

THIRD QUARTER PROGRAM REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2024

The National Migrant Scholars Internship Initiative Achievements • NMSI successfully placed 20 CAMP scholars in internships from April to September, bringing the total number of interns for the year to 27—surpassing our 2024 target of 25. Notably, 10 of these internships were in agriculture-related industries, reflecting our commitment to sector-specific experiences. Exceeding our intern target highlights the continued growth of our program. As students returned to their campuses, the positive impact of these internships on their academic journeys and career readiness became evident. Karina Muñoz, a CAMP scholar from Arizona Western College who interned with the UFW Foundation, shared: “The UFW Foundation allowed me to gain hands-on experience in the field and solidify my passion for helping others.” Feedback like this reaffirms the value of our program in preparing scholars for future opportunities. The New Mexico Public Health Association also praised NMSI, expressing enthusiasm for mentoring the next generation of public health professionals. This support from our partners demonstrates the growing success of our internship initiatives.

Expanding Partnerships and Professional Development Opportunities • Our NMSI team made considerable progress in growing our employer and partner network, establishing relationships with 10 new partners this quarter. A significant milestone was the invitation for our Associate Director, Salvador Chavez, to join the National HEP/CAMP Association’s Internships Committee. This association, which includes universities, colleges, and non-profit organizations, focuses on enhancing the quality and impact of the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), while promoting best practices across these vital programs. Additionally, Salvador was invited to co-advise Michigan State University’s chapter of the Association of Latino Professionals For America (ALPFA), the first national Latino professional association in the country. ALPFA focuses on developing Latino leadership across various industries, aligning perfectly with NMSI’s mission to foster professional development and provide career resources. Looking ahead, we are also excited about an upcoming employer visit with DTE, which will provide MSU CAMP scholars valuable insights into the energy industry, further expanding their professional opportunities.

National Recognition and Continued Advocacy • In July, NMSI was recognized by MSUToday, a weekly publication that showcases Michigan State University’s community outreach efforts. This recognition was especially meaningful as it coincided with the state’s commemoration of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers. The feature highlighted the challenges our scholars face—such as travel barriers, housing issues, lack of support, language barriers, and compensation difficulties—and how our program, supported by CoBank, helped them overcome these obstacles. The article emphasized the national reach of our efforts, showcasing how NMSI scholars secured internships with organizations like the UFW Foundation and the New Mexico Public Health Association. These national-level internships enhance the professional development of our scholars while providing real-world experience in agriculture and public health. We provided tailored support to help each student navigate their challenges. The article acknowledged CoBank’s critical role in enabling us to address these needs and emphasized their impact on our scholars’ futures. We take pride in our efforts to support our scholars, as highlighted in the article available [here](#).

Preparing for the Fall Semester • As summer came to a close, over 2,000 CAMP scholars nationwide prepared to begin their first year of college. NMSI is committed to equipping these scholars with the tools needed for success. One key initiative this summer was our resume workshop, which helped more than 100 scholars enhance their resumes. By focusing on active language and industry-specific details, we ensured their skills were effectively showcased. Looking ahead, we are excited about future professional development opportunities, including webinars that will be promoted through our CAMP network. We recognize the vital role a well-crafted resume plays in boosting the confidence and career prospects of our scholars, and we remain dedicated to supporting them on their career paths. ❖

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