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Campus-based program to help students is funded five more years

Sacramento State’s College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) has been awarded a five-year funding extension to June 30, 2019, by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education. That’s altogether fitting since Sac State’s is one of the nation’s oldest CAMP programs and is routinely recognized as one of the 10 highest-performing in the nation. The program also serves as a mentoring site for new CAMP directors across the country.

Since its inception in 1981, CAMP has fostered a family-like environment for students from migrant and seasonal farmworker backgrounds, as well as an array of support services, including pre-college and first-year assistance. Most important, CAMP has helped turn the dreams of thousands of students from humble beginnings into reality.

CAMP representatives visit about 60 rural high schools each year to identify eligible applicants and provide intrusive advising, mentoring, tutoring and skills workshops, as well as housing and financial aid assistance to students during their first year of college. Other follow-up services are provided to participants after their first year.

“For more than 30 years, CAMP has provided thousands of students with the skills and experience necessary for a successful college experience and a brighter future,” says Rep. Doris Matsui. “This funding will ensure that Sacramento State’s CAMP program can continue its mission helping students for years to come.”

CAMP Director Viridiana Diaz is no less grateful. “Being awarded level funding for the next five years is a momentous occasion, not only for the University but for the Sacramento region as a whole, for the region is positively impacted on a daily basis by working professionals who began their college education at Sacramento State through this program.”

This successful program serves 70 incoming freshman students from migrant and seasonal farmworker backgrounds and approximately 300 continuing students. Besides help with obtaining a college degree, CAMP strives to help all students become leaders and active participants in their communities.
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