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# *Special Tribute to*

## *Nancy Zepeda-Zarate and Ashley Gonzales*



Director's Note: I wish to dedicate this issue of QVO to our fallen Eagles; two beautiful, talented students whose lives were tragically cut short. The Chicano Education Program sends its prayers to the families of Nancy and Ashley.

On February 21, 2014 EWU lost two of its students in a car accident. The loss of Nancy Zepeda-Zarate and Ashley Gonzales has been tough on family, friends and EWU community.

Nancy was one of the founders of Alpha Pi Sigma Sorority and was very involved within her community. To her sorority sisters she was a warrior. Not only that but she was also known for her smile and great leadership.

Ashley was known for being an amazing woman and someone fun to be around, always pushing others to strive for their aspirations. These two young ladies contributed greatly to the Chicano Education Program and demonstrated what it meant to be active leaders. They will forever be missed, but have left their mark on the lives they touched.

I will have to let go of  
Having you by my side  
Holding your hand  
Talking face to face  
But I will never let go of  
Loving you  
Remembering you



## SUPER BOWL 2014!!!!!!!



Students and staff celebrate before the big football game.

Let's go  
SEAHAWKS!!!!!!

Smiling and having fun while supporting the Seahawks.



It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

-Vince Lombardi



# CEP/CAMP EVENTS CON...

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## Last Day of CAMP Orientation

Above Picture: CEP/CAMP students and staff pose for a group picture. Can't forget the piñata 😊



Top Right Picture: Students preparing to be creative. Arte!



Right Middle Pictures: Having some fun while breaking the piñata. "I want some candy"



Dale Dale Dale no pierdas el tino porque si lo pierdes pierdes el camino...

Above Picture: Aurelia, Jennifer, and Luis



## CESAR CHAVES BLOOD DRIVE!!!!



Top Left: Students involved in the Cesar Chaves Blood Drive.



Bottom Left: EWU student supporting the cause by donating blood 😊





## *Linet Molinero*

Year: 3rd/ Junior

Major: Social Work & Spanish

Home town: Tacoma, WA

Favorite movie: The Notebook

Favorite quote: "Let your faith be bigger than your fears"



### **Why did you pick Eastern Washington University?**

Since the moment I stepped foot at EWU my junior year in high school I knew EWU was for me, it felt like home and it reminded me so much of my high school because of how diverse it was. I fell in love with the campus, the community and its people instantly.

### **What is your major? And why?**

My Major is Social Work, I chose this major because I love to help others. After going to a high school that has awesome college prep advisors who are always willing to help and encourage the Latino youth to pursue higher education I realized that that's also what I wanted to do. I want to follow in the steps of those who helped me to get to college and help low-income Latino students to pursue higher education and a better future. I feel that by doing this I will not only make myself happy and feel accomplished but I will also give back to those that have helped me and my community. I chose Spanish as my second major because I am already fluent in it and also because having a degree in Spanish would come in handy specially combined with my Social Work degree.

### **If you could do anything today, what would you do?**

If I could do anything today, I would get on an airplane and travel the world. Traveling has always been something I've wanted to do.

### **Who in your life has most influenced you?**

I believe that who has most influenced me is my family, seeing how much they have suffered over the years makes me aim for a better future for myself. After everything my family and I have gone through I want to thank them for everything they've done for me whether good or bad and what other way then to make them proud of me then to be the first in my family to graduate with a college degree.

## **What you do for fun in your free time?**

During my free time I like to hang out with friends, watch movies, go shopping or stay at home listen to music.

## **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?**

10 years from now I see myself with a master's degree, have traveled to various places and of course having a stable job doing what I love to do, helping young Latino students and encouraging them to go to college. I would also like to have a stable home and starting a family.

## **How has being a member of CAMP helped you out?**

Unfortunately I was not a CAMP student, however I did receive the "Orgullo Latino" scholarship from CEP my first year at EWU, for which I had to take an orientation class. I believe the scholarship as well as the class allowed me to get familiar with CEP, the campus in general as well as meeting new people at EWU.

## **What has been your greatest accomplishment?**

My greatest accomplishment has been attending college and doing things I would have never thought of doing, like working for our student government. Before I came to EWU my mind was set on coming to school, focusing on my education and graduating but that changed fast because I became very involved on campus.

## **What organizations, clubs, or activities are you involved in here at EWU?**

Since my freshmen year I have been involved with M.E.Ch.A. Which is a very politically active organization on campus, I have been an officer since I joined. With M.E.Ch.A. I have been able to live many great experiences and meet new people; it has differently opened many doors for me. Since the summer of my freshmen year I have volunteered/worked with New Student Transition and Parent Programs every summer for the new student orientation. The first summer I was an orientation leader and this past summer I was an Orientation Advisor for both FirstSTEP and Welcome Week. Doing this has also opened doors for me, it has allowed me to meet many great people and to interact and empower incoming students, and it has also allowed me to do what I love to do which work with students and encourage them to pursue a better future. Lastly, another great thing that I am involved with is ASEWU, our student government. This year I was able to serve as the ASEWU Council Clerk, which has allowed me to interact with the student body, encourage them to get involved on campus and with student government as well as hear their concerns both for the Cheney and Riverpoint campus. Another thing that I love about having this position is being able to be part of the big goals that student government has had for this year such as the quarters to semesters, working on the Library hours and the PUB remodel. I have learned a lot from this position and have loved every bit of it.







## *Maria Elena Gutierrez*

**Year:** 2014

**Major:** Computer Science

**Home town:** Mabton

**Favorite movie:** Nacho Libre

**Favorite quote:** “Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” –Theodore Roosevelt



**Why did you pick Eastern Washington University?**

I chose to attend Eastern Washington University because I had originally wanted to become a physical therapist and they had a great program for that.

**What is your major? And why?**

My intended major now is to become a computer scientist. This is something I always wanted to do in high school but felt that I didn't have the right background knowledge to follow through. I naturally enjoy being on computers and messing around with technology and feel that passion will overcome the difficulties required in going into this major.

**If you could do anything today, what would you do?**

If I could do anything today, it would be trying to find a way to do charity. I feel that charity is something that comes back to the individuals who give it. That can help me in the long run.

**Who in your life has most influenced you?**

My father has influenced me the most. He is a really wise man and has always given me the right advise; always! I see what he has gone through and how he handled situations that I know most people would handle in a negative way. It's that difference in his character from others that has influenced me the most.

**What do you do for fun in your free time?**

I enjoy reevaluating myself. I try to look for ways to improve anything I can, and that's what I really enjoy. I don't know what I would do if I wasn't able to find ways to improve myself.

**Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?**

10 years from now I see myself still trying to increase my education. If time is going to pass anyways, I might as well be doing something that will be worthwhile.

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**How has being a member of CAMP helped you out?**

Being a CAMP member has created a second family for me. This has helped me out because being away from home here at Eastern Washington University; it's hard to find the physical and emotional support that I need to get through my struggles. My CAMP advisor, Jennifer Nunez, has been the biggest support for me this past quarter. I feel like she truly has put an effort into caring and giving time for me when I need to talk to her.

**What has been your greatest accomplishment?**

My greatest accomplishment so far has been making the dean's list my first quarter at Eastern Washington University with a 3.8 grade point average.

**What organizations, clubs, or activities are you involved in here at EWU?**

I was originally part of Lambda Theta Alpha (LTA) Interest group. I have also included CAMP as an organization that I am involved with.



# LATINO ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS



## CAMP

The College Assistance Migrant Program, referred to as CAMP, is a federally-funded program designed to support students from migrant and seasonal farmworker backgrounds during their first year in college. The program provides students with both financial assistance and support services, with the goal of preparing them to continue their education at a four-year college or university.



## M.E.Ch.A

**M.E.Ch.A.** (Spanish: *Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlán*) is an organization on campus that seeks to promote Chicano unity, empowerment through political action, and higher education. We host cultural events such as *Día De Los Muertos*, *Día De Los Niños* and also political events such as our *Immigration Reform March*. As *Mechistas* we liked to stay actively involved in the community and on campus and grow as leaders and students together. Our organization is open to all.



# LATINO ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS CONTINUED



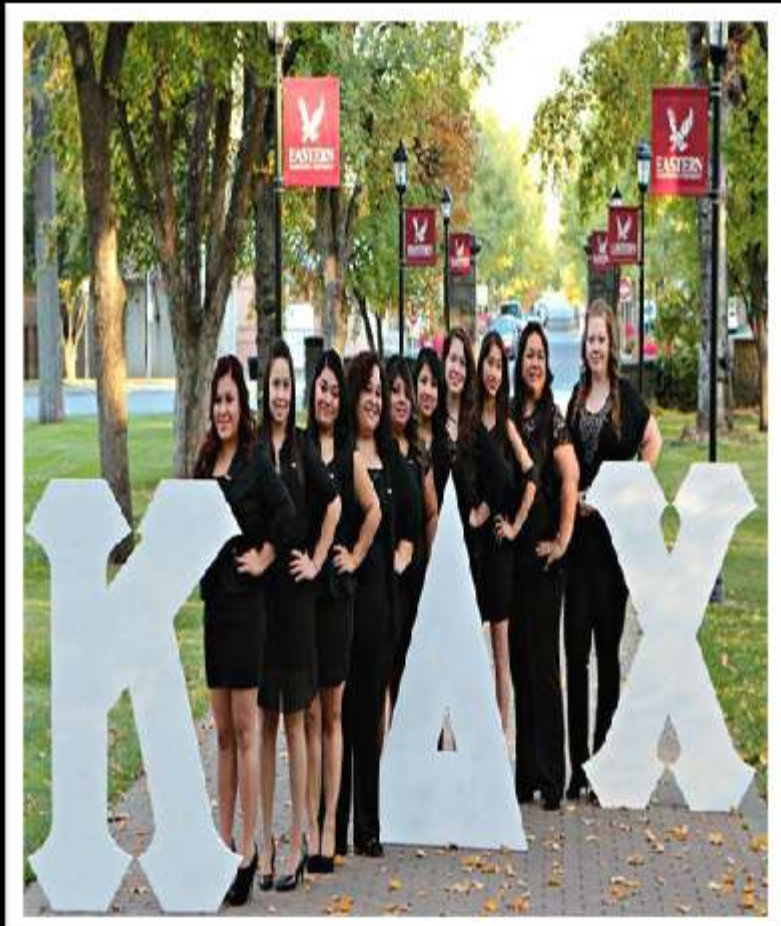
## **Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.**

Sigma Lambda Beta ( $\Sigma\Lambda B$ ) is a Latino based social fraternity with multicultural membership established on cultural understanding and wisdom. Founded on April 4, 1986 at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, the organization is committed to create and expand multicultural leadership, promote academic excellence, advance cultural awareness and community service while influencing its mission among all dedicated collegiate men worldwide. With over 149 entities consisting of colonies, chapters, alumni associations across the United States and in Puerto Rico, Sigma Lambda Beta is the largest, fastest growing historically Latino Fraternal Greek Lettered intercollegiate organization in America.

## **Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.**

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. was established at [Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas](#) by four friends who recognized the need to unify and promote leadership amongst Hispanic women at the university. The Founders are Cynthia Garza, Nellie Flores, Irene Montoya and Melissa Montoya. Their dream was to create something more lasting than a club. It was to be an entity that would extend beyond their college days. They sought to incorporate the principles of Unity, Honesty, Integrity, and Leadership into their organization.

Moreover, the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. was established at Eastern Washington University on a Sunday, Dec 4 2005 and belonging to the Northwestern US Region of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. The classy sisters of the Alpha Lambda chapter were the first recognized Latina based sorority established at Eastern Washington University. The vision of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. here at Eastern Washington University was realized by our Always Lovely Charters: Diana Baylon, Jordana Belch, Maria Elena Blanco, Lilia Cruz, Araceli Frias, Liliana Godinez, Patricia, Hernandez, Melinda Martinez, Ana Patricia Salazar and Martha Verduzco.



# LATINO ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS CONTINUED



## Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The brothers of Omega Delta Phi live by the sacraments of Unity, Honesty, Integrity, and Leadership, our organization has maintained academics as our top priority. We are a multicultural fraternity and we recognize the need for diversity in the professional world, which is why our goals are to graduate our members and to serve our communities. We have been recognized by the university. As the Greek Organization for 2012-'13 academic year. We have been working with the CASA organization (court appointed special advocates), and we raise funds to support their cause in helping children in need. We have recently partnered with United Way and have established them as our new philanthropy; their cause is to support the academic growth of children by using tutors, mentors and volunteer readers. EWU hosts an annual Cesar Chavez blood drive, and we help out every year in whatever form we can. Omega Delta Phi also gets involved with other greek organizations, we have social events which gives us the opportunity to network with other organizations, that have lead to organizations coming together to volunteer. We hope to continue to grow

## Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc.

In 1993, four determined collegiate women congregated with the common goal of establishing an organization at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona that would serve towards the advancement of Hispanics/Latinas while promoting a quest for higher learning and volunteerism. These visionary young women saw the need to create a support system that would encourage women to become actively involved with social issues, achieve educational excellence, and serve as a motivational source for others. They envisioned generating role models that would eventually yield a considerable amount of leaders in our Hispanic/Latino community.

**Philanthropy:** Education with a focus on mentoring youth

**Pillars:** Honesty, Integrity, Leadership Scholarship and Unity

**Motto:** Nos Una Crescemus (United We Will Grow)



# Upcoming Events

## 5 De Mayo Celebration

