DEAR FRIENDS,

For 24 years, the College has been transforming the lives of Bolivians through education. That’s not just our tagline, that’s a fact.

Just ask Lider Mamani (pictured above). A 2017 Veterinary Science graduate, Lider gained valuable experience managing the College’s animal production micro-businesses. Now, he imparts his skills and knowledge to students at Kateri Tekakwitha—a technical school for indigenous youth in the heart of Bolivia’s isolated TIPNIS reserve.

Lider isn’t the exception; he’s the norm. Data collected from UAC-CP alumni indicate that the College contributes to the reduction of rates of poverty within the graduate population and has a direct impact on improving social and economic development in the rural sector.

Despite alumni success, the ever-changing conditions of a growing economy require UAC-CP students to be more prepared than ever. As we evaluate and measure the effectiveness of the College’s work, one message has been clear and consistent: the UAC-CP needs to promote business development and entrepreneurship skills.

That’s why we’re excited that the UAC-CP signed a three-year contract with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to launch an entrepreneurship initiative. Now in its first phase, the project includes the development of the Business Institute and the expansion of the College’s micro-businesses. Current students and aspiring young entrepreneurs will be empowered to start their own businesses. All 612 UAC-CP graduates—many of whom (as you’ll read in this report) already have their own enterprises—will also be invited to return to Carmen Pampa to participate in a series of workshops to hone their entrepreneurship skills.

The College’s focus on entrepreneurship begins as the UAC-CP prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary in the coming year. If you haven’t had the pleasure of visiting Carmen Pampa, we encourage you to join us on our special anniversary tour! Come and see how your gifts to Carmen Pampa Fund transform the lives of Bolivians. We’re pretty confident your life will be transformed, as well.

Grateful to you for making the dreams of young Bolivians a reality,

Hugh Smeltekop                  Mark Leahy
CPF Executive Director                               CPF Board Chair
DIANA LEÓN • VETERINARY CLINIC OWNER

Born in a small mining town in Bolivia’s lowlands, Diana León’s isolated community lacked both the infrastructure for livestock production and a veterinarian. Even as a young girl, she knew that a college education was the best opportunity she had to improve the lives of her community members and their animals.

As a Veterinary Science student at the College in Carmen Pampa, Diana quickly became involved in the array of animal production micro-businesses on campus. She spent countless hours working at the hog and chicken farm, the meat processing plant, and with assorted livestock, such as sheep or quail. Daily opportunities for hands-on learning through productive enterprises encouraged Diana to do what the College does best: unite practice with theory in support of sustainable rural development.

After graduating in 2014, Diana returned to her hometown. Working with her older sister María Nela (a UAC-CP Agronomy graduate), Diana built a model poultry farm. Together, the sisters delivered chicks to local homesteads, supporting families as they developed chicken farms. Diana and María Nela visited producers every 15 days to answer questions and provided technical support.

She quickly realized there was a growing demand for her services and seized the opportunity to become an entrepreneur. Diana’s veterinary clinic serves her hometown of Guanay and surrounding communities.

Farmers throughout the region now know the small business owner by name. They regularly call Diana with questions and requests for one-on-one trainings and she travels throughout the area to meet with small producers, encouraging them to consider livestock production as a sustainable alternative to mining. “It is clear that we can’t live off of mining forever,” she says. “I support production to support my people.”

“I am the only veterinarian in my town, and one of the few who is willing to venture outside of Guanay [to the rural area]. The College taught me that, as a veterinarian, it is my duty to educate my community.”

During the second semester of the 2016 academic year (July - December 2016), Adam Barton, a Princeton in Latin America fellow, conducted a survey of current UAC-CP students. Results present a clear picture of the students served by the College and allow for better analysis of post-graduate accomplishments and significant life changes.

Sample information obtained from the survey:

**Enrollment**
- 683 students were enrolled for classes
- 60% female, 40% male

**Student Geography**
- 84% of UAC-CP students come from the rural area
- 60% of students come from farming families

**Indigeneity**
- 87% of students identify with an indigenous tribe or nation
- 32% identify as speakers of Aymara or Quechua (the two primarily indigenous languages in Bolivia)

**Family Education Levels**
- 95% of students are first-generation college students
- 47% of fathers and 69% of mothers have an elementary school education or less
- 77% of students said their parents expected them to attend college after high school
VICTOR ZARATE • HONEY PRODUCER

The son of honey producers, Victor Zarate had no intention of joining the family business when he enrolled in the UAC-CP’s Education Department. Then, an entrepreneurship course at the College caused him to reconsider his plans.

Inspired by the possibilities he imagined for his family’s honey business, Victor founded a small company called Apicultura Zarate. He reconstructed his parents’ work space and has repopulated more than 150 bee hives on their land. He now sells honey “in its purest form” in markets throughout Eastern Bolivian. His immediate goal is to open a shop with a variety of honey products, including creams, lip balms and sweets.

Despite his business success, Victor remains committed to education—particularly continuing education for adults. He walks more than six hours round-trip once-a-week to teach computer courses to GED students in the town of Coripata. Eventually, the current thesis student says he wants to use his degree in education to teach farmers honey harvesting and bee keeping techniques.

EMILIO MAMANI • COFFEE CONSULTANT

When it comes to coffee, Agronomy graduate Emilio Mamani is considered to be an expert in Bolivia.

After receiving his degree from the UAC-CP in 2007, Emilio worked as an assistant researcher at various coffee plants in the Yungas region. Through that experience, he grew his network within the Bolivian coffee industry and made important contacts with coffee farmers, vendors and exporters from around the country.

In 2013, Emilio and four of his former UAC-CP classmates established a consulting group called YAPU that advises rural communities and farming cooperatives on agricultural techniques and profitable production. Emilio’s expertise in coffee production and markets has allowed YAPU to expand to an international demographic, creating partnerships with buyers around the globe.

“My job is to empower farmers with access to information and networks so that they can lead productive and dignified lives.”

Family Economic Situation

- Average monthly household is $220 - $305
- 64% of fathers earn less than $150 per month
- 69% of mothers earn less than $150 per month

Student Households

- Students’ households have an average of 7 people
- 21% of students are from single-parent households
- 45% of student homes have dirt floors
- 60% of student homes have indoor plumbing

Motivating Factors to Attend the UAC-CP

- 54% of students indicate its affordability
- 45% of students indicate the quality of education
- 32% of students indicate a recommendation from a family member

Post-graduate Plans

- 45% of students plan to return to their home communities
- 71% of students plan to seek or create work in the rural area
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION
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Founded in 1999, Carmen Pampa Fund (CPF) is a Minnesota-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization that generates resources to assist with the growth and development of the Unidad Académica Campesina-Carmen Pampa (UAC-CP). The UAC-CP is a college located in rural Bolivia that serves poor families through education, research, production, community service, and leadership formation projects.

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