore, in March, NMSI hosted an internship informational session with Kellogg's and HOLA, the Kellogg Latino Employee Resource Group. The first session successfully served 40 MSU CAMP students, and a second session has been scheduled for April. This upcoming "Professional Brand & LinkedIn" workshop hopes to engage with an even greater number of students, as well as strengthen our partnership with Kellogg's.

With the hope of expanding our employer network, NMSI conducted a series of corporate outreach events during the first quarter. Companies such as Teach for America, Gilbane Building Company, Association of Public Health Laboratories, Grant Thornton LLP, Sparrow Hospital, Gordon Foods, WKAR, WILX/Gray TV, HOMTV, WLNS, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Michigan State University Department of Communication, Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA), among others, met with NMSI to establish future partnerships that will allow us to serve even more CAMP students nationwide.

In order to increase our collaboration with CAMP programs across the country, NMSI staff conducted in-person presentations in New Mexico and Texas, in addition to our regular virtual presentations at other campuses. We had enriching opportunities connecting with 60+ CAMP students from Northern New Mexico College, University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, and West Texas A&M University. The presentations' primary objectives were to expose NMSI to students, staff, career centers, university leaders, and employers.

Finally, since January 2023, we placed 4 internships with students from Western Michigan University, Washington State University, and Michigan State University. We have 10 internships in the works to start in the coming weeks!



NMSI Presentation at West Texas A&M University, March 2023 **MARCH 2023** 



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Employer connections from corporate outreach

Applications from CAMP students to participate in NMSI





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