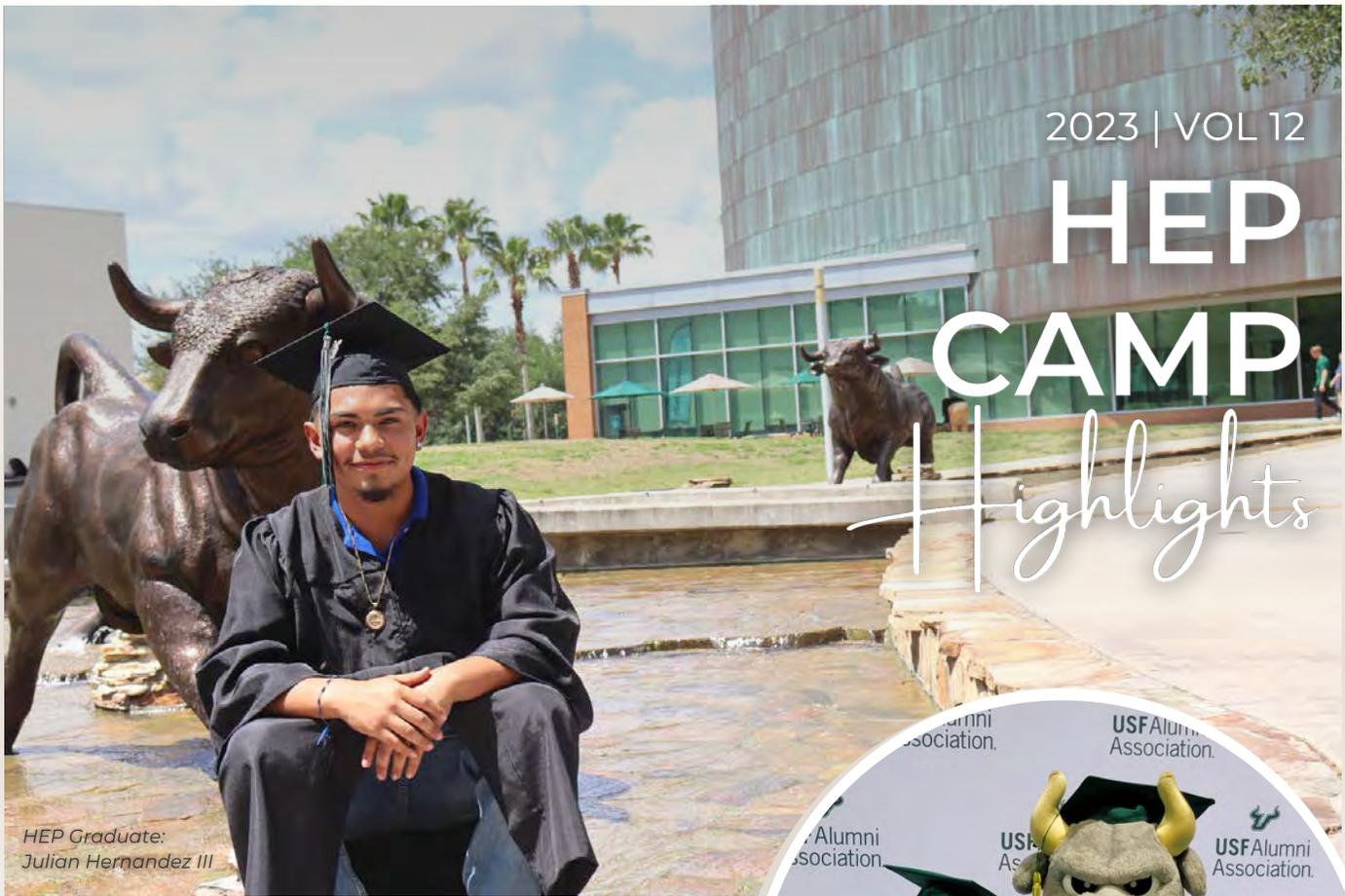


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# HEP CAMP

## Highlights



HEP Graduate:  
Julian Hernandez III



HEP & USF Graduate: Hana Florez Guimoye

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*Follow along to gain insights on what's new, student highlights, success stories, travel experiences, graduates, and more.*



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# FROM HEP TO USF GRADUATE

HANA FLOREZ GUIMOYE

*“Reach for success and fight for your goals, even if the odds may seem against you.”*

Dedicated to her studies and academic goals, former HEP student Hana Florez Guimoye earned her University of South Florida bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering spring of 2023. Hana joined the HEP program August 2012, just a few short months after moving from Peru. Her priority after arriving was getting started with her career. She knew it would be a challenge to fulfill her studies while having a one-year-old son at the time, but that did not stop her. With the unconditional support from her mother and siblings, Hana made it possible to complete her GED. She shared, “The program is a huge opportunity; it opened my eyes to greater possibilities.” The technical college tours and vocational classes inspired her to join Hillsborough Community College.



Hana's HEP Graduation 2012



During her time at HCC, she earned Dean’s List status and worked her way to USF. Networking and asking the right questions led Hana’s interest in majoring in industrial engineering. She gained insight on the major and realized she could go farther with her career interest while having a wider range of opportunities. Today, Hana is working for an engineering firm focused on civil and environmental concepts that serves Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Her long-term goal is to open her own business and be able to work for herself. “If you have something on your mind and certain goals set, you will find a way to make it work. No matter how big the challenges are, if you put enough effort in, it will work out.”

An inspiration to the HEP students and staff, Hana entered her last semester at USF as a mother of three, a full-time student, and an intern at an engineering firm in Sarasota, FL. She motivates students to continue their education even if they’re unsure of their next steps in life. “It opens the door to endless possibilities; the struggles are worth pushing through.”



USF Graduation 2023. Hana with family and loved ones.



### *USF Campus tour highlight*

As part of the College of Education's Migrant Education program, fifth grade students from Dover Elementary attended a College and Career workshop, toured campus with USF CAMP Ambassadors and had a surprise visit from USF's mascot, Rocky D. Bull!



Rocky D. Bull visits Dover Elementary Students



R. Anthony Rolle, Ph.D. Dean, College of Education

### *Student panel steals the spotlight*



Former CAMP students, Jacquelin Flores, Fabian Machaen-Arredondo and Elvis Santiago participate in a Pasos al Futuro panel discussion at USF.

The presentation included information for local Hispanic high school students and parents on how to prepare for college.

The Pre-health Scholars Program (PSP) is an enriching, career exploration program that serves highly motivated undergraduates interested in the health field. The program provides exposure to various health professions through clinical experiences highlighting exciting components of healthcare.

We are excited that CAMP student Brayan Alva-Felix was accepted into the PSP and will be completing the summer program this year. Brayan shares, "I chose this program partly due to my ambitions in going into med-school and helping people in need in the hospital setting." He was also encouraged to apply to the program by his CAMP mentor, Anthony Carmona, and CAMP student advisor, Virginia Flores. Brayan hopes to gain experience in doing clinicals and medical problem-based studies while also increasing his opportunities via networking to accomplish more volunteer and internship possibilities in his future undergraduate career.

### *Brayan Alva-Felix: Major: Biomedical Science*



## Dorm Life: Meet our Dorm Counselors

Marisol Resendiz and Marvella Moralez-Lopez, our HEP dorm counselors, have shared their CAMP and USF experiences with our HEP students for the past few years. Marvella earned her B.S. degree this past May, and Marisol plans to graduate in December. We are very proud of them!



Painting night in the HEP dorms



HEP students enjoy a holiday social full of games and crafts



Dorm Counselors and students enjoy a picnic social!

Marisol and Marvella have shared the responsibility of living with our residential HEP students, who reside on campus for the duration of their session. Living on campus is a unique opportunity, but it can also make students and parents quite nervous. Marvella understands this perfectly, because that is exactly what happened to her when she was coming to USF: "When I told my parents I would live on campus to attend school, they were worried since I had never been away from home...When it came closer to move-in day, I felt more nervous but excited at the same time because I was ready to begin a new journey." Marisol agrees, "It was an adjustment being far away from home, and I felt homesick at times, but I also found a new sense of freedom and responsibility." Marvella adds on, "I had to adjust to many things such as living on campus with someone I did not know, managing my time better, and doing my work without having to be reminded to do it like in high school. I quickly learned to do so and it helped me do good in my classes." Marisol and Marvella are excellent role models for our HEP students. The young counselors understand the importance of learning how to balance personal, social, and school life.



Marvella (left) and Marisol (right)

We asked Marisol and Marvella to share their thoughts about their experience as dorm counselors, and this is what they had to say:

Marvella: "Being a residential counselor has benefited me in many ways such as acquiring skills that have helped me manage my schedule and work with the HEP students while still being in school. I learned to listen and understand the students and advise them the best I could. I have also gained their trust and respect, which made it easier to work with them and help them as much as could. Working with HEP students was challenging at times, but nothing I couldn't handle. This position not only got me out of my comfort, but it also

taught me to not be afraid of trying new things, which could assist me in acquiring additional skills. I would definitely say that my most memorable experience while working in the dorms with the HEP students would be being a role model to them and building a strong relationship with them. It has been a great experience and very much interesting these past two years."



Dorm counselors join HEP students in a game of bowling!

Marisol: "Working as a residential counselor has allowed me to attend classes, do homework during the day, and assist the HEP students with homework in the afternoons and evenings. I would take the students to campus events, and we would do activities on the weekends like playing board games, kayaking, going to the mall, or going to the movies. When I wasn't busy with the students, I would study. Working for HEP has been a blessing. I have learned so much about myself and what I am capable of by taking on this responsibility. I have met some amazing students that have come through the program, and I am glad I was a part of their experience in pursuing their GED. From trips to Walmart, and the hours we spent talking in the dorm, to heated games of UNO, it was all memorable."

Marisol and Marvella also had some tips for those coming after them. Marisol advises the next HEP counselors to "be patient, be fair, take charge, and make sure to have fun." Marvella's words for the future CAMP and HEP students: "work ahead on assignments, go to office hours, and do not be afraid to join clubs or organizations, and, lastly, do not let anything stop you from achieving your goals because anything is possible with the support of family, friends, and HEP & CAMP!"



# HEP GRADUATES 2022-2023

HEP graduates from left to right: Jesus Ramirez-Garcia, Julian Hernandez III, Michael Jose Gonzalez, Christian Lopez-Mucinos, Javier Ocampo

## Collier County

Luisangel Trejo

## Hardee County

Eric Rivera

## Highlands County

Cristian Avelar Santos  
Marisol Duran-Garcia  
Anabel Garcia  
Mirian Gomez-Perez  
Veronica Gonzales  
Christian Lopez-Mucinos

## Hillsborough County

Elizabeth Abad-Cruz  
Miguel Aburto Garcia  
Ana Bautista  
Anna Castillo-Angel  
Brayan Cruz  
Daylilia Cruz-Sanchez  
Jordan Cuello  
Jesus Cuevas  
Julian Hernandez  
Alvert Lopez Ramirez  
Eduardo Reyes  
Nicoless Martinez  
Javier Ocampo  
Louis Rodriguez Buitron  
Uliziz Saavedra  
Dominic Silva  
Giovanni Torres-Arroyo  
Alia Vazquez

## Lee County

Evelyn Gomez Trujillo  
Michael Jose Gonzalez  
Lisa Jose-Gonzalez  
Jenifer Lima  
Dailyn Soto-Romero  
Adamariz Villagomez

## Levy County

Bernard Brown

## Manatee County

Carolina Adorno-Jaimes

## Okeechobee County

Tifani Gutierrez Mejia  
Jesus Ramirez-Garcia

## Orange County

Oscar Parra

## Polk County

Isaac Aguilar-Ramirez  
Yoana Chavez Garcia  
Martin Garcia Garci a  
Almita Perez  
Sarai Zavaleta

## St. Lucie County

Sarai Medina



Marisol Duran Garcia (left) and Anabel Garcia



Dailyn Soto-Romero



Adamariz Villagomez



CAMP Students from left to right: Eduardo Perez-Gonzalez, Angel Jaramillo, Ayline Rangel Corrales, Emanuel Ibarra, Karina Gabriel Lopez, (front) Sarai Aldama-Vaquero, Daniela Desantiago (front), Berenice Verdugo, Grizelda Venegas Venegas



From left to right: Karina Gabriel Lopez, Sarai Aldama-Vaquero, Grizelda Venegas Venegas, Angel Jaramillo

# Bulls Service Break:

## CAMP Students Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity

As experienced by Sarai Aldama-Vaquero, Daniela Desantiago, Karina Gabriel Lopez, Emanuel Ibarra, Angel Jaramillo, Eduardo Perez-Gonzalez, Ayline Rangel-Corrales, Berenice Verdugo, and Grizelda Venegas Venegas

Bulls Service Breaks are spring break programs led by the USF Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, created to increase awareness of social injustice and encourage cultural exchange. Bulls Service Breaks highlight problems in the community while showing students what can be done to improve the environment.

Volunteers are partnered with local organizations to get hands-on experience with social causes. CAMP sponsored students to participate in the program this spring. Below they share their reflections on the experience.



Grizelda Venegas Venegas in action!

This year, CAMP students traveled to South Carolina to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. When asked about their trip, Emanuel said, “There were many things that I took away from this experience, but the biggest takeaways were the work ethic, the people I met while serving, and getting closer to those in my CAMP cohort. I learned from this trip how the volunteering experience on a wider scale works and how intertwined the community can be to get something done. The experience was life-changing and great.”

The students learned and appreciated the work of Habitat for Humanity. In Karina’s words, “I learned about all the hard work that goes into making homes for families and improving housing affordability.” Daniela, said, “I was able to see how Habitat for Humanity empowers families in need and works day by day to work towards affordable housing. My experience volunteering was very heartwarming and eye-opening.” For Berenice, “Just hearing how thankful they were and how everyone who serves Habitat for Humanity has changed their lives for the better, made me feel happy for them and even more blessed for saying yes to this opportunity.”



CAMP Students: Karina Gabriel Lopez (far left), Daniela Desantiago (third from the right), Grizelda Venegas Venegas, Sarai Aldama-Vaquero

Bulls Service Break gave our students specific work-related insights and taught them valuable skills. In Daniela’s words, “As a social work major, my ultimate goal is to help out individuals and families in need of social services, and it was an excellent opportunity to do this during my BSB service... [This experience] motivated me to advocate for those in vulnerable communities and one day be able to work in an amazing organization like Habitat for Humanity.” Eduardo said, “I learned how to do some roof repairs.... I also learned that collaboration is important because it allows you to work in a team environment effectively.”



CAMP Students: Karina Gabriel Lopez (far left), Grizelda Venegas Venegas (second from the right), Berenice Verdugo

Grizelda shared, “I partook in replacing the old skirt of the house, measuring and cutting with an electrical saw...We worked on landscaping, digging, and breaking the ground with shovels.” Grizelda appreciates that she could potentially use those skills at her own home. For her part, Berenice recalled, “We were welcomed into the Restore, a reuse store that allowed us to see all the donations of furniture the community made. I loved helping re-paint chairs and tables to prepare them for sale. A staff member told us to get creative...”, and the students certainly did.

In addition to such valuable lessons, Angel enjoyed the traveling: “I was looking forward to this type of experience since I rarely left the state for anything other than work.... I have never felt the Atlantic Ocean and had only gone to beaches that touch the Gulf of Mexico.” Angel hoped others can participate in the experience and learn as much as he did.



BSB participants take a trip to the beach!



Berenice Verdugo and Emanuel Ibarra

All of the BSB participants appreciated the opportunity of meeting people and spending time with their fellow students. In Eduardo’s words, “I also enjoyed spending more time with some members of my CAMP cohort because I was able to get to know them better. I will always remember the many fun experiences we had during the trip.” Ayline said, “We all grew close to one another and found it easy to enjoy each other’s company.” Berenice summed it all up: “I became so much closer to the amazing individuals whom I went with on this Bulls Service Break trip. Thank you, CAMP! <3”.

CAMP is proud to have sponsored Bulls Service Break for this year’s cohort and values the students’ experiences.

# USF CAMP GRADUATES 2022-2023



Adela Rojas-Bautista:  
Nursing



Angel Ramos & Family : Chemical Engineering



Araceli Trejo-Rojo:  
Personal Financial Planning



Andrea Hernandez-Sabanilla:  
Business Analytics & Info Systems



Marvella Morales-Lopez:  
Health Sciences



Jacquelyn Arenas:  
Biomedical Sciences



Vanessa Ramirez:  
Health Sciences

# USF CAMP GRADUATES 2022-2023



Alondra Garcia-Huizache: Health Sciences



Juan Garcia & Family: Public Health



Pascual Jahuey:  
Biomedical Engineering



Stephanie Garcia:  
Finance



Fabio Louis: Accounting



Mareli Perez:  
Public Health



Thania Chavez Olvera:  
Public Health



Alejandro Sanchez & Family: Business Analytics & Info Systems

Congratulations to CAMP Alumni, Jose Segura who has also graduated with his B.S. in Nursing from USF! (photo unavailable)

The *Status of Latinos (SoL) Committee* recognizes USF students, faculty, staff, and community leaders who are contributing to the Latinx community through academic research and/or community service.

## Staff Recognition:

Malcolm Randolph has contributed significantly to the success of Hispanic students at USF through his dedication and support of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). In particular, his efforts have assisted program staff in exceeding yearly enrollment goals and providing the opportunity of a USF education for Hispanic students from hard to reach, remote areas of the state.



In support of these efforts, Malcolm has personally welcomed to the university visiting migrant students, parents, and staff from throughout the state, including from his home town of Belle Glade. Malcolm's welcoming and caring demeanor, as well as his ability to relate to migrant students and their families by sharing his personal story, has created a pipeline of students who see themselves as potential USF Bulls.

Mr. Randolph communicates regularly with the CAMP recruiter to review the status of each USF applicant. He often advocates for admitting students who otherwise might not be offered admission into USF, knowing that with extra support from CAMP they can make a successful transition into USF and meet their academic goals. He also serves on the USF Center for Migrant Education Management Team, providing admissions and other data for required reports and offering suggestions on how to enhance recruitment efforts for this specific population made up primarily of Latinx students. Malcolm has facilitated access to training for CAMP ambassadors consisting of upper-level USF students (often CAMP alumni) who volunteer on student panels and conduct bilingual campus tours for visiting students and parents.

## Student Recognition

*by the College of Nursing*

Miguel Martinez Jr. left his mark on campus as the president of Members Empowering True Awareness (META), along with his participation in the Mexican American Student Organization, Bulls Service Breaks, Stampede of Service, and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

During his time at USF, Miguel discovered his passion for the field of nursing and went on to work as a Registered Nurse for two years at HealthPark Medical Center before moving on to a position at the pediatric intensive care unit at Golisano Children's Hospital. As a nurse, Miguel distinguished himself with his caring personality, strong work ethic, and solidarity with his patients and co-workers.

Miguel passed away on July 27, 2020. He left behind a legacy of service and kindness that inspired his friends and family to start a scholarship in his honor. Since its inception in June 2021, the scholarship has been awarded to two students. Miguel's friends Ivan Garcia and Patricia Andrade accepted the award on his behalf.



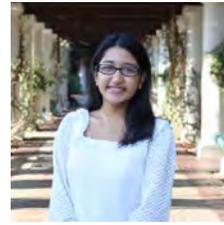
From left to right, CAMP Alumni:  
Mayra Espinosa , Patricia Andrade, Ivan Garcia

Mayra Espinosa is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-C) and student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-DNP) Program at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Nursing. Upon graduating from the College of Nursing with her BSN, Mayra worked for three years as a staff nurse in medical-surgical oncology in Tampa. She relocated back to the Lake Placid/Sebring area to give back to the community where she grew up and is currently employed as a staff nurse at AdventHealth in Sebring working on a progressive care/COVID unit. As part of her clinical hours at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, she will become a board-certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) allowing her to work with and testify on behalf of assault survivors in court. Congratulations!

# CAMP 2022-2023 COHORT



Sarai Aldama-Vaquero  
Brayan Alva-Felix



Stephanie Alvarado  
Dulce Badillo  
Sandra Barrientos  
Ruth Centeno Figueroa



Guadalupe Cortes  
Daniela Desantiago  
Karina Gabriel Lopez  
Carla Gutierrez-Sotelo



Neida Hernandez  
Emanuel Ibarra  
Angel Jaramillo  
Arnold Jimenez



Jennifer Lopez  
Guadalupe Lopez-Garcia  
Xiomara Martinez  
Rosaura Morales-Gonzalez



Alexander Nava-Mosso  
Eduardo Perez-Gonzalez  
Ximena Rangel  
Ayline Rangel-Corrales



Jairo Roa  
Meleny Rosas  
Jazmin Salas-Alamias  
Sarai Torres



Victor Torres-Esparza  
Grizelda Venegas-Venegas  
Berenice Verdugo  
Salud Villafuerte

# Student Allstar

ELVIS SANTIAGO



*Elvis (far left) leads a group on a USF campus tour*

One of the perks that come with our job is witnessing the growth of exceptional young people. We have had the privilege of meeting, supporting, and working with Elvis Santiago, a student from Plant City, Florida. His parents have worked in agriculture for many years. He joined CAMP in the summer of 2019, and he majors in cybersecurity.

We asked to comment on his CAMP experience, Elvis said, "CAMP has been a huge help to me. Being part of CAMP in my first year at USF helped me make friends and learn how college environment works. I felt welcome and help was always available when I needed it. My favorite thing was the CAMP social events. These events provided me with fun activities to do so that I did not get overwhelmed with schoolwork." Elvis may not know this, but he has been a "huge help" to us. He has volunteered for all our events and supported other students as well. During the past three years, Elvis has also volunteered as a CAMP Ambassador by sharing his USF and CAMP experiences at USF during student panels and providing informative campus tours for visiting students, parents, and staff.

*"I enjoyed CAMP, and I want to help incoming students enjoy CAMP as well. I know how much work it is to setup for socials. I help so everything can be ready and enjoyed by the students."*

We know Elvis is an awesome role model, and he also possesses strong academic skills. As a result, he joined our team as a HEP tutor. Together, we faced the challenges of the pandemic and grew stronger as a teaching team. In addition to tutoring, Elvis helps us with anything "technology" and makes sure our computers run smoothly, and he also supports us in team-building activities, such as the ropes course. Elvis believes his position as tutor has taught him new skills for his future career. "These skills include communication, investigation, multitasking, and having fun while still working effectively and efficiently."

*"The staff in HEP/CAMP are amazing, and I enjoy working with them. I try to be involved in everything like being a friend, mentor, guide to incoming students, a CAMP ambassador, and HEP tutor."*

In this last role, Elvis has been instrumental in reaching our HEP goals. He has grown into a well-rounded tutor capable of teaching all things GED and working with students with different academic needs. He said, "The [HEP] teachers do an awesome job helping students succeed. I like being able to provide support for the students and give them a variety of ways to look at things to make their learning easier. HEP is an outstanding program helping students obtain their diploma, so they may find good paying jobs or so they may continue with their education if they were not able to before." Elvis has made a great impact in many of our HEP students' individual journey and has supported all of us along the way; we cannot thank him enough for that. We love and count on Elvis because he truly embodies the spirit of our programs.



*Elvis volunteering with Mentor Facilitators Fabian (left) and Alondra (Right)*



*Elvis Santiago, HEP Tutor*

"Something I would say to potential students of HEP/CAMP is do not worry; the programs are very helpful and will help you succeed. They care a lot and are wonderful people, an amazing family...These programs are remarkable; they have obtained a high passing rate and graduating rate. They have helped many students with different backgrounds succeed."

Elvis is expected to graduate May, 2024. We asked him about his goals for the future, and he said, "I would like to have a job that gives me great pay while leaving time to relax and travel to different places. I want to have a job that I love and am happy to share with anyone that asks." We are extremely lucky to have Elvis for another year and know that he will continue to grow as a remarkable human being. Thank you, Elvis, for everything you do!

# The Pursuit of Higher Education

By Alondra Garcia-Huizache

My pursuit for a higher education has been a long ride. Yet, I have been blessed to have such amazing support groups in my life. Working in the fields was also a driving motor, because I knew I had to ensure a better future for my family and myself. This new path was not only for me, but also for others that are going to follow after me. A previous staff member from my elementary school put us in contact with the CAMP Program and before I knew it, I was a freshman attending the University of South Florida. The CAMP Program helped me get my footing in my college career. From Ms. Virginia's advice on how to organize my busy schedule, to the warm feeling I got during our social events, I loved everything the CAMP staff did for students like me. Because of this, I decided to become a mentor and ambassador for three years.

I was also involved with the Mexican American Student Association for two years, and Bulls Service Break my freshman year. I became a member of Delta Tau Lambda Sorority, Inc. They helped me grow as an individual and a professional and it allowed me to work with different organizations in the USF Community. I had over four positions within my sorority in my two years as an undergrad. I was President, stroll master, treasurer, and got to bring in seven new girls into the sorority for my last year of college. I even won the USF Fraternity and Sorority Legacy Award and got my chapter to win chapter of the year.

None of this would have been possible without the many words of wisdom and care I received from the CAMP family. I worked with CAMP for the last two years of my undergraduate experience and I've learned planning techniques and leadership skills that I was able to implement in many ways throughout college. CAMP has given me the wings to grow. I hope many get to experience such wonderful memories outside and inside the CAMP program, and to definitely pay it forward! We were all once starting from zero; we all deserve a chance to grow.

To my CAMP family, staff, and friends: Thank you!



**Alondra Garcia-Huizache**  
Major: Health Sciences



From left to right: Guadalupe Cortes,  
Alondra, Fabian Machaen-Arredondo



Alondra and CAMP mentee Dulce Badillo

“ Thank you... to those who motivated me and reminded me I am not alone. To even those who said I would amount to nothing or simply be a farm worker. I take pride in who I am and who I have become. ”

## Staff Appreciation: Becky Merritt

Becky Merritt has made her mark at USF. She has worked at USF for 37 years and has had a valuable role in assisting the HEP program. As an accounting specialist in the controller's office, Becky ensured checks were printed and direct deposits were carried correctly for students, vendors, and for payroll. She also confirmed HEP stipends were successfully printed. Becky faced unique challenges in her office and that is why she enjoyed her position. She admired the strong team she worked with, along with collaborating with different departments.

Becky recently retired from USF, she plans to start over in the work field, she prefers to keep busy and would love to find something new after retirement.



"The HEP program is a great opportunity for migrant background students and guiding them in the process of making a better life for themselves." Becky wants to emphasize the importance of education and why students should continue. "Keep learning, I learn something new every day."

Diana Cordova Rodriguez completed the HEP program in October of 2021. She began the program with a goal to continue higher education and has successfully completed her certificate in surgical technologist at Erwin Technical College. Diana shares her experience with us:



As a migrant background student, her parents were always traveling to and from Tennessee to pick tomatoes. This was the case her whole life, and unfortunately, she found herself constantly behind in school.

The HEP program motivated her to seek brighter opportunities. Diana experienced the "college life" by living in the dorms and attending campus events. "It was an amazing experience, the HEP teachers are amazing! The way they teach, help, and care for their students, honestly, the best!"

## HEP Student Success: Diana Cordova Rodriguez

Diana shares her appreciation towards the teachers and is grateful for the program. "Thanks to the teachers, I was able to receive my diploma." Diana explained she was the first to graduate in her family and shares after completing the HEP program she continued her studies to become a surgical tech. "The program is amazing for people interested in assisting doctors during surgeries." Her role as a tech is to set up the materials, tools, and instruments pre-surgery and assist the surgeon as needed.

"Anything is possible when you put your mind into it! Don't ever think about giving up, hard work pays off!" Diana continues her career goals and has increased motivation now more than ever with her 7 month old daughter by her side. "Always remember that hard times don't last and to always look forward and never look back!"



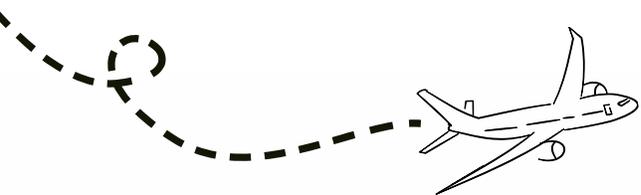
Diana (far left) shares her role on the job as a surgical tech!

# DREAM TO STUDY ABROAD:

BY: JOANNE NESTON

*Camp Scholar 2021-2022*

I was rushed to the emergency room the day after I arrived in London, England. I was crying in a wheelchair with my swollen ankle, and I wondered how I ended up here. Rewind back to five months ago, when I spontaneously attended an information session on studying abroad in London for the summer of 2022...



Luckily my emergency room visit did not interfere with my travel plans, and I was able to fully enjoy the abroad experience.

My professors talked about the Gilman Scholarship and how it could help cover a large portion of the trip, and within the next couple of weeks, I was applying and committing to the program and the Gilman Scholarship, and I received both. Everyone was taking two courses and met up on Monday and Thursday for a few hours. Every week, we had an excursion for each class. For example, I went on the Jack the Ripper: Serial Killer Tour. I also went to prison. Yes, prison. This is a reform prison that is intended to have prisoners learn valuable skills that they could use once they are integrated back into society. There is a restaurant in this prison, and they cooked and served us. We also went to an asylum, which was more of a museum. Another class went to the Harry Potter movie set.

We were housed right in the center of London, in single rooms in an apartment with four other flatmates. These were the people I spent most of my time with when exploring the city. We visited the tourist spots, attended local events, and saw musical performances. One of the best nights I had was attending a live jazz performance at a speakeasy. We ventured outside of London and visited Bath, Oxford, and Windsor; some even went to Scotland and France. I truly had the best time studying abroad, and I am still close to my flatmates. This past spring break, we all went to Paris, and we have plans for another trip to Europe.



# SCHOLARS ON THE RISE:

To facilitate the students' transition to the university, CAMP hosts seminars designed to help build their professional portfolio. In collaboration with the USF Career Services, USF Foundation Scholarships Office, and other USF resources, students gain insight on resume building, scholarship essay techniques, and the appropriate manner in requesting recommendation letters.

**Congratulations to the following CAMP students who have been awarded scholarships totaling to \$32,000 for the 2023-2024 academic year**

**Student**

- Stephani Alvarado .....
- Guadalupe Cortes .....
- Daniela Desantiago .....
- Karina Gabriel Lopez .....
- Eduardo Perez-Gonzalez .....
- Ximena Rangel .....
- Ayline Rangel-Corrales .....
- Jairo Roa .....
- Grizelda Venegas-Venegas .....

**Scholarship**

- Latino Scholarship
- Lydia Cruz & Sandra Maria Ramos
- Association of Latina Social Work
- Sunripe and Tomato Exchange
- Pieper & Selby Scholarship
- Sunripe and Tomato Exchange
- Sunripe and Tomato Exchange
- Burkette Family Scholarship
- Lydia Cruz & Sandra Maria Ramos

# Interested in Visiting the USF Campus?

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