



Orientation Kicks Off CAMP Year

CAMP Orientation: Before the start of Fall term, PCC CAMP's fourth cohort group (2019-2020) was invited to attend a 3-day orientation at both PCC and YMCA Camp Collins locations. Students kept busy and entertained in various fun activities and workshops, while also preparing and learning more about college. At Camp Collins, students were able to interact and get know each other more, as well as getting to know their potential CAMP Peer Mentors for the year. Special thanks the CAMP Mentor Team for their facilitation of orientation activities.

CAMP Mentors for the new year include the following: Lupita Alvarado, Ivan Vasquez, Lourdes Farfan, Miriam Ortiz, David Ayala, Miguel Carmen, and Diana Jimenez. Team Lead is former PCC student and recent PSU graduate, Araceli Murcio. With support of the CAMP Staff, mentor will assist the new cohort of 45 CAMP students in their first year of college. Overall, the orientation was a positive experience that helped kick-off the CAMP year. Students made new friends to share the college experience with, learned more about PCC resources, and faced their fears on the high ropes challenge course!

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Student Volunteers Give Back

Harvest Festival: CAMP was invited to participate in PCC's Annual Harvest Festival. The festival celebrates the beginning of the Fall season. PCC provides activities that engage people in cultural dancing, potlucks, raffles, among other activities. Families were able to learn more about various programs that PCC offers, CAMP being one of them. There were about 13 CAMP students who volun-

teered. CAMP student Fatima Sanchez said the program provided students with information and resources to be successful in college. Volunteers handed out pamphlets that described requirements and how to apply. CAMP students also helped people who came to the booth and provided activities that allowed parents and their children to stay engaged and have fun.

"The festival was a great opportunity to interact and get to know CAMP members outside the classroom, and provide information to people who didn't know about the program." -Fatima Sanchez, CAMP Student



CAMP Center Welcomes Posada Night

Posada Community Night: The Oregon Leadership Institute (OLI), in partnership with CAMP and Dreamer's Resource Center, organized the Posada Night. The event was held at PCC Rock Creek Campus December 5th in the new CAMP Center.

The event helped parents and students from the community learn about the Oregon Leadership Institute, Dreamer's Resource Center, and the College Assistance Migrant Program. It was an opportunity for community members to learn about how these programs can help more Latinos and students of color attend college. Attendees were offered food, games, prizes, and more. For example, people played several rounds of Loteria and enjoyed tamales and pan dulce. They even broke a piñata outside the center!

During the event, CAMP student volunteers presented to attendees about its program services. First year student, Jennifer Perucho, had a chance to speak and share her experience. She spoke about the CAMP Mentors, and how helpful they are in helping first year migrant students transition to college. The volunteers did a really good job in encouraging the attendees to consider attending PCC and apply to programs like CAMP.

Student Speakers

Special thanks to the following first year students for presenting:

- Jennifer Perucho, Jose Lopez
- Ritchie Cuevas, Fatima Sanchez



1st year CAMP Student Jennifer Perucho and CAMP Peer Mentor David Ayala work with other students to complete the Know Your Worth Heart Puzzle

“Know Your Worth”

Heart Puzzle Activity: In order to show CAMP spirit, students were invited to participate in putting a heart puzzle together entitled Know Your Worth. The artwork was created by former CAMP Student Sarai Rivera. The image shows a deep appreciation for the migrant and farmworker struggle, and encourages students to be proud of their



roots and know their potential for a better life through education. During breaks from class, students would work as a team to put the puzzle together. Despite lots of frustration, students were able to get the puzzle done through teamwork and patience. CAMP student Stacey Trinidad described the puzzle as a “brain workout” and also stated, “It might have taken us several hours to finish but during that time, it was nice to get to know other people that we’ve never talked to before.”

College Guidance (CG)

CG Class Activities: During the fall term, CAMP Director and Instructor Greg Contreras provided students with educational and meaningful activities in CG 100: College Survival. For example, one activity was a Team Building Exercise. In small groups, students built pyramid towers by using attached strings, rubber bands, and cups. Greg asked what changes were needed to be faster in constructing the tower? Students responded that group communication was the key to being efficient and faster. By changing the strategies for the task, groups discovered that change was important to accomplish new results. In CG class, students gained tools and resources for a successful college start. Near the end, teams presented on college success topics.

Students Celebrate Completion of College First Term



Christmas Celebration:

CAMP students were invited to participate in the End of Fall Term Christmas Celebration to appreciate their hard work. This event was formed by the CAMP mentors to get together and recognize everyone's completion of their first college term. Students participated in the White Elephant as an activity to give and win special gifts. Students also played Mafia, a game where students work together to save their community. With lots of laughs and fun moments students enjoyed the Christmas celebration and hope to have more program events like this in winter and spring terms.

CAMP Student Champion!

The CAMP Student Champion is an annual special recognition awarded to one CAMP Scholar in the country who embraces the migrant and seasonal farm work background and commitment to higher education. Selection is made by the National HEP CAMP Association. Award Winner Diana Jimenez said, "I wasn't aware that I was nominated and felt surreal when they said I was the winner of this recognition. At first, I didn't even understand what this meant or how this happened. I was very surprised! I was already so grateful for how far I had pushed myself as a student and out of my comfort zone with the support of CAMP." After asking Diana what advice she would give to college students, she said, "One thing to do great

at school is to learn how to balance your personal life with your schoolwork. Learning how to balance your time will only make things easier for both school and your personal life. Building your own schedule is one thing that has helped me, and I find it more effective if I write it down in a place where it is visible to me." Diana's goals are to become an Educator for youth. In a speech, she shared about her goals, her story, and family when she was presented with this special recognition at the fall HEP CAMP Conference in Las Vegas. We are proud of Diana's accomplishments and hope the best for her as she moves forward at PCC and beyond. Congrats Diana!



Pictured, left to right: Michelle Kelley (President of HEP CAMP Association), Diana's mom and Diana, and Greg Contreras

Students Shine in College Panel

In the fall term, students Jaqui Mendez, Freddy Castillo, and Jose Lopez attended the Migrant Education Conference in Salem, Oregon. They did an excellent job leading a presentation for migrant parents. They spoke about college, about the benefits of programs like CAMP, and gave information to help them better understand how to help their children go to college. In addition, they participated in a College Panel Discussion in front of hundreds of migrant students. According to Greg, "I couldn't be any prouder of this year's CAMP group. They participate as best they can in their learning and also find time to help their community. During this Migrant Education Conference, our student leaders shined."



"I couldn't be any prouder of this year's CAMP group." - Greg Contreras

Director's Reflections

For my reflections, I'd like to acknowledge several key people, programs, and organizations. First, the students. You are the heartbeat of PCC CAMP. Thank you for investing in you and your families. Next, I'd like to acknowledge PCC. CAMP has a new home in Student Development. We are also have a new CAMP Resource Center at PCC Rock Creek! My favorite part of the day is seeing our center full of students—studying, relaxing, socializing, meeting for appointments, and just hanging out. Next, I'd like to recognize our growing partnerships: Mente, Dreamer's Resource Center, Nike, Adelante Mujeres, Multicultural Center, and many others. In addition to our students, our program strength extends to our partners. Thank you all. -Greg

