



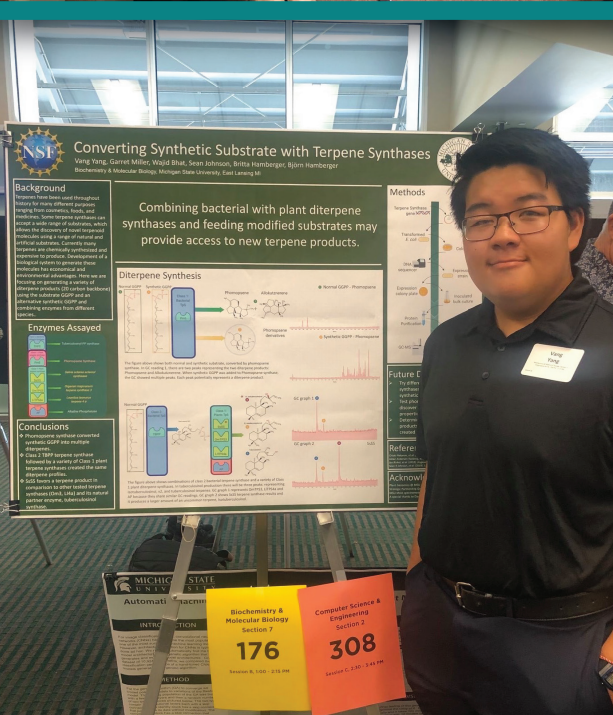
THE NATIONAL MIGRANT SCHOLARS  
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Migrant Student Services



# Letter to Stakeholders

As we look back to 2019, a year of growth and accomplishments, NMSI supported 31 internships across the nation and provided professional development workshops that allowed students to sharpen their skills in presentation. Additionally, we worked to ensure that students have the necessary tools to obtain specific work experiences to be successful in the workforce.

NMSI established a platform that allowed us to streamline the process of on boarding students to an internship, connecting with new corporations and employers and, most importantly, supporting the development and facilitation of a student's preparation for the workforce.

As we bring the year to an end, we prepare to embark in the service of providing new opportunities to migrant and seasonal farm-workers for the coming years. We look forward to new partnerships and the continued commitment of those who allowed us in their homes. We are grateful for our friends, our partners, and our advocates and those who support the vision of educated farm-workers.

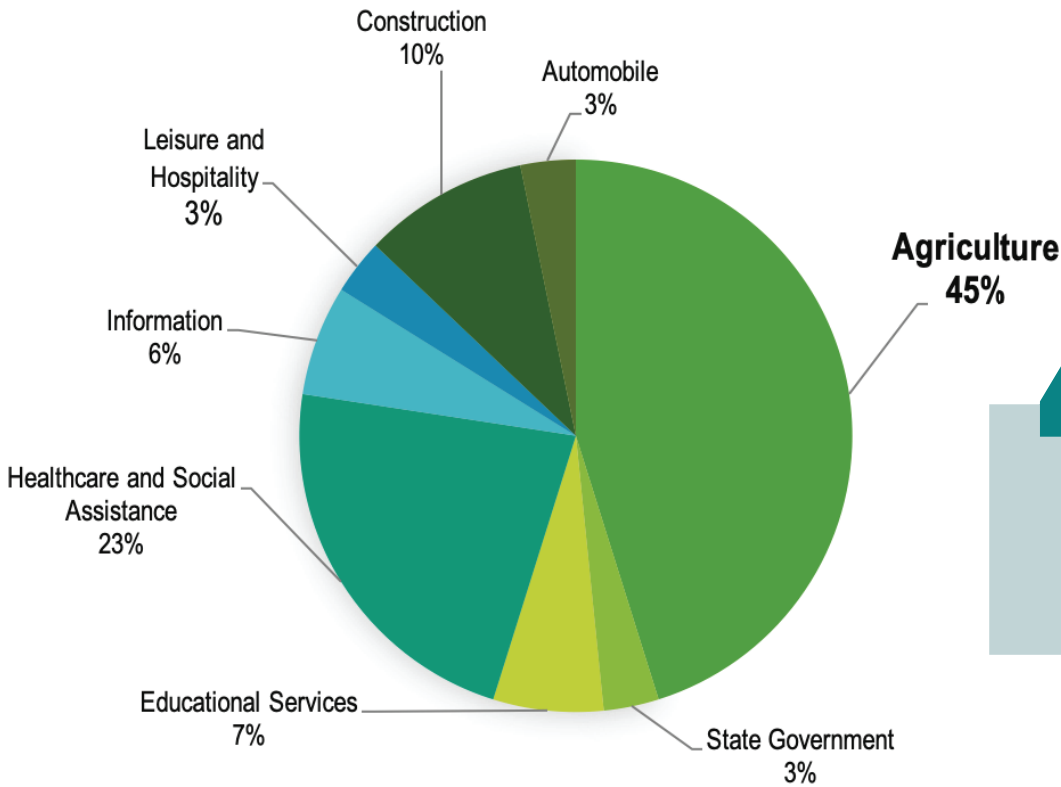
Lastly, we thank CoBank for their continued support and vision to make a program that will have long-term dividends. As such, NMSI plays a vital role in ensuring that such young minds are entering the workforce prepared and with the necessary experiences to be successful.



**Samantha Velez**  
*NMSI, Associate Director*

**Luis Alonzo Garcia**  
*Migrant Student Services, Director*

# 31 Interns



**45%**  
of Internships in  
Agriculture

**53**  
CAMP  
Programs



- Interns
- CAMP Program

# Participants



**Juan Aguilera**

State University of New York Oneonta, NY  
**SODEXO**



**Yesenia Barquera**

Miami Dade College, FL  
**Michigan Department of  
Agriculture and Rural Development**



**Luz Bautista**

State University of New York Oneonta, NY  
**Rural and Migrant Ministry**



**Cristian Cardoso**

Western Michigan University, MI  
**Van Buren Intermediate School District  
Migrant Education Program**



**Alan Cazarin**

State University of New York Oneonta, NY  
**State University of New York  
Oneonta Facilities Planning**



**Carlos Delarosa**

Western Michigan University, MI  
**Owen Ames Kimball Co.**



**Monica Espinosa**

State University of New York Oneonta, NY  
**Adelante**



**Lizvette Garza**

Michigan State University, MI  
**The Jewish Community Center  
of Metro Detroit**



**Simona Gomez**

New Mexico University, NM  
**James Korenchen Public Relations**

# Participants



**Janet Ibarra**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*Office of Representative  
Elissa Slotkin (MI-08)*



**Priscilla Krantz**  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, TX  
*Doctors Hospital at Renaissance  
Health System*



**Edith Martinez**  
Valdosta State University, GA  
*Michigan Department of  
Agriculture and Rural Development*



**Katherine Martinez**  
State University of New York Oneonta, NY  
*Jewell and Arline Moss Settle Herbarium*



**Alex Mendez**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*Agro Fresh*



**Ashwan Moquino**  
New Mexico University, NM  
*JB Henderson Construction Co.*



**Lesly Morales**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*State of Michigan Office of  
Migrant Affairs/Department of  
Health and Human Services*



**Myrka Moreno**  
St. Edwards University, TX  
*Texas Observer*



**Victor Nesta**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*Great Lakes Packing Company*

# Participants



**Stephanie Raya**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*Central California Child  
Development Services*



**Alexandra Rocha**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*Ray Gonzales Homes L.L.C.*



**Christine Schafer**  
State University of New York Oneonta, NY  
*Plant Genomics at  
Michigan State University*



**Arlette Segoviano**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*Sparrow Health Systems*



**Eduardo Sosa**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*Turf Management  
Michigan State University*



**Vang Yang**  
California State University Fresno, CA  
*Plant Genomics at  
Michigan State University*

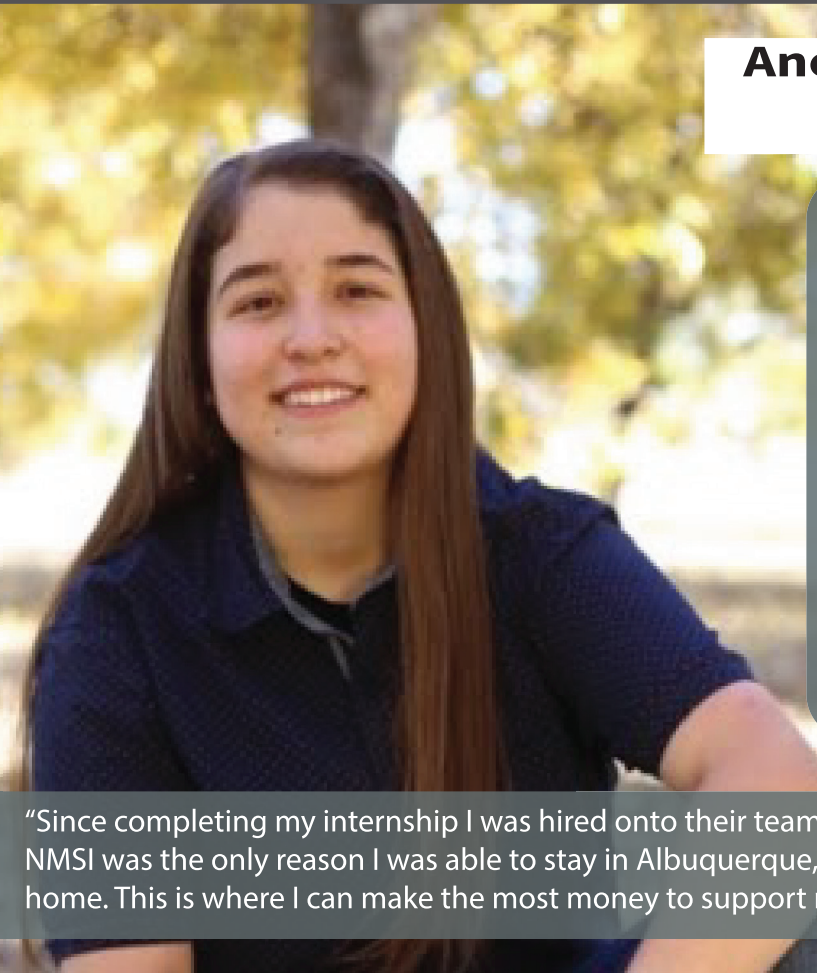


**Abigail Ventura**  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, TX  
*Dr. Xavier Martinez Private Practice*



**Dayana Villagran**  
Michigan State University, MI  
*General Motors*

# Participant Highlights



## **Anette Rascon**, University of New Mexico ***Walkin N Circles Ranch***

Anette Rascon Maldonado is a Junior studying Biology with a minor in Business at The University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico). Anette grew up in a small town of Temosachic, Chihuahua, Mexico. At the age of fourteen she started working in the chili fields, from then on, she followed whichever crop was in season. Anette always spent summers picking onions or working at onion sheds. For Anette, growing up in a rural area allowed her to value and appreciate animals in a way that most people wouldn't understand, from the horses and cattle in Mexico to the journey into the United States. Anette landed an internship with Walkin N Circles Ranch in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Since completing my internship I was hired onto their team. They wanted to keep me because of my strong work ethic. NMSI was the only reason I was able to stay in Albuquerque, otherwise I would have worked in an onion shed back home. This is where I can make the most money to support myself before school starts." -Anette Rascon

## **Brenda Lopez**, Drury University ***CoBank***

Brenda Lopez is a senior studying Psychology at Drury University (Springfield, Missouri). As a full-time student, Brenda works two jobs and over 50 hours a week. Brenda learned about CoBank through NMSI, and when the opportunity with CoBank came up, Brenda knew she wanted to take on the challenge and explore different career paths through CoBank. Brenda relocated for her internship and moved to Denver, Colorado, for summer 2019. Brenda applied to NMSI and successfully with CoBank as a Human Resources intern.



"NMSI's support assuaged any worries I (and my parents) had and allowed me to fully focus on this wonderful opportunity I was given. My Human Resources internship has allowed me to gain further insight on a department I was curious about and for that, I am very appreciative!" – Brenda Lopez



# Participant Highlights

## **Eric Martinez**, Washington State University ***Chelan Fresh Marketing***

Eric Martinez is a Senior studying Management and Finance at Washington State University (Pullman, Washington). Growing up, Eric worked in various wheat fields, orchards and packing sheds in the Pacific Northwest. Along with helping his Grandpa cultivating oranges in Mexico. Eric plans to start his own marketing company and begin his career as an entrepreneur. Eric interned at Chelan Fresh in Chelan, Washington as a marketing specialist.



"This internship is beneficial to me because I'm learning effective marketing strategies, gaining experience within my major, get to expand my professional network and make meaningful connections in the marketing field." -Eric Martinez



## **Jay Chavez**, New Mexico University ***Dentistry Divine Smile***

Jay Chavez is a Senior studying Dental Hygiene and Spanish at the University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico). Jay was born in Phoenix, Arizona; however, at a young age, he moved to his parents' hometown in Chihuahua, Mexico. Growing up, Jay crossed the border to work in the fields in New Mexico to provide for his family. Jay's dad encouraged him to move back to the United States because he believed Jay would have better opportunities in the U.S. After making a difficult decision, Jay left his family and moved to New Mexico. While in school, Jay found some time to volunteer at the Divine Smile Dentistry office. Soon, his volunteer position turned into an internship opportunity.

"This internship has given me the opportunity to be able to better understand the field of dentistry and specifically the dental hygiene field. NMSI should definitely continue to support students who are eager to learn about their career path through an internship. It has given me the opportunity and I wouldn't change it for anything, it is an amazing learning experience and it is so amazing that NMSI can provide this resource." -Jay Chavez

# Participant Highlights



## **Sophia Rodas, Michigan State University** ***Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan***

Sophia Rodas is a Junior studying Human Capital and Society with a minor in Chicano/Latino Studies at Michigan State University (East Lansing, Michigan). Sophia was born and raised in Grand Junction, Michigan, where she grew up in a migrant camp near fruit fields of cherries, apples, and blueberries. While Sophia's parents worked all day in the fields, Sophia would watch over her two siblings. Sophia's grandparents would tell them about the importance of education and that if they decided not to finish school, they would end up like them working in the hot sun for little pay. Sophia was motivated to take on an internship with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM), where she served as a Medicare Advantage Intern. This internship experience helped Sophia navigate her career interest.

"My internship has helped me understand my career interest because I got the chance to do hands on work that I find exciting. I gained project basic project analyst's skills. Learning about these basic skills has helped me how to identify an issue in any type of setting." -Sophia Rodas



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**Dentistry Divine Smile**



# NMSI Mentorship Program

The NMSI Mentorship Program was created to introduce corporate experience, networking opportunities, guidance, and open the door to the corporate sector to CAMP students. Mentors are former CAMP participants or first-generation college students who now work in the corporate industry and who have pledged to guide mentees with their career goals.

A Mentor guides and shares their professional and academic experiences, triumphs, and struggles with their Mentee. They listen, guide, inform, and provide constructive feedback to a Mentee.

A Mentee communicates with their Mentor effectively and seeks professional advice. They take the initiative in asking questions and learning from their Mentor.



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# Mentors



**Kathryn Cornish**  
Comcast NBCUniversal  
*CORE Finance Associate*



**Martin Munoz**  
Marketing Specialist  
*CASE Credit Union*



**Marcos Diaz**  
Sales  
*Lipman Family Farms*



**Theila Galvan**  
Risk Advisory Consultant- Associate  
*RSM US LLP*



**Enrique Jr. Pinon**  
Public Finance Investment Banking Analyst  
*Piper Jaffracy Companies*



**Abilene Williams**  
Director of Human Resources  
*Marriott Marquis Houston*



**Dianey Leal**  
Graduate Assistant, PhD Candidate  
*Michigan State University*



**Amanda Flores**  
Graduate Assistant, PhD Candidate  
*Michigan State University*



**Jerardo Jasso**  
Credit Analyst  
*CoBank*

# Mentees



**Joel Jasso**  
Accounting and Finance  
*St. Edwards University, TX*



**Raquel Barboza**  
Psychology  
*St. Edwards University, TX*



**Alberto Cruz Jr.**  
Human Capital and Society  
*Michigan State University, MI*



**Guadalupe Martinez**  
Business Preference  
*Michigan State University, MI*



**Vianei Pompa**  
Behavioral Neuroscience  
*St. Edwards University, TX*



**Guadalupe Velasquez**  
Economics  
*Michigan State University, MI*



**Esmeralda Suarez**  
Advertising Management  
*Michigan State University, MI*



**Simon Rojas**  
Agricultural Business  
*Michigan State University, MI*



**Stephen Reyes**  
International Business  
*St. Edwards University, TX*

# NMSI Team



**Luis Alonzo Garcia**  
*Director*



**Samantha Velez**  
*Associate Director*



**Yazmin Gomez**  
*Administrative Assistant*



**Michael Suarez**  
*Communication Project  
Coordinator, Spring 2019*



**Cesar Reyes**  
*Student Assistant*



**Esmeralda Suarez**  
*Communication Project  
Coordinator, Fall 2019*





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