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University of South Florida's HEP Program Begins its 25th Year of Service



In November of 1987 when HEP held its first class, Ronald Reagan was president; oil was \$11.00 a barrel; Margaret Thatcher had been re-elected for a third time; Frank Corrigan was the Director of the Office of Migrant Education; and Leticia Gonzalez, Area Coordinator for Redlands Christian Migrant Association, would be HEP's first student and graduate.

The HEP program would like to thank the University of South Florida (USF), the College of Education and Department of Special Education for filling a unique role in welcoming the students and providing such a rich academic environment where real learning takes place. No other university in Florida has worked with the farmworker community as extensively as USF, and this is a relationship that the entire USF community can celebrate with pride.

We would also like to thank our partners who have helped support the program throughout the years. The Florida Migrant Education Program and the

Adult Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program have worked closely with HEP to ensure that farmworker families continue to be provided with quality educational services. Since 1991, the Temple Terrace Rotary Club has provided direct grants to students easing their financial burdens back home.

Finally, the HEP program would like to thank the exceptional group of adults and young adults who have entered our classrooms. USF is a better place because of your participation in the program. Your unique experiences and educational challenges have been shared with future teachers and counselors in the College of Education. Because of your participation in the program, you have helped secure scholarships for migrant students committed to pursuing teaching degrees through the generosity of Wish Farms, SUNRIPE and the Florida Tomato and Strawberry Growers Associations. You have provided valuable insight into the health issues affecting farmworkers to students and staff in the Colleges of Public Health and Nursing, and the Department of Audiology and Communicology. You have supported upcoming performing artists in the College of

Fine Arts through your attendance at various theatrical plays, dances and musical performances. You have not only enriched the university community, but you have impacted the lives of many students throughout Tampa Bay as well, by speaking to groups of students about staying in school, setting goals and making good decisions. Finally, let us not forget your family members and friends who you have positively impacted by attending HEP and earning your diploma. Their sacrifices and yours have made dreams come true!

Where did the students come from besides Florida?

- Alabama
- California
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Virginia

USF CAMP Student Selected for National Internship

This summer, I was fortunate to live a life-changing experience by being selected to represent the National HEP/CAMP Association as an intern in our nation's Capital. I was one of four interns selected from the CAMP programs throughout the country. We lived at George Washington University which is just blocks from the White House and the National Mall. I worked with the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry for eight weeks.

I worked with the non-designated staff of the committee assisting both the Democratic (Majority) and Republican (Minority) sides. My responsibilities included: answering phone calls, performing office duties such as copying, faxing, and mailings. I was also in charge of preparing the hearing rooms in preparation for upcoming hearings. I also attended hearings, sitting just behind many influential senators. Another one of my duties was to conduct research and gather information for the committee on the pending Farm Bill legislation.

Besides the internship responsibilities described above, I also had an opportunity to network with other interns and various influential people during my internship. I participated in a variety of leadership activities with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI). Each Friday we were invited to join the CHCI interns where we attended seminars and learned more about networking and working on the Hill. I must admit this was helpful because it really expanded my knowledge base about resources and opportunities available to me. I attended the Senate's hearing on the Dream Act held by Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin where I had the opportunity to meet the New York Times photographer Jose Antonio Vargas. I volunteered to work at the 2011 National Council of La Raza (NCLR) Conference, and I attended the conference luncheon where President Obama addressed the conferees.

Finally, I participated in the 2011 National HEP/CAMP Association Director's Meeting where all the interns were provided an opportunity to address the directors and thank them for their support in making our internship possible.



Liliana Ibarra with Debbie Stabenow, Democrat Senator from Michigan and Chairwoman of the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

"...the most important things I will treasure for years to come are the valuable experiences, connections, and knowledge I acquired while in DC ..."

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 Roxana Aguilar
 Jose Alfaro
 Nataly Barrientos
 Kasandra Balleza
 Ivan Calderon
 Javier Cruz
 Miguel Cuevas
 Maria Delpilar
 Brenda Escutia
 Maria Franco
 Ivan Garcia
 Krista Gutierrez
 Cindy Ibarra
 Juan Lopez
 Micaela Martinez
 Miguel Martinez
 Janet Medina
 Jessica Rodriguez
 Ivan Salazar
 Ricardo Salinas
 Ronkevious Smalls
 Jesus Vidaurri
 Pedro Zamora
 Fernando Zuniga

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 Business
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 Geology
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2011 - 2012 CAMMP Students

Inspiring Others through...

Financial Advice from T. Rowe Price By Juan Lopez (CAMP Student)



T. Rowe Price Associates, David Gonzalez and Joe Dellutri, along with Dr. Ann Cranston-Gingras address the 2011-2012 CAMP Cohort

During the month of October, the CAMP program set up a seminar for financial management with some associates from T. Rowe Price Investment Company. The guys were fantastic! They made the entire seminar fun. They included us in many activities and we had a great time, as well as learning crucial information.

As a college student, one is in the worst financial boat of their lives, statistically speaking. Being able to attend and learn from people working with finances every day is a good advantage to us. We learned how to better manage our money and to save before we spend. Information like this is extremely useful for us. Before the seminar, I completely was harassing my money saved. By the time I knew it, it was completely gone. Buying useless, unneeded items was a big mistake, and I am glad I have in-

formation now to fall back on with next semester's expenses.

As a Business Finance major, I found this seminar to be even more interesting than it already was. Being in a room with people doing what I possibly want to do as a career was very inspiring and supportive. It made me realize that I would love to teach young adults the value and importance of money management when it really matters. I am very thankful for the opportunity given to us by CAMP to attend this seminar and I know I speak for my fellow Campers that this was an amazing seminar with much information that we will hold on to for years to come.



HEP Recruiter Wins Prestigious Award



Rosie Mendez, Bishop Lynch, and Father Demetrio

HEP Outreach Specialist Rosie Mendez was awarded the St. Jude Apostle Medal by Bishop Robert Lynch of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL on November 20, 2011. The Medal was presented to Rosie for her outstanding service and leadership at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Wi-mauma. Rosie is involved in a number of ministries at Our Lady of Guadalupe which help provide support to farmworkers in the area.

Rosie has led the efforts to ensure that those facing hardships can have their need met whether it be for food, school supplies or clothing. Rosie's nephew Alex who volunteers with his Aunt said, "My Aunt is a loving and kind person, and I admire her for always helping others. I hope to inspire other kids my age to get involved in church the same way that she has inspired me." Rosie's family attended the service at the St. Jude Cathedral and her pastor, Fr. Demetrio, accompanied her as she received her medal from Bishop Lynch.

Passion Commitment Integrity

USF Honors Veterans By Cassandra Sanchez (HEP Student)

Celebrating Veteran's Day at USF was very exciting. We got to honor our veterans with various celebrations around the university. We attended the opening ceremony where General Lloyd "Fig" Newton served as the keynote speaker. We also got to see and experience the excitement of the Special Operations Command parachute demonstration.

They jumped off the plane landing at the heart of USF at the exact time planned. At the closing of the ceremony we got to mingle with veterans and the university community members including a very important person: *USF President Judy Genshaft!* After we enjoyed the delicious snacks provided, our HEP group documented this moment forever by getting a picture with the president of the university.



HEP Students with USF president, Judy Genshaft during Veteran's Day celebration

HEP Teachers Making a Difference By Kenia Lerma

The most important achievement I have made in life would have to be obtaining my General Education Diploma (GED) at the High School Equivalency Program (HEP). I really wanted to finish my education, but I thought it would be impossible. Nevertheless, if it hadn't been for my teachers constantly helping, motivating and giving me their time, I wouldn't have gotten my diploma.

As a student who has been out of the classroom for a few years, I needed constant help. My math skills were a bit rusty, so I needed tons of support. I can honestly say that the help involved in my

education was the best thing. Sitting in a large class without the help of a good teacher can be really stressful. That was my experience in the past with other programs and regular school. That wasn't the case in my situation at HEP though; I always had my questions answered and explained. The tutors and my teachers went above and beyond making sure I understood important concepts in math and all the other subjects.

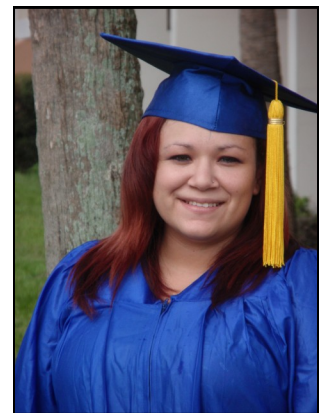
Motivation is the key to all success, so my teachers implemented several techniques to motivate the students, myself included.

A person's time is also very important. If the student and the instructor are both in a rush, nothing positive will come out of that. Learning takes time and we had plenty of time to learn new skills and practice them. We were always allowed to practice and consult our teachers. My teachers always took the time to show me examples. They encouraged me to stay after class just to make sure I understood.

Time, motivation, and constant help encouraged me to obtain my life's goal: my GED. That has definitely made the biggest and best impact in my life.

Thank you Maria, Kristen, Marta, Yuri, Jim and Ruben!!!

"The tutors and my teachers went above and beyond..."



Kenia Lerma attended session one of the current year. She lives in Plant City, FL with her husband and her 5 children.

GAME DAY



Jessica Rodriguez
CAMP Student

The first football game I attended at the University of South Florida changed my view of football forever. I remember the day, September 2, 2011, as if it was yesterday. It was a bright and sunny day in Tampa, and I had been waiting for the Ball State VS USF game for weeks! In fact, I even got upset when I heard a rumor that the tickets had been sold out. The roads around Raymond James Stadium were full of traffic and commotion caused by our first home game. As I arrived, there were various people tailgating, just hanging out and having a good time before the game. I walked towards the stadium entrance and all I could hear was the crowd roaring with excitement. Kick off was at 7:00 pm, and the wait seemed like a lifetime. The crowd went wild. I had never seen anything like it before. The band started playing the school fight song and USF fans (me included) booed our opponent as the players and coaches entered the field. As the game went on, I expected the crowd to run out of energy, but I was proven wrong. The fans maintained their enthusiasm throughout the game. I will never forget the day I learned our fight song and our football traditions. It was the best football experience I had ever encountered cheering on the team; the game ended with the score of 37-7, it was our victory. Go Bulls!

The energy, the green, the gold, the band, the players...Rocky!

I had never gone to a college football game before, so I didn't know how much fun it would be. I always thought that it would be kind of boring because I had only seen football games on television which didn't grab my attention at all. Now that I have gone to one, my opinion about the game has changed. Just getting to the game was exciting. Once the game started and the music started blasting, I felt energized by the game and especially the crowd. There were a lot of people cheering for both teams. Every time their team got a touch down, people would stand up and cheer. It took me a little while to learn how the game is played, but visualizing the plays helped me understand it a bit more. After a few minutes, I got the grasp of it and cheered along with the fans of the "Bulls"! After all, the experience of going to the game was awesome and I am glad HEP gave me the opportunity to attend. It even changed my opinion about the game of football. The crowd of students, adults, and children were full of spirit and admiration for their team. It was contagious!!!



Johana Paredes
HEP Student

HEP Students Enjoying the USF Experience By Marta Nazario

USF is a fun and enriching place to culminate your high school experience. HEP students participated in many of the fun activities lined up for the beginning of the fall semester. The University of South Florida (USF) coordinates the Week of Welcome (WOW) every year which includes activities such as comedy shows, poetry readings, movies, and so much more. HEP students jumped right in the middle of this exciting week by attending several of the functions and social activities. Students visited an expo featuring opportunities to study abroad,

which fueled their curiosity for post secondary educational opportunities. Many of the students were amazed at the plethora of educational programs here at USF and in other countries.

Another activity HEP students really enjoyed was ACCESSIBULL Abilities Fair, where they experienced how technology is used to assist those with disabilities. HEP students had a blast trying out the "dancing" wheelchair and learning about the Braille system. Students and staff members enjoyed a great performance and an exciting

basketball game right outside the new Marshall Student's Center. The pizza and cotton candy were a big hit, and free! Hispanic Heritage Month activities were also available to our students; they attended a beautiful gala event which included music and the delicious food of the Dominican Republic!

The USF Student Wellness Center provided us with several guest speakers who covered everything from basic nutrition to health issues that affect young adults. Our students learned how to limit their caloric intake, avoid

alcohol poisoning, and also learned about sexually transmitted diseases. The USF sponsored International Festival was particularly special to our HEP students because they were able to volunteer and fulfill their community service hours. Working hand in hand with USF students and other community members was a great learning experience. Community based organizations, such as The Spring shelter also provided us with an eye-opening presentation.

NEW STAFF

Marta Nazario

Driving into the USF parking lot on August 8, 2011 was more than just the conclusion of another morning commute. I had arrived, once again, at the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), my *new* place of employment. My overall sense of comfort was sprinkled with microscopic bits and pieces of anxiety and the normal nervousness that anyone feels on the first day of work. However, I felt good, really good about my return.

I was excited and eager to start working with my adult students, a welcomed change from my previous job at a local middle school, and I was eager to pick up where I left off with my *new* coworkers. I parked and entered the HMS building taking it all in as I went straight to Room 213. There was the classroom where I had read *The Pearl* with so many students years ago and the old stairs where I had taken countless 'cap-and-gown' pictures. There was the old HMS corridor, now spruced up with new colorful geometrical figures, and there were even folders where I saw my bubbly handwriting from 15 years ago. There were the familiar faces of old friends like Rosie and Pat. This will mark the second time the HEP family has welcomed me back. Once after 18 months abroad and now after teaching in the public school system for 8 years. Here I am - once again- typing this letter to you. I'm not 26 anymore but I remain just as passionate and more motivated as ever. I foresee a career full of success stories, compassion and growth. I'm happy to be back.



HEP Teacher,
Marta, with her son

Haley Desilet

I am very excited to have the opportunity to tutor this year with CAMP! Freshman year brings many challenges, and I know how difficult it can be to alter your study strategies to fit the new academic environment.

This fall, I graduated from Emory University where I dual majored in Biology and Classical Civilizations. At Emory, I worked in a Pathology laboratory for three years, studying the effects of certain AIDS medications on cardiac muscle. I am currently taking a few classes at USF, and volunteering at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital and the Surgery Waiting Room at Moffitt. I hope to apply to Medical School this fall in order to continue in my pursuit of medicine.

It is my hope to help as much as possible with this challenging, but important shift! I am very much looking forward to watching the CAMP students successfully navigate through their first year of college!



CAMP Tutor, Haley

Yuri Seedial



Hi, my name is Yuri Seedial and currently I am a junior studying accounting and finance at USF. Also, I am an international student who hails from Trinidad and Tobago which is in the Caribbean. I joined the HEP team, as a tutor, in Fall 2010 and I continue to love my role here to this day. I love my job mainly because I get to be a part of helping students to realize and take the right steps, be it academically and socially, to fulfill their aspirations. Passing the GED is the first step and I am grateful that I get to be a part of this wonderful and life altering

(from left to right) Yuri Seedial with HEP graduate Jaqueline Carranco and HEP/CAMP tutor Jim Ashworth who also joined our staff recently.

HEP is on Facebook!!!

Please visit our page **HEP at USF** and **LIKE** us. Spread the word. If you know any former students, please direct them to our Facebook site so they can **LIKE** us. We will have recruitment information as well as updates, so feel free to tell future students. Facebook is a groundbreaking site that we will use to document our HEP experience. Please stop by today.



Interested in Visiting the USF Campus?

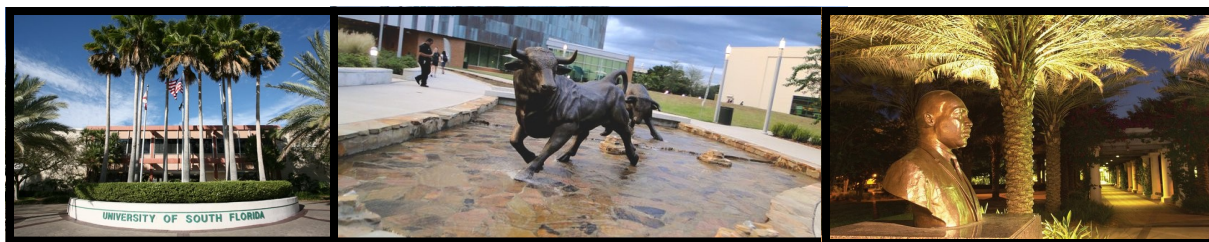
Groups of 9 or larger are to contact the Visitation Coordinator

Leslie Ann Lopez at: 813-974-0629 or lelopez3@mail.usf.edu preferably 45 days in advance.

Tours last between 1hr to 90 minutes and are available Monday through Friday

Groups that have scheduled an official visit are provided an informational session given by one of the admissions representatives. In the event that the slots are to capacity and additional tours cannot be accommodated, we encourage groups to do "self-guided tours" in which they can explore the campus on their own and pick up information for the group at the New Student Welcome Center.

****After confirmation has been received regarding your tour,
please contact Ruby Luis at the Center for Migrant Education to confirm your itinerary****



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