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College Assistance Migrant Program Gives Students Solid Foundation

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The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) provides assistance for eligible students from migrant and/or seasonal farm-working backgrounds by recruiting them into higher education and providing them with academic support services to ensure successful completion of their freshman year in college.

CAMP Director, Josue Estrada, points out that having a program like CAMP as a resource to these students is beneficial because they can face many academic inconsistencies in their educational careers. Many times they are first generation, low-income, English language learners, and at times must travel throughout the state or country attending various schools.

"CAMP can be a vehicle toward affirmation and provide students with a strong support system on campus," Estrada said.

CAMP offers students academic advising, tutoring, financial aid and scholarship assistance, a monthly stipend and priority registration. According to CAMP's website, these services are aimed to help students make their transition from high school to college. The stipend can be up to \$650 per semester in order to help with every day needs. Priority registration allows CAMP participants to register prior to the beginning of the semester, which guarantees they will get a spot in the classes they need.

The academic advising that CAMP provides is required of all participants. Once a month students meet with their assigned advisor who personally monitors their academic progress as well as provides students with an outlet to get help with any personal or academic concerns they may have.

Estrada said that since 2005, WSU CAMP has served a number of Native American students. Of those students more than 75% are still attending WSU and are on track to graduate.

"Still, we see a great need to continue to serve additional Native students, and are currently working closely with the Tribal Liaison Office to identify and recruit eligible students," Estrada said. "Furthermore, CAMP understands that migrant as well as Native students have the highest dropout rates and lowest graduation rates in the state."

One Native CAMP Scholar is Yakama Tribal Member, Robert Gunnier.

"The CAMP program has helped me greatly," Gunnier said on CAMP's website. "They have provided me with tutoring as well as making connections on campus."

Gunnier, who will be graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, went on to say that although CAMP is specifically aimed toward freshman, they have continually been willing to help him throughout his college career.

According to Estrada, CAMP helps students develop a solid academic foundation to continue to excel beyond their first year.

"They receive transferrable skill that will ultimately help them obtain their degree from WSU," he said.

Another Native CAMP Scholar is sophomore Tabetha Villanueva, of the Chippewa Tribe in North Dakota. On CAMP's website Villanueva said that through the CAMP program she completed her freshman year successfully.

"Being in CAMP I was able to take on leadership positions, create friendships and received all the help I needed to achieve my goals," she said.

To qualify as migrant or from a seasonal farm-working background, the student or a member of their immediate family must have worked at least 75 days in the past two years as a migrant or seasonal farmworker in the areas of agriculture, livestock production, cultivation or harvesting of trees, fish farming, etc. In addition students must also be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, eligible to receive financial aid, and be a freshman applicant to WSU.

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Become a CAMP Scholar!
 Receive Support | Develop Skills | Achieve Success

Benefits:
 Academic advising, Personal counseling, Career counseling, Priority registration, Tutoring, Financial Aid assistance, Monthly stipend, Cultural enrichment activities and many other services.

Eligibility:
 Eligible to be a freshman applicant at WSU Pullman
 Eligible to receive financial aid (FAFSA)
 Be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident

You must also meet one of the following:
 Worked (parents, student, or immediate family) at least 75 days in the past 24 months in migrant or seasonal farmwork (this includes crop, dairy, poultry, or livestock production, the cultivation or harvesting of trees or fish farming)

Apply @ camp.wsu.edu

CAMP's Native ad campaign features students Robert Gunnier (Yakama) and Tabetha Villanueva (Chippewa).

For more information on CAMP's eligibility requirements, how to apply, and program benefits, visit their website at <http://camp.wsu.edu>

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