

MARCH 2024

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New internship placements as of March 2024

19

New applications from CAMP Scholars to participate in NMSI

15

Professional development consultations

14

NMSI presentations for CAMP programs nationwide

12

Information sessions for CAMP staff nationwide

Partnership Expansion and Sponsorship Boost • During the first quarter, the National Migrant Scholars Internship (NMSI) Initiative experienced remarkable growth and expansion. A key highlight was the deepening of our partnership with CoBank's Corporate Social Responsibility Program Manager, initiating a collaboration that promises to greatly benefit CAMP scholars across the nation. Additionally, we dedicated efforts to fortifying our collaboration with the National HEP/CAMP Association, which generously supports NMSI in expanding its reach to more students and forging stronger ties with additional CAMP programs. These collaborations have already shown promise in opening up new opportunities for CAMP scholars and furthering our mission to empower them through valuable internship experiences.

Internship Program Expansion and Impact • This quarter, our expansion efforts resulted in a substantial increase in our intern intake, welcoming 7 talented individuals from 6 universities within the National HEP/CAMP Association's network. This strategic approach to partnering with more universities and colleges is a crucial step toward enhancing our reach and impact on the 50+ CAMP programs nationwide. Our interns have already begun making significant impressions in their placements. For example, Leopoldo, one of our interns, received high praise from his employer for his exceptional dependability and impact on the sponsorship staff. His efforts have led to the generation of numerous leads and have significantly improved communication between sponsors, showcasing the valuable contributions our interns are making within their roles.

Professional Development Initiatives • Professional development remained a central focus this quarter, with our Associate Director playing a pivotal role. He was invited to speak at the 14th Annual Southwest HEP/CAMP Student Leadership Conference in Santa Fe, NM, where he served as a co-keynote speaker and led a dynamic leadership workshop. The workshop aimed to coach CAMP scholars on crucial topics such as financial resources and the qualities of a good internship, while promoting collaboration through interactive teamwork activities that embraced diverse perspectives. Feedback from the workshop was overwhelmingly positive. Participants commented that they found the session very interesting and helpful. They also appreciated the workshop's interactive nature, which made the learning experience more engaging and impactful.

Partnership Strengthening and New Team Member • As we approach our 10th year of service, strengthening partnerships remains a top priority. We are proud to have a large network of employers, with 8 new partners joining us this quarter. We are grateful for the support of CoBank and the National HEP/CAMP Association, both of which have played instrumental roles in our achievements. Additionally, we are excited to welcome Abigail Martinez to our team as the new Office Administrator. Abi, a former CAMP scholar herself, brings valuable insights and a passion for supporting CAMP scholars. Her firsthand experience allows her to understand the challenges these students face, and her dedication is evident in her willingness to serve them.

Looking Ahead • We are thrilled with the progress and growth we have achieved in the first quarter and look forward to continued success in the upcoming months. We are grateful for the support of our partners and remain committed to empowering CAMP scholars through valuable internship opportunities. Additionally, we have achieved notable quantitative milestones in the first quarter, as detailed in the graphics here, which complement our qualitative successes. ❖

NEW INTERNS

ABAC



Oscar Martinez
Office of Rep. Austin Scott,
Washington, D.C.

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Karina Ramirez
New Mexico State University,
The Chicano Program

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Cindy Marin
Casa De
Salud

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY



Leopoldo Robles
Portland Pickles
Baseball Club

NM



Robert Gallegos
University of New Mexico
Hospital

W UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



Eric Castro
Jumpstart at the University
of Washington

WT WEST TEXAS A&M



Yadhira Avalos
West Texas A&M University,
Office of Study Abroad

