


**CAMP**

*Alumni Hall  
of Fame*

*Inductees  
Class of 2005*

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## Glen G. Galindo

Former CAMP student originally from Jalisco, Mexico. He earned a criminal justice degree from CSU, Sacramento. Then he became a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Next while studying for an MBA, he launched a software company drawing venture capital. Afterwards he was a national marketing director for the National Society of Hispanic MBA's. Then he became Operations Director of the largest material-handling equipment company in Mexico. Currently, he is the founder and executive director of the National CAMP Alumni Association and he is the associate director for CAMP at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho.

CAMP Class: 1986-1987

Degree Earned: B.S. Criminal Justice



## Joaquin Cabrera Raya

I received my high school diploma at Edison High School in Stockton and I was accepted to CSUS with the help and the support of CAMP. I received a B.S. in Criminal Justice and I am currently completing a Masters in Counseling Psychology at National University in Stockton, CA. I am State of California certified under VCCS to practice counseling. I am the Regional Commissioner for the American Soccer Organization representing Region 1352. In addition, I have worked with the migrant population for 10 years including 3 years as Outreach Counselor for CAMP. Currently I am a project manager for Migrant Education, Region 23 in Stockton, CA

CAMP Class: 1986-1987

Degree Earned: B.S. Criminal Justice



## **Mario Alberto Vargas**

I came through CAMP in 1987-88 and studied Art and concentrated on painting. I was admitted to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago where I received my BFA in 1999. I will be pursuing a MFA in Art in the near future. I now live in Sacramento working on a new series of painting and also dedicate my time to community service. I am also an Epsilon Sigma Rho alumni member.

CAMP Class: 1987-1988

Degree Earned: B.A. Art, BFA



## **Ana Maria Méndez**

I came through CAMP in the fall of 1987. While in college I joined the Sigma Kappa Sorority the World Club and worked for CAMP as an outreach student assistant. In 1996 I married Armando Méndez who was also a CAMP student. Together we have two wonderful daughters, Julia and Christina. I currently serve on the board of the CSUS Latino Alumni Chapter. I have extensive experience in the medical insurance and medical technology industry. I have worked for various large organizations including Blue Shield of California, Kinetikos Medical Incorporated and Midwest National Life Insurance Company.

CAMP Class: 1987-1988

Degree Earned: B.A. Spanish, AA. Criminal Justice



## Rafael Sierra, Jr.

My name is Rafael Sierra, Jr. I was born in the state of Michoacan, Mexico and came to the United States at the age of 3 months. I come from a family of migrant farm workers that ultimately settled in the small town of Dixon, CA. I am the seventh of 8 kids and the first to attend college and work as a professional.

In the mid 90's I was introduced to Spanish language radio in Sacramento and worked to become an on-air radio personality. After achieving that goal, a few years later I became Marketing Director of the same radio stations and provided "voice-over" work for various clients cross country including the local Spanish television network. As luck would have it I was even able to cross-over and host my own English radio program on the local Oldies radio station in Sacramento.

Some people know me as Rafael Quintanilla and others as El Super Raflex. Still, others know me as just plain "ol' Rafa." But whichever name you may (or may not) know as, one thing's for certain. I would have never come to be a professional if it had not been for Dr. Marcos Sanchez and the fine people at C.A.M.P. at CSU, Sacramento. You see, I was destined to go to the US Air Force but I chose not to at the last minute just because I wanted to see what, "college was all about." Boy, am I ever glad I stayed!

Today I live in the Sacramento area with my beautiful wife Ann Marie and 6 month old son John Rafael.

CAMP Class: 1987-1988



## Armando S. Méndez

I attended CAMP in 1988 and graduated from Sac State in 1994. While in school I was active in helping establish Epsilon Sigma Rho Fraternity. In 1999 I graduated Law School, passed the bar exam and was hired by the City of San Diego's legal department. While there I represented the City of San Diego in many areas of law. The experience was invaluable since I was able to conduct jury trials and argue cases in court. Today I, have my own practice in the City of Sacramento helping people solve their legal problems. I have been married for 8 years to Ana Méndez whom I met while at Sac State. Together we have two young daughters.

CAMP Class: 1988-1989

Degree Earned: B.S. Criminal Justice, Juris Doctor CA Western School of Law



## Jorge Iñiguez

Jorge Iñiguez was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico in 1968. He grew up in Tlaltenango, Zacatecas. When he was 15 years old, he left Tlaltenango to go to Guadalajara to attend La Preparatoria (High School). In 1985 he migrated to the United States and worked in the fields and other jobs before going to high school in 1986. In 1988 he was admitted to CSUS through CAMP. In 1990 Jorge started working for Intel Corporation as a student intern. He continued working for Intel even after he graduated from CSUS in 1994 with a B.S. in Computer Science. In 1999, Jorge was transferred to a new position in Mexico City with Intel Tecnología de Mexico. While in Mexico, Jorge worked as a Business Development Manager for Government and Energy, a position of great importance as a Technology Trusted Advisor for Intel covering Mexico Federal Government. In 2004, Intel Corporation transferred him back to Sacramento, CA. He is currently a Business Development Manager for supercomputing accounts such as NASA, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the State of California.

CAMP Class: 1988-1989

Degree Earned: *B.S. Computer Science, 1994*



## **Norma Rodriguez**

I graduated from Galt High in 1986. I enrolled at Heald Business College and earned an A.A.,. I transferred to CSUS and entered the CAMP program in 1988. My major was Liberal Studies, but due to unforeseen circumstances I withdrew my senior year. I worked over 12 years with California Mini-Corps as a program secretary and 2 years as Administrative Assistant. I recently moved back from Mexico City and now enjoy working for the CAMP Program in the capacity of Office Manager. In the near future I plan to complete my bachelor's degree that I postponed and apply for the credential program.

CAMP Class: 1988-1989

Degree Earned: A.A.



## **Maria S. Hernandez-Becerra**

Maria S. Hernandez-Becerra, the daughter of migrant farm workers from Jalisco, Mexico moved to the U.S. when she was 7 years old. Struggling academically, she was on the verge of dropping out. Overcoming the many obstacles, she enrolled in CSUS through C.A.M.P. In 1995, she received her B.S. in Social Work. In 1997, she received her M.S. in School and Community Counseling. She remained on the Deans Honor List and was honored by the Golden Key National Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi. In 2003, she obtained and Administrative Credential in Educational Leadership. Maria is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Education from Saint Mary's University.

CAMP Class: 1990-1991

Degree Earned: B.S. Social Work, 1995; M.S. Counseling School and Community, 1997

And Administrative Credential, 2001-2003



## David H. Corona

I am the oldest of six children and was born on May 31, 1973, in the small agricultural community of Arbuckle, California. Both my father Jose, and mother Rosa, worked tirelessly as “campesinos” from sun up to sun down just to provide the essentials for all of us. Since early in life, I noticed that higher education was something reserved for wealthy farmers’ kids. Someone like me viewed the Army or Marines as the only way out of the fields and the dusty town I grew up in. That belief changed in September of 1990 when I met a gentleman representing an organization from CSU, Sacramento called CAMPOS. This gentleman “Tony Ortega” captivated my attention with his enthusiasm for higher education and his drive for all of us (campesinos’ children) to attain it. I went on to become a member of CAMPOS in 1991, and graduated from CSUS in the spring of 1996 with a degree in Criminal Justice. I have since become an officer with the California Highway Patrol, where I plan on shooting up the ranks to the very top.

CAMP Class: 1991-1992

Degree Earned: B.S. Criminal Justice, 1996



## Isaias Torres

My name is Isaiás Torres. I was born in Zamora, Michoacán. I came to the United States at the age of 13. I graduated from Ukiah High School. For me, getting an education was not an option. Every year I was placed on Independent Study to work in the fields. My parents felt I had a responsibility to work and assist financially with the raising of my younger sibling. I graduated from Sacramento State University and became a teacher. I teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in a Spanish Immersion Program at Grace Hudson Elementary School in Ukiah where I also live with my wife and two children.

CAMP Class: 1991-1992

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies & Bilingual Teaching Credential



## **Nancy Serrato**

I was the first person in my family to graduate from a university. Even though it took me years to achieve my goal, I believe that time is important but it is more important to accomplish your goals. Ay que seguirle echando ganas al estudio.

CAMP Class: 1991-1992

Degree Earned: B.S. Business Administration, 2001



## **Olga L. Arellano-Simms**

Currently, I work as an Assistant Principle for Sacramento City Unified School District. My next goal are to obtain a Doctorate Degree in Education and enroll in Law School to be certified as an attorney advocating for women that come from disenfranchise backgrounds and need support in the area of Family Law. I am very proud of all my accomplishments and thank my dearest husband, Coach Simms for all the support he has given me.

CAMP Class 1992-1993

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies, Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, Preliminary Administrative Credential, Master of Arts in Educational Leadership.



## **Araceli Rivas**

Born in the State of Zacatecas, México, I grew up in Baja California Sur. My family moved to Fort Bragg and after finishing the equivalent of High School, I also moved and had to repeat the last year to get my diploma. Attending school was not easy, but with a lot of effort, dedication, and family support I was able to graduate from Sacramento State. I am the Office Manager for a General Engineering Company in Albion, California. Agradezco a CAMP por darme el apoyo que necesitaba para continuar con mi educación, valió la pena. Gracias y adelante.

CAMP Class: 1992-1993

Degree Earned: B.S. in Computer Science, Minor in Business



## **Humberto Vega**

My name is Humberto Vega I was born July 10, 1973 in Mexico in the state of Guanajuato. I immigrated to the United States when I was 17 years old in 1990. I am the second oldest of seven brothers. I attended Gustine High School from 1990 to 1992. I went to summer school at Gustine High School for three consecutive summers. After my graduation from High School I went to Summer Bridge Program in 1992 at CSUS.

CAMP Class: 1992-1993

Degree Earned: B. A. Biological Science, 1999



## **Alejandra Herrera**

I graduated from Escalon High School in 1992. I was accepted into CAMP for the 92-93 school year. I majored in Liberal Studies to pursue a career in education. In 1999, after some time off, I graduated. My husband and I met while we were both CAMPers. We have been married 11 years and have two beautiful daughters. I have been teaching for 5 years. Currently I teach a 1<sup>st</sup> grade bilingual class in Stockton, where I also reside.

CAMP Class 1992-1993

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies



## **Ricardo Mauricio Herrera**

I graduated from Esparto High class of 1992; I am the first member of my family to attend college. I am a CAMPer class of 92-93. Camp changed my life forever. In CAMP I met my wife Alejandra of over 11 years. We now work and live in Stockton with our two beautiful girls, Andrea and Alisa. I attended Sacramento State for two years and left to pursue a career in the Army. I continue to serve but now as a Recruiter in the California Army National Guard. My plans are to retire and finish my degree in law enforcement.

CAMP Class 1992-1993



## **Olivia Aceves**

I graduated from Escalon High School in 1992 and attended CSU, Sacramento in the fall of 1992. I participated as a secretary in C.A.M.P.O.S. I majored in Liberal Studies and received a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies in May 1997. I then continued my education in the Multilingual Multicultural Credential Program at CSUS where I received a BCLAD in December 1998. I started teaching in the fall of 1998 and continue to do so in the present. I'm looking forward to obtain a masters in Bilingual Education.

CAMP Class: 1992-1993

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies



## **Jenny Guardado-Hidalgo**

My name is Jenny Guardado, I graduated from Le Grand High School in 1992 and entered the CAMP program the same year. I obtained a B.A. in Liberal Studies in 1998, teaching credential in 1999 then taught elementary and middle school. In 2004, I completed my Administrative Credential at CSUS and am now an Assistant Principal at Nicholas Elementary in Sacramento Unified School District. Currently I am working on completing my Master's degree, which I hope to finish by the end of 2005.

CAMP Class: 1992-1993

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies, 1998; Teaching Credential, 1999; Administrative Credential, 2004; M.A. in progress



## Rafael P. Ayala

Born in Michoacán, Mexico, Rafael Ayala is the eldest of eight children. Rafael's family settled in Napa, California where his parents earned a humble living as migrant field workers picking grapes. Though he never fathomed he would go to college, after graduating from Napa High School Rafael attended CSU Sacramento where he became a part of C.A.M.P the fall 1992. There he found his calling in Business Management. Coincidentally, the grape industry continues to play a significant role in Rafael's livelihood. Today, he is a Manager for Beringer Blass Wine Estates, one of the county's largest wineries.

CAMP Class: 1992-1993

Degree Earned: B. S. Business Administration, Management



## Maricela Bautista

Maricela is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration. Currently she is employed by the state of California as a Management Auditor with the Department of General Services located in Sacramento, California. She is also a Sole Proprietor of Bautista Taxes and Bookkeeping Services in which she also uses her entrepreneurial drive and education to educate the Hispanic community in her hometown of Williams, California about financial matters. In her free time she loves spending time with family and friends. Also, she really loves to travel and enjoys life to its fullest.

CAMP Class: 1992 – 1993

Degree Earned: B.S. Accountancy



## Wendy Carrasco

Ms. Carrasco manages all BCLI programs from marketing, contracts, and program implementation and follow-ups. Her other work history includes grassroots mobilization on civil rights issues at the Latino Civil Rights Center where she served as the Program Manager. Ms. Carrasco also served as the Managing Director for the Greater Washington Ibero American Chamber of Commerce. She also worked in the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Agriculture. She holds a B.S. in Criminology and Administration of Criminal Justice System from the University of District of Columbia/CSU, Sacramento, and a Middle Management Program Certificate from Columbia University's School of Business.

CAMP Class: 1993-1994

Degree Earned: B.S. Criminology and Administration of Criminal Justice System Middle Management Program Certificate



## Roel B. Peña

I was born in Mexico but I was raised in the United States between Texas and California. In 1993 I moved to Sacramento when I was accepted at CSUS. I earned a BA in Spanish in 1999 and later, in 2001 I earned a BCLAD credential. Since then, I have been working as a High School Spanish teacher. At the moment, I am working toward the completion of a M.A. in Spanish.

CAMP Class: 1993-1994

Degree Earned: B.A. Spanish, 1999; BCLAD, 2001; M.A. Spanish, in progress



## **Victoria LaTour**

Hello fellow CAMPERS, my name is Victoria LaTour. Most of you know me as Vicky Prado; however, I am now married and have added two beautiful girls to my family. I became a part of CAMP in the summer of 1993. I graduated from California State University of Sacramento in December 1999 with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. Since then I have working for the State of California as an auditor. I also started my own business preparing taxes and bookkeeping for businesses. I have been successfully running my business for three years now.

CAMP Class: 1993-1994

Degree Earned: B.S. Business Administration, 1999



## **Maria Elena Becerra**

After my family arrived in California from San Julian el Alto, Jalisco Mexico, I received my first lesson in life; it's not easy being a migrant student. I graduated from Rio Vista High School in 1994. That same year in the fall I enrolled in CSUS through CAMP. As an undergraduate student I worked for California Mini-Corps and Migrant Education. After graduating and completing my teaching credentials I continued to work for Migrant Ed. I am currently teaching half time and providing counseling services to at-risk students, as well working on credentials and MA in educational leadership and policy studies. In the near future I plan to obtain a PhD in education from UC Davis.

CAMP Class: 1994-1995

Degrees Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies, 1999, Teaching Credential, 2000, M.S. Counseling, 2003, PPS Credential, 2003



## Viridiana Diaz

I graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School in 1994. I entered Sacramento State University through the CAMP Program and completed a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies and Spanish in 2001. In 2002, I began working for the CAMP Program as a Graduate Student Assistant and a year later I transferred to the position of Outreach Counselor. I am currently taking on a new challenge and will be assisting students with career placement and planning. In the Spring of 2004, I completed a Master's Degree in Latin American Literature and I am currently completing the prerequisites for a Ph.D. Program in Public History. My plans are to become a professor and teach Latin American History in Spanish and English at the university level.

CAMP Class: *1994-1995*

Degrees Earned: B.A., Communication Studies, 2001; M.A., Latin American Literature, 2004



## Humberto Garcia

I graduated from Thomas Downey High School in Modesto in June of 1994. I began my studies at CSUS in the Fall of '94 as a member of CAMP. After commuting from Modesto the first year, I moved to Sacramento in the summer of 1995. I went on to reach the Dean's Honor list 4 times before graduating in the fall of 1998. In the spring of '98 I began to work at the CAMP office as a tutor. I continued to work at CAMP throughout my years as a graduate student; the sole exception to this was the year I spend in Spain as an exchange student. Upon my return, I became a graduate assistant to the Retention Counselor and went on to become the Retention Counselor myself after completing my M.A. in the fall of 2001. I plan on completing a Ph.D. in Spanish Linguistics, but that plan is still in its embryonic stage.

CAMP Class: 1994-1995

Degrees Earned: B.A. Spanish, 1998 M.A. Spanish, 2001



## **Lorena Valdivia Márquez**

I am the fourth of seven children born to Mexican immigrants who ventured to El Norte in search of a living wage. When I was a few months old, we returned to Tepatlán, Jalisco, México, later immigrated to Galt, California. My experiences there mirror those of most immigrant children-ones shaped by academic isolation. I took matters into my own hands when my high school advisor dismissed my desire to attend college. I focused on my studies and was accepted into CSUS and CAMP. I am currently enrolled in the UCSD History Ph.D. program. I am indebted to all the social activists who fought for the rights of migrant students.

CAMP Class: 1994-1995

Degree Earned: B. A. 1999; M.A. 2004



## **Celedonio De Leon Jr.**

I was born on June 11, 1976 to Rosalia and Celedonio De Leon. I attended school in the San Joaquin Valley and graduated from Escalon High School in 1994. I was an active student participating in sports, clubs, and student government. In college I continued to be active serving as CAMPOS Chair and co-founder of Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity. My final year at Sac State I interned with the Sacramento County Office of Education, where I continued to work. I currently work as Youth Development Specialist. My current interest are my family, friends and contributing to the community.

CAMP Class: 1994-1995

Degree Earned: B. A. Communication, 1999



## **Isabel Mendoza Solorio**

Hola, my name is Isabel Mendoza Solorio. I am the oldest out of seven. My father was a farm worker, therefore, I could not go to school on a regular basis. Eventually my father settled down in Yuba City, which, enabled us to go to school. I never thought that furthering my education was an option for me. CAMP motivated me to apply to different universities and it prepared me for my education journey. In fall 2000, I graduated from CSUS with a Degree in Liberal Studies and minor in Spanish. As a result of this, I am the first one in my family to get a higher education.

CAMP Class: 1994-1995

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies, 2000; Minor: Spanish, 2000



## **José Ramiro Hernandez**

After graduating from high school, I moved to Sacramento to begin my studies at CSU, Sacramento. I began with a major in accounting, but eventually switched my major to English and obtained a Bachelor's Degree. Later, I completed the single subject credential program at CSU, Sacramento's College of Education. Presently, I teach English Language Development at a high school in Woodland. I live in Sacramento with my wife, Fatima and two children, Andre and Yolihuani.

CAMP Class: 1994-1995

Degree Earned: B.A. English, Teaching Credential, English



## **Mónica Durán**

Monica immigrated to Williams, California in 1981 from Jalisco, Mexico. She graduated from Williams High School as Valedictorian in June, 1995. She went through CAMP during the 1995-96 school year. She graduated from CSU, Sacramento with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies in May of 2000. In May of 2001 she received a Bilingual Teaching Credential. She teaches at Williams Elementary School. She has two brothers and sisters, is married and has two young boys. She is also a cancer survivor since 2003.

CAMP Class: 1995-1996

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies, 2000; BCLAD Multiple Subject, 2001



## **Gerardo Aguirre**

Gerardo Aguirre is the oldest son of Miguel and Maria Aguirre. His family immigrated to the US in 1991 when he was 14 years old. Gerardo began attending Dixon High School in the fall of 1991. Due to not knowing how to speak English, he was enrolled in ESL classes. However, by his junior year, Gerardo was enrolled in regular English classes and graduated from Dixon High School in 1995. In the fall of 1995, Gerardo began attending CSUS and graduated in May 2002 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Gerardo works for the Sacramento County and plans on receiving his Professional Engineering License by August 2005.

CAMP Class: 1995-1996

Degree Earned: B.S. Civil Engineering, 2002; Professional Engineering License, by August 2005



## **Dr. Diana J. Chavez, Psy.D.**

I was born in Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco, in beautiful Mexico. I am the oldest of four siblings and my parents were once “trabajadores del campo.” My family and I migrated to the U.S. in late 1991; it was a new world to conquer for a 14 year-old girl. At first, my dreams were shattered with confusion and isolation, but I learned from my mother never to give up. My parents never placed limits on my dreams or goals. With their blessing and support, and the support of CAMP, I am the first to graduate from college and Graduate school.

CAMP Class: 1995-1996

Degree Earned: B.A. Psychology, 2000; Psy.D. Clinical Psychology, 2004



## **Ana Elizarrarás**

I was born in Sacramento, CA in 1978. I am the youngest of five siblings and the first in my family to graduate from college. I grew up in Clarksburg, CA and graduated from Delta High in 1996. After high school, I entered CSUS and the CAMP Program. I earned my Bachelor’s degree in Psychology in June of 2000 and my Masters degree in Counseling Education with a PPS credential in December of 2002. I am currently working as a counselor at Sheldon High School. As a school counselor I am striving to promote and encourage more Latino students to pursue a higher education.

CAMP Class: 1995-1996

Degrees Earned: B.A. Psychology, 2000, M.S., Counseling Education, 2002



## **Jesús Abel Serrano**

Yo soy Jesús Abel Serrano. Born in Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico on July 3, 1976. I migrated to Stockton, CA in November 1981. I attended schools in Manteca, Escalon, and Stockton; graduated from East Union High School in Manteca, class of 1995. I attended CSU, Sacramento from fall 1995 until Spring 2002. I was a member of CAMP '95-'96; and was elected as CAMPOS Secretary. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in May of 2002. Recently, I licensed as a contractor and founded a construction company specializing in swimming pool excavation. I am now the proud father of one intelligent four-year-old princess named Vanessa. I am a passionate sports fan of Oakland Raiders, Sacramento Kings, Club America and Dorado de Sinaloa.

CAMP Class: 1995-1996

Degree Earned: B.S. Civil Engineer, 2002



## **Maria Rubi Bracamontes**

My name is Maria Rubi Bracamontes and after graduating from Escalon High, I was accepted into the CAMP Program in the fall of 1995. I majored in Liberal Studies and after a few years at Sacramento State, I moved back home to Stockton. I commuted to school for my last two years and although this was a difficult transition, my parents were always very supportive. I graduated in May 2002 with a Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Studies. I am currently a substitute teacher in a long term position for the Stockton Unified School District. Although there have been obstacles in my path, I know that I will enter a teacher credential program in the future and obtain my teaching credential. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Dr. Marcos Sanchez. His kind and noble acts are an inspiration to many. I hope to one day be able to do my part in helping others as I have been helped.

CAMP Class: 1995-1996

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies



## **Martha Leticia De Leon**

I attended Live Oak High School and graduated 1996. Graduated as Salutatorian of my class. In college I was an active member of Omega Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, served as Treasurer and President. I worked as a Student Assistant for the Department of Insurance. I currently work as a Worker's Compensation Claims Professional with the Hartford Insurance Group. My current interests are family, friends, and serving as a role model to others.

CAMP Class: 1996-1997

Degree Earned: B. S. Criminal Justice, 2001



## **Sherri Vargas**

My name is Sherri Vargas. I am 26 years old. I graduated from Delta High School in 1996 and attended CSUS from 1996 until 2000 when I earned my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year law student at U.O.P-McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento due to earn my Juris Doctorate next spring. I am the president of the Latino Law Students Association and work in our on-campus Immigration Clinic. I volunteer my time at naturalization workshops with California Rural Legal Aid. Upon passing the Bar, I plan to practice in the areas of immigration and labor law.

Camp Class: 1996-1997

Degree Earned: B.S. Criminal Justice, Minor in Psychology



## Oscar Vasquez

Coming from a low income migrant family, Oscar is the first one to go to college and earn a Bachelor's Degree. CAMP not only provided excellent resources and great way to ease the transition being in college, but it allowed for a way to get to know people and be successful in achieving one's dreams.

As a member of CAMP, Oscar met his wife, whom he has a beautiful baby girl with and hopes that she will follow the same path to success while having the opportunity to get the same benefits that CAMP has provided him. Now, he works for the State of California as an Information Systems Analyst doing system designs and computer programming.

Getting an education is the best advice one could get. Even though it is hard work, it does open a lot of doors and allows you for a better chance of success.

CAMP Class: 1996-1997

Degree Earned: B.S. Business Administration, Management Information Systems, 2002



## Hilda Ledezma-Vasquez

I graduated in 2001 with a BS in Business Administration. My first job out of college was a Junior Underwriter for a private lender. I worked with terrific people who taught me a diverse range of skills.

Meanwhile, I got married and have a beautiful one year old baby girl. I was the first to graduate from college in my family. I'm currently working for a state agency helping low to moderate income families with their dream of homeownership.

I have enjoyed a wonderful career, full of challenges and opportunities. My advice to students is to pursue their dreams.

Camp Class: 1996-1997

Degree Earned: B.S Business Administration, Finance, 2001



## **Jesús Armando Ojeda**

I lived in Méxicali, Baja California, México until the age of seven. Soon after, I moved to Fairfield California with my family where I finished my grade school education. During the hot summers I remember working alongside my parents and brothers and sisters in the agriculture fields of Solano County. It was then that I decided to go to college in order to maximize my potential. While I came to California State University, Sacramento I decided to learn as much as possible. Being part of student organizations such as; CAMPOS, LABSA, AMA, and IBO has given me many leadership skills that I still apply today. Participating in the Foreign Exchange program gave me many wonderful personal experiences. Graduating with several degrees has opened many professional possibilities for me. I am currently living in Antelope, California and enjoying a rewarding Sales Representative position with Verizon Wireless where I have worked for the past 2 ½ years.

CAMP Class: 1996-1997

Degree Earned: B.S. International Business, 2002; B.S. Marketing, 2002; Minor : Spanish and French, 2002



## **Felipe Hernandez Jr.**

I graduated from Rio Vista High School in 1997. I was fortunate enough to be selected by CAMP and began my college career at CSU, Sacramento. As a college freshman I joined CAMPOS and was elected the CAMPOS President. During my Junior year I began to work for the Vallejo Police Department as a Police Cadet. I graduated from CSUS in December of 2001 and enrolled in the Oakland Police Basic Academy as a member of the Vallejo PD. Six long months later I was sworn in as a Police Officer for the Vallejo Police Department. I have worked street patrol and I am currently working as a School Resource Officer at Hogan High School in Vallejo.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.A. Criminal Justice, 2001



## **Rosalinda Arellano**

My name is Rosalinda Arellano and I was born April 3, 1979 in Sacramento, CA to Juan and Angelina Arellano. My parents had their childhood snatched away and entered the farm labor working force at the ages of 8 and 13. I have learned from my parents that education is not a luxury; education is the only means to be successful and have the resources to reach the highest goals one seeks. They have taught me that I can be stripped of all commodities but the knowledge I gain from a higher education is irreversible and will always be mine. I work for the California Department of Education as an analyst in the School Improvement Division. I am currently working on my masters in Business Administration and I have recently received my Certificate of Advanced Business Studies. I also recently applied for the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent. After I receive my masters I plan to enroll in law school to obtain a Juris Doctor degree in Family Law.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.A. English, 2001; M.A. Business Administration, in process



## **Felipe Olvera Jr.**

Felipe graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Administration from CSU, Sacramento in May 2002. In December 2003, he graduated from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida with a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership in Higher Education. Currently Felipe is a home loan consultant for the Sacramento office of Countrywide Home Loans.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned B.S. Recreation Administration, MA. Educational Leadership in Higher Education



## Angelica Farias

After my high school graduation, I moved to Sacramento to attend college and I attended CSUS. In 1999 along with five other first generation, college female students, we started Mujeres Ayudando la Raza (MAR). In December of 2002, I officially graduated from CSUS with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a minor in Child Development. I am currently working for the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) a nonprofit organization in Sacramento and I am attending graduate school at CSUS.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.S. Psychology, Minor in Child Development



## Nelda Romero

I graduated Galt High School in 1997 and attended CSU, Sacramento in the fall. I was a CAMP student in 1997. I graduated from CSU, Sacramento in the winter of 2001, with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. I am an officer for the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Currently, I work at CHP Headquarters in the Sacramento area. I'm responsible for providing morning traffic reports on T.V. (Univision –Channel 19) and radio station (KeBuena 97.9)

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.S. Criminal Justice



## **Carmen Xóchitl Rodríguez**

Carmen X. Rodríguez, born in Mexico City, February 4, 1979. I am a first generation graduate, with a BS degree in Graphic Design from California State University, Sacramento. My family and I migrated to the U.S in 1990 looking for better jobs and education opportunities. Even though I was able to finish elementary school back in Mexico with a basic foundation of the Spanish language, the transition between two cultures was a bit difficult. This, however, has been one of the most important factors that has shaped my life and enriched me as a person to this day.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.S. Graphic Design, 2002



## **Ana Elisa Villanueva**

I was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. I am the oldest of six children. I grew up in the small town of Thornton, CA. In 1993, I graduated as the Salutatorian of my eighth grade class. In 1997, I graduated from Galt High School. With the help and support of my family, friends, and CAMP, in 2002 I graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies and a Minor in Spanish. In 2003, I received my Multiple Subject Bilingual/Crosscultural Language and Academic Development Emphasis Credential. Currently, I'm teaching and perusing a career as a Principal.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B. A. Arts, Liberal Studies, 2000; BCLAD Credential, 2002



## **Artemio Pimentel**

Artemio Pimentel obtained his B.A. in Social Sciences in 2002. At CSUS, Artemio was involved in various clubs and organizations. He was elected Executive Vice President of Associated Students, Inc. in 2000 and elected President in 2001. Artemio continued his education and his participation in student government and in 2002 was elected Chair of the California State Student Association, which represents more than 407,000 students studying and working on CSU campuses. In that position he worked closely in a new capacity with the State Legislature and gained experience working with CSU Administrators and labor groups. After Artemio obtained his B.A. in 2002, he returned to his hometown with a commitment and mission to make a difference in his community. With his extensive experience and notable accomplishments, he served as Deputy Supervisor for a member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors before being elected to the Woodland City Council on March 2, 2004. Apart from being a member of the Woodland City Council, Artemio is in Business Development for NVB Business Bank.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.A. Social Sciences



## **Araceli R. Velazquez Venegas**

I was born in Tepatitlan, Jalisco, Mexico, I came to the U.S. when I was 12 years old and in 1997, I entered CSU, Sacramento through CAMP. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in December 2002. I am currently working with the California Mini-Corps Program through Butte County Office of Education. I plan to obtain my masters degree and continue helping my family run their agricultural business. I would like to encourage all the Latinos to continue their education and let them know that dreams can come true!

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.S. Business Administration, 2002



## **Guillermina Ruíz-Gómez**

I was born in Jalisco, Mexico. I came to the U.S. when I was two years old. My family and I were migrant farm-workers. Moving a lot hindered my education; I was two years behind. In 1997 I passed my GED and got accepted to CSU, Sacramento through CAMP and EOP. I was a CAMP student in the 1997-1998 academic year. In January 2001, I got married. I graduated from CSU, Sacramento in May 2004. I'm currently substitute-teaching and pursuing a new career in financial services.

CAMP Class: 1997-1998

Degree Earned: B.A. Liberal Studies, 2004



## **Alejandra Arellano**

My name is Alejandra Arellano. I was born in Sacramento, California on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1980 to Juan Manuel And Angelina Arellano. I was raised with a migrant family background. I am the fourth daughter of six children to have obtained a graduate degree from California State University, Sacramento. I have been a second grade dual-immersion teacher (Spanish-English) for two years in the Sacramento City Unified School District. My future goals include enrolling in the university again in order to become a School Psychologist. I am very appreciative of the opportunities life has given me to excel academically and professionally. More importantly, I owe my accomplishment to my entire family for their continuous support.

CAMP Class: 1998-1999

Degree Earned: B. A. Liberal Studies, 2002; Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, 2003



## **Blanca Isela Méndez**

Thanks to the sacrifices my parents made, I was blessed with a better life and many opportunities. As a result, it was my moral responsibility to carry on this family struggle and obtain a higher education. In the fall of 1998, I came to CSU, Sacramento as a CAMP student. Four years later, in the summer of 2002, I graduated with a B.A. in Liberal Studies. Immediately after, I fulfilled one of my ultimate dreams of living and studying in Mexico as I completed my Bilingual teaching credential through an international program. Today I am part of an educational revolution as I work for the Language Academy of Sacramento.

CAMP Class: 1998-1999

Degree Earned B.A. Liberal Studies, International Bilingual Teaching Credential



## **Jose Bermudez**

My name is Jose Bermudez, originally from Jesus Maria Jalisco. I have seven other siblings. Two brothers and five sisters, fortunately I'm the oldest of the bunch. I came to the United States at the age of eight. One of my goals in life is to become an educator, third grade preferably or high school history. Ultimately I want to become a school administrator, counselor or somewhat of a politician because I believe that these are ways that you can make changes in the world. "The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want." (Ben Stein)

CAMP Class: 2001-2002

Degree Earned: B. A. Liberal Studies, 2004