



Heartland CAMP Highlights (2015-2020)

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Over the past five years, Heartland CAMP has had the great privilege of serving 169 Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa first-year college students from seasonal, temporary, and migratory agricultural labor backgrounds. With federal funding from the Office of Migrant Education, we have provided students with scholarships, laptops, intensive holistic advising, community-building events, free tutoring, and connections to other supportive campus services – all to help our students make the strongest start possible in college.

Heartland CAMP students, you are building a positive future through a college education - not only for yourselves, but also for your families and communities. We are so honored to have been a part of your college journeys and we celebrate with you now!

To our Migrant Education and KU, KCKCC, MCC, and WIT partners – thank you for joining us in making Heartland CAMP possible across three states! The supports we provided to first-year college students were made possible through the important partnerships we forged with all of you.

With sincere thanks,

Stacy Méndez, Alejandra Hernández-Castro, Deb LaHoda, and Lily Castro (Heartland CAMP Team)

CAMP Graduates (2015-2020)

Irene Aguilar, A.A.S., Early Childhood Education, 2020 (IA)
Cristal Angeles-Ibarra, A.A., Liberal Arts, 2019 (KS)
Tanka Baral, A.A., Liberal Arts, 2019 (KS)
Anthony Bathke, Diploma, Motorcycle Technology, 2016 (IA)
Jose Cabrera, B.S., Pharmaceutical Studies, 2020 (KS)
Lyonel Camarillo, Diploma, Automotive Electrical, 2017 (IA)
Franklin Conard, B.A., Anthropology, 2019 (KS)
Cristian Cruz, Diploma, Networking Administration, 2020 (IA)
Jesus Cruz, Diploma, Industrial Welding, 2017 (IA)
Daisy Fuentes, A.A.S., Culinary Arts & Management, 2016 (NE)
Yameli Garza, Diploma, Accounting, 2019 (IA)
Israel Gutierrez, A.A.S., Professional Photography, 2017 (IA)
Chelsea Herrarte, B.S., Pharmaceutical Studies, 2020 (KS)
Alan Jimenez, Diploma, Industrial Welding, 2017 (IA)
Julian Juarez, A.A.S., Graphic Design, 2019 (IA)
Mu La, A.A.S., Medical Assisting, 2020 (NE)
Si Lah, Certificate, Automotive Technology, 2019 (NE)
Delia Mancilla, A.A., General Studies, 2019 (IA)
Juan Mancilla, A.A., General Studies, 2019 (IA)
Ywa Moe, Certificate, Welding Technology, 2018 (NE)

Deblue Na Moo, A.A., Business Transfer, 2018 (NE)
November Paw, A.A.S., Professional Health Studies, 2019 (NE)
See Paw, A.A.S., Medical Assisting, 2020 (NE)
Sunny Paw, A.A.S., Professional Health Studies, 2019 (NE)
Rosario Perez, A.A.S., Human Resources Management, 2020 (IA)
Esmeralda Perez Esquivel, A.A., Liberal Arts, 2019 (KS)
Alexander Pizano, Diploma, General Carpentry, 2018 (IA)
Jocelin Portillo, Certificate, Help Desk Technician, 2018 (IA)
Laizabeth Quiñonez, A.A., Liberal Arts, 2019 (KS)
Ta Ra, A.A.S., Medical Assisting, 2020 (NE)
Celia Ramirez, A.A., Liberal Arts, 2017 (KS)
Priscila Ruiz, B.A., Architecture Studies, 2019 (KS)
Denise Salcido, A.A., General Studies, 2019 (IA)
Tanya Sanchez, B.A., Human Biology, 2020 (KS)
Consuelo Sobalvarro, B.S., Mathematics, 2020 (KS)
Thian Uk, A.A., Liberal Arts, 2019 (KS)
Jesus Valenzuela, A.A., Liberal Arts, 2017 (KS)
Bryan Vasquez, B.S., Biochemistry, 2020 (KS)
Jovanny Vera, A.A.S., Networking Administration & Security, 2019 (IA)

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Heartland CAMP 2015-2020

\$515,277

Amount of total CAMP scholarships awarded

169 Students served

11 Languages spoken by our students

100%

English

43%

Spanish

39%

South East Asian

*Burmese, Laotian,
Hmong & Vietnamese*

13%

Nepali

5%

African

*Somali,
Kinyarwanda,
Sudanese &
Amharic*



87%

of students completed their first year of college

91%

of students who completed their first year of college and continued for a second year

Number of students who completed degrees, certificates, or diplomas



7 - Bachelor's degrees



18 - Associate's degrees



10 - Postsecondary Certificates or Diplomas



6 - Students admitted to graduate school



Irene Aguilar

A.A.S., Early Childhood Education

Western Iowa Tech Community College, 2020

CAMP scholarship has lended me so many opportunities. They have motivated me to succeed and accomplish my classes. I would like to thank them sincerely for choosing me, and thank you for the opportunity.



Jose Cabrera

B.S., Pharmaceutical Studies

University of Kansas, 2020

I want to give a huge thanks to Heartland CAMP for an amazing first year and a special thanks to Alex and Stacy for the unconditional support throughout my time at KU. After earning a PharmD my plans are to open a pharmacy in Kansas City, KS. I want to be the Latino community Pharmacist who provides an environment where patients can come in and ask questions with confidence and not have to worry about a language barrier.



Chelsea Herrarte

B.S., Pharmaceutical Studies

University of Kansas, 2020

CAMP has helped me find a place within a large school of many students. I was able to form life-long relationships with CAMP members and staff. They were always there when I needed them most. I plan to continue my education to earn my doctor of pharmacy at the KU School of Pharmacy, then pursue a residency within the health system before launching my long-term career.



Mu La

A.A.S., Medical Assisting

Metropolitan Community College, NE, 2020

I'm going to work at a clinic after I graduate. Something I would tell someone who is coming to college is not to worry too much about your first year. You should go to the career center if you haven't decided what you want to study. During my first year CAMP helped me to become familiar with campus resources, how to register for classes, and how to renew financial aid.



November Paw

A.A.S., Professional Health Studies

Metropolitan Community College, NE, 2019

I would like to thank the CAMP program for the amazing and helpful staff for helping me throughout my school year to become a successful person today. The CAMP staff are very friendly, kind, and helpful to me, and I felt very special and lucky to be a CAMP student. After graduating with my associate's degree, I gave birth to my now 2-month-old son James. I am currently working, and have been accepted to the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) and plan to attend in the future to attain my Bachelor's Degree.



See Paw

A.A.S., Medical Assisting

Metropolitan Community College, NE, 2020

College is not as difficult as what you might think if you work hard and seek help. With CAMP, you will be able to meet with your advisor regularly to help you stay on track. CAMP meetings help me get to know other students that have a similar background as me.



Rosario Perez

A.A.S., Human Resources Management

Western Iowa Tech Community College, 2020

I'm incredibly grateful for the CAMP scholarship. It allowed me to pursue and ultimately accomplish a goal that I, along with my parents, have had for as long as I can remember. I was able to possess a peace of mind while attending school knowing that my financial burden was lifted. The fear of student loan debt prevented me from going to school for far too long. I will be the proud holder of a college degree, in large part due to the CAMP scholarship.



Ta Ra

A.A.S., Medical Assisting

Metropolitan Community College, NE, 2020

I would like to start working as a Medical Assistant. CAMP has been guiding me since I started college. They helped and provided us with tools, such as school supplies, registering for classes, and getting many new experiences. As a first-generation student going to college, it was a challenge, but with the help of CAMP, it was easier.



Denise Salcido

A.A., General Studies

Western Iowa Tech Community College, 2019

I am grateful for the opportunity of receiving the CAMP scholarship. It helped me financially to be a full time student. Without their help, I never would have graduated from WITCC. I graduated with an associate of arts degree and transferred to Buena Vista University to pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Being a part of the CAMP program helped me to get the help that I needed to be able to further my education. They were always there to answer my questions and if they didn't know the answer they would find it for me. Thank you for selecting me to receive the Heartland CAMP scholarship.



Tanya Sanchez

B.A., Human Biology

University of Kansas, 2020

I am so grateful to have been a part of the CAMP Program at KU. As a first-generation freshman, having the support of CAMP was my biggest comfort and best resource. It helped me become a confident student. I can never thank Stacy and Alex enough for all of the support and encouragement they gave me! I will be moving to San Antonio in the fall to attend the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry. I am excited to become a bilingual optometrist to be able to help Spanish-speaking patients.



Consuelo Sobalvarro

B.S., Mathematics

University of Kansas, 2020

I felt alone moving across the state and being in a setting where none of my family has been. However, I was surrounded by supportive students and mentors who provided a family away from home. I think that was the absolute biggest difference was that I genuinely felt like I had a family. I don't know where I would be without the CAMP program. My future plans include pursuing a master's degree in Data Science at the University of Washington.



Bryan Vasquez

B.S., Biochemistry

University of Kansas, 2020

My best advice to incoming students is to utilize the CAMP network! Even though it is small in size, we have experiences that are common. It is seriously one of the best freshman year programs out there. I will always love my CAMP cohort and mentors. Currently, I am planning to take a gap year working as a R&D Formulation Chemist in Denver, Colorado and will be working part-time with a local non-profit to increase the access to affordable healthy, fresh foods. In 2021, I will begin a joint Emory University/Georgia Tech PhD Program in Bioengineering to research metabolic engineering.