



CARMEN PAMPA FUND

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Celebrating 25 Years of Higher Education in Bolivia

DEAR FRIENDS,

This year we are excited to celebrate the College's 25th anniversary! It's an incredible milestone considering its humble beginnings and subsequent achievements.

Starting with only three technical degrees and 54 students, the College now offers five undergraduate degrees (Agronomy, Nursing, Education, Veterinary Science, and Ecotourism), several post-graduate certificate programs, and two master's degree programs. Average annual enrollment exceeds 700 students. From one building on a single campus with a sometimes functional telephone, the UAC-CP now has two campuses with numerous classrooms, offices, laboratories, libraries, and computer labs—with internet and cell phone coverage.

The UAC-CP's Research Institute, and its recently founded Business School, put the College in the national spotlight for its unique programming. The on-campus health clinic and micro-enterprises provide hands-on training for students, as well as valuable services for people living in the region. The College's long-term partnerships with educational institutions, fraternal organizations, governmental aid agencies, etc., have opened the doors of opportunity for cross-cultural learning, exchange, and scholarships. And, as alumni numbers grow, so too does support from the College's graduates—as professors, guest lecturers, these advisors, and donors.



Although the College has evolved and grown in ways that its beloved founders never could have imagined, its mission remains the same today as it did 25 years ago. The UAC-CP provides Bolivians with quality academic training. And, perhaps even more importantly, it also prepares women and men to be thoughtful, Christian leaders dedicated to addressing their developing country's social and economic challenges.

Your gifts of financial and in-kind support have allowed the College to transform the lives of Bolivians for 25 years and counting. Whether you have been giving since the very beginning or just joined our work this year, we are grateful for the role you play in helping young people realize their dream of a college education.

Peace,


Hugh Smeltekop
CPF Executive Director



Mark Leahy
CPF Board Chair

In 1989, Sr. Damon Nolan asked Dick Leahy to help build a college in Bolivia to educate the impoverished, rural population. Dick accepted the challenge and for more than 25 years he dedicated a large part of his life to raising financial and human resources for the College in Carmen Pampa. As a result of his tireless volunteer work, Carmen Pampa Fund exists today to provide people with the opportunity to transform the lives of Bolivians through education.

We were deeply saddened to learn of Dick's passing on October 31, 2018. However, we remain inspired by his commitment to social and economic justice for the poor, and grateful to everyone who shares in his legacy of love and compassion.



PAMELA ROCHA: Empowering Women Through Access to Opportunities

The founding mission of the UAC-CP calls on graduates to return to their home communities to serve those most in need. For El Alto native Pamela Rocha, that means living and working in the urban area.

Pamela, a 2008 graduate of the UAC-CP's Agronomy Department, works at Fundación Centro de Cultura Popular—a cooperative of 600 women who live in the outskirts of Bolivia's capital city of La Paz. "Many of the women don't have potable water or electricity or access to transportation," Pamela explains. "The level of poverty is alarmingly high and it constitutes a large section of the city."

The Foundation empowers women to understand and exercise their rights as women, both within society and in their own households. As Gender Program Coordinator, Pamela works to highlight issues as they specifically pertain to women, such as health care, politics, and food security.



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"For example, we have a contract with the mayor's office to do a series of workshops about preventing violence against women." Pamela accompanies representatives from the mayor's office to speak with cooperative members about the law and explain the process for officially reporting violence to the police.

Pamela uses her skills as an agronomist to help participants develop and manage their own urban gardens. "It's not just about growing plants, it's also helping women understand what options they have for healthy eating. We introduce them to a variety of fruits and vegetables that they can cultivate on their property. It provides a way for people to feed their families and earn income for their households."

More than anything, Pamela says, the Foundation offers access to opportunities. *"We provide women with the skills and information—and confidence—to be able to improve their own social and economic conditions,"* she said. "For me, that is what 'democratization of knowledge' is all about. And that is what Sr. Damon Nolan did for those of us who studied at the College. Sr. Damon offered access to education for Bolivian youth who would not otherwise have been able to study at the university level. It's all about providing opportunities to people."

SPOTLIGHT ON THE COLLEGE 2017 - 2018 FISCAL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Two UAC-CP Education students were special invited guests at the Women's Entrepreneurship Day conference in La Paz in November 2017. Lydia Barca and Tatiana Mejia were invited to present about the role of women in rural Bolivian communities.
- Successful Bolivian businessman and former presidential candidate Samuel Doria Medina facilitated a workshop on Campus Leahy in November 2017 titled "Economic Perspectives on the Development of Productive Businesses."
- The UAC-CP hosted a special graduation ceremony in December 2017 for graduates of the College's two post-graduate certificate programs in Coffee and Cacao Production and Higher Education Formation. To date, the UAC-CP has awarded 104 certificates in these two areas of continuing education.

- At the beginning of the academic year in January 2018, the College's Education Department opened a three-year technical degree program in early childhood education. To date, 25 students are enrolled.
- The College inaugurated its Business School in February 2018. The new Business School manages innovative learning modules that teach skills necessary for small business ownership. It also oversees the practical, hands-on experience for students in the UAC-CP's on-campus enterprises.
- The UAC-CP's first Agronomy graduate—Dr. Angel Rolando Endara, PhD—returned to Carmen Pampa in March 2018 with a group of colleagues from the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México. They provided a series of workshops on topics related to eco-tourism and public land management.
- In March 2018, the College launched a new program to boost graduation rates among students who have finished their undergraduate coursework, but not

JAVIER LARICO: From Humble Beginnings to Notable Life Achievements

Growing up as the second oldest son of a widowed mother in the community of San Juan de la Miel (located across the valley from Carmen Pampa), Javier Larico didn't have to go far when he registered for classes at the UAC-CP in 1999. But he's certainly gone a long way since finishing his studies in the College's Veterinary Science Department.

Today, Javier serves as District Director of SENASAG for the Department of La Paz. The mission of SENASAG, which operates under the Bolivian Ministry of Rural Development and Lands, is to improve and protect the conditions of agricultural production and food safety, and to promote the overall development of Bolivia's agricultural sector.

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One of SENASAG's primary objectives is to strengthen the capacity of Bolivian farmers to transform raw materials into finished products for human and animal consumption. This is accomplished by training farmers on a variety of topics, including: crop and livestock production; sanitations and waste management; pest control; and financial management. "We've taught farmers how to control diseases that affect their coffee production to ensure greater yields and increased incomes for their families."



Once farmers have a product to introduce into the consumer market, SENASAG helps them navigate the complex system of legal requirements for registering and selling goods. This year, Javier's team of nearly 100 agronomists and veterinarians (approximately 15% of whom are UAC-CP alumni) has registered 200 small businesses within 87 municipalities, including the major cities of La Paz and El Alto.

"It gives me great joy to know that I am helping small farmers enter and compete in not only the regional and national market, but the global market, as well," Javier said. "Since studying at the UAC-CP, I've worked in a lot of rural communities—including my own small community; so I can proudly say that I am living the mission of the College."

Twenty-five years after Sr. Damon founded the College, Javier says the institution serves as an important model for the entire country. "The UAC-CP has been a pioneer in higher education—giving opportunities to people like me who come from the countryside. The College has truly been a gift to the people of Bolivia."

completed their theses—a requirement to graduate. To date, 92 students have registered for the course.

- The College hosted the third edition of the international human-rights film festival 'Bajo Nuestra Piel' in Carmen Pampa in April 2018. The project was intended to generate a debate and reflective space on human-rights topics.

- In June 2018, the UAC-CP announced that it will offer two new master's degree programs: Coffee & Cacao Production and Climate Change.

- The College's coffee project continues its partnership with Duos Coffee and Ice Cream in Waverly, Iowa. To date, the coffee house has purchased approximately 2,600 pounds of UAC-CP coffee, with plans to import more in 2019.

- In May 2018, three students from the UAC-CP's Education Department completed their 10-month teaching internships in the U.S. Vida Magaly Celili taught

at Sonia Sotomayor Spanish Immersion School in Sioux Falls, SD. Maria Luz Diaz and Graciela Quino both taught at Adams Spanish Immersion School in St. Paul, MN.

- Representatives from South Dakota State University's and Fairfield University's chapters of Engineers Without Borders visited the College on two separate visits as part of their on-going partnership with the UAC-CP to provide clean and safe drinking water with the construction of sand filters and chlorinators.

- The College hosted educational visits from international partnership institutions, including: De La Salle High School, Minneapolis, MN; University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN; St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN; Franciscan Mission Service, Washington, D.C.; and Siena College, Loudonville, NY. The purpose of the trips was to provide cross-cultural exchange, language learning, and volunteer experiences to students from the U.S.

KATHIE MURRAY: Donating to the College Since the Very Beginning

"I give to Carmen Pampa Fund because of my mom," said long-time CPF donor Kathie Murray.

Kathie's late mother, Kay Murray, was one of the first people UAC-CP co-founder Dick Leahy turned to for help when he took on the challenge of building the College in the late 1980s. As his former business assistant, Dick knew Kay had the right ability and enthusiasm to move the initiative forward.



Together, Kay and Dick spearheaded the College's first fundraising campaigns. Through personal contacts and networking, the duo started to build a donor base for what would eventually become Carmen Pampa Fund. Kathie recalls that Dick and her mom followed the progress of the College "brick by brick."

Although Kay passed away in 2009, Kathie continues to follow the College's achievements. She says her mom would be so proud to see how the UAC-CP has evolved. "The mission of the College—to provide education to young Bolivians—was so dear to my mom's heart."

For 25 years, Kathie has made annual gifts to CPF; it is her special way of paying tribute to her mom's memory. "I'm proud of the role my mom played in the College's success; she contributed in an important way to making the vision and the dream a reality."

Kathie also gives to CPF because she believes the College is a wonderful and important cause. "It's such an inspiring story! The College has improved the quality of life for so many people."

DR. JORGE SANJINES: Teaching and Accompanying Youth for 25 Years

Dr. Jorge Sanjines, a professor in the UAC-CP's Veterinary Science Department, has been commuting to the College once a week for nearly 25 years.

Dr. Sanjines still recalls meeting Sr. Damon Nolan for the first time. He was encouraged to learn of her plans to develop an undergraduate program in Veterinary Science that would provide accredited degrees from the country's prestigious Catholic University of Bolivia. He was also inspired by Sr. Damon's vision.

"I'm a clinical surgeon, but I love to teach. I love sharing what I know—transmitting my knowledge to young people so they can be competitive in the job market and contribute to overall development in our country," Dr. Sanjines said.

Like most of his colleagues at the UAC-CP, Dr. Sanjines lives with his family in La Paz. There, he owns a private veterinary clinic and teaches part-time at two public universities. He admits that he doesn't make the seven-hour round-trip commute to Carmen Pampa each week for financial gain. He teaches at the UAC-CP because he's proud to be part of an institution that promotes development in his country.

"I've seen so many youth come through the UAC-CP who have left their past behind for a better future. I see how grateful they are for having the opportunity to change their lives thanks to the gift of education. I love being a part of that."

As a Bolivian professional, Dr. Sanjines knows he has a lot to offer to his country's youth. "I wear a lot of hats; because it's not just about being a professor, it's about being a guide and mentor and friend." The learning and companionship is mutual though; Dr. Sanjines says his students motivate him to be a better professor and a better person.

"I will be forever grateful to the Franciscan Sisters and to all of the people who had the idea and the courage to create the College. And," he said, "to the people who continue to support the College, I offer my most humble gratitude."



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-Juan Ibañez, Agronomy student

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A reminder that this list
only includes donations
made during CPF's most
recent fiscal year: July 1,
2017 - June 30, 2018.

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"A miracle occurs when humans, by their participation, reduce pain or improve an individual's quality of life."

-Dick Leahy, UAC-CP Co-founder

FINANCIAL DATA

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

	2018	2017	Change
OPERATION			
Support & Revenues:			
Public Support	\$321,530	\$415,257	(\$93,727)
Other	\$304	\$2,292	(\$1,988)
Total Support & Revenues	\$321,834	\$417,549	(\$95,715)
Expenses:			
Program	\$241,506	\$345,235	(\$103,729)
Management and general	\$43,131	\$39,405	\$3,726
Fundraising	\$30,657	\$31,911	(\$1,254)
Total Expenses	\$315,294	\$416,551	(\$101,257)
Change in Net Assets	\$6,540	\$998	\$5,542
Net Assets			
Beginning of Year	\$115,610	\$114,612	\$998
Net Assets End of Year	\$122,150	\$115,610	\$6,540
Unrestricted	\$56,716	\$94,628	(\$37,912)
Temporarily Restricted	\$65,434	\$20,982	\$44,452
Total Net Assets	\$122,150	\$115,610	\$6,540
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	\$131,303	\$118,212	\$13,091
CURRENT ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	\$117,522	\$111,347	(\$6,175)

For more detailed financial information, please visit our website: www.carmenpampafund.org/transparency

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CPF Leadership

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 Nadine Leahy
 Sarah Mechtenberg

UAC-CP Leadership

Bishop Juan Vargas, President
 Father Alejandro Mamani, Director General
 José Luis Mamani, Academic Director



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