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Entrepreneurship Initiative Promotes College's Mission & Academic Offering

In January 2017, with partial funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and The Katherine B. Andersen Fund, the College launched the first, 3-year phase of the Entrepreneurial Education for Rural Youth Program.

Under the direction of project coordinator Juan José Estrada, the UAC-CP Business School now offers a specialized training program for students in all areas of study. To date, 120 men and women have participated in the program, which focuses on critical business skills, such as accounting, marketing, and human resources.

As part of the training, students gain practical business management experience through the UAC-CP's micro-enterprises, which have updated equipment and newly developed business plans.

In addition, the Business School provides one-on-one guidance to students and graduates interested in starting or expanding their own business. Fifty students are currently in the process of solidifying business plans, which will fulfill a graduation requirement and position them to secure capital seed money for their budding enterprise.



Nursing students prepare to sort coffee by hand. As part of their required community service hours, all UAC-CP students spend time working at one of the College's five on-campus micro-businesses.

UAC-CP Director Fr. Alejandro Mamani says the initiative reinforces the mission of the UAC-CP to prepare youth to be agents of change. "This project enriches the training we provide our students; it pushes them to consider how they might contribute to rural development as small business owners."

25th Anniversary Trip to the College Fosters Friendship & Learning

CPF Executive Director Hugh Smeltekop and former UAC-CP volunteer Sarah Berman hosted 14 visitors in Carmen Pampa July 29 - August 4. The trip was organized as part of the College's 25th anniversary.

Visitors participated in a variety of activities on campus, including a visit to the coffee factory and a hands-on Andean roots and tubers workshop. On the final day, they experienced the Día del Campesino--an annual celebration in the countryside that highlights the struggles and successes of indigenous people.



Tour participants (L-R): Katherine Schafer, Michael Lechtenberg, Kevin McNamer, Jean McNamer, Lee Monnens, Javier Tintaya (UAC-CP driver), Lonny Wittnebel, Lee Lechtenberg, Heather Lees, Twyla Steinberger, Bill Lechtenberg, and Maddie Etzel. Not pictured: Ana Scherr, Sister Carol Virnig, and Mary Murphy.

Despite the wide array of activities during the week, participants said that their favorite part of the visit was

meeting UAC-CP students.

"The transformation that takes place in UAC-CP students throughout their studies is truly astounding," Hugh said. "They arrive with a vague sense of wanting to do something important for their communities, and by the time they graduate, they have discovered their gifts and developed some real skills to use those gifts. It's impossible to describe; you have to see it first-hand to really understand. That's

why it was especially profound to be able to see our group connect with students."

St. Kate's MPH Student Gains Professional & Personal Experience at UAC-CP

When Rachel Hannigan returns to class at St. Catherine University (SCU) this fall, she will have a lot to share with her classmates. A second-year student in SCU's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Global Health, Rachel worked with Carmen Pampa's Public Health Center for six weeks this summer to fulfill a global practicum requirement.

Rachel chose to work in Carmen Pampa because of the great things she had heard about St. Kate's partnership with the College. Rachel was also excited to improve her Spanish skills.

At the College, Rachel helped UAC-CP Nursing students implement a survey to the rural population on behalf of the Bolivian Ministry of Health.

The survey collected basic health data for surveillance purposes. "It asked questions about the social determinants of health, birth data, death data, occupation, etc." In addition to administering the survey, Rachel also helped UAC-CP



Rachel Hannigan pictured with UAC-CP Nursing students Lizeth Rada Sollo (L) and Gloryst Cuba (R).

students analyze the survey data.

Without access to vehicles—or often even roads—Rachel and her colleagues usually set out for people's homes on foot around 5 am and returned back to the main health post near 3 p.m. Considering the effort put forth to make home visits, the team always took advantage of their presence to educate the population on relevant health topics, such as arthritis, and administer vaccines, such as the flu shot.

"The community visits were my favorite part!" Rachel said when

asked about her practicum highlights.

"I can't wait to use what I learned in Carmen Pampa. It will help me tremendously in the finishing of my masters degree and in my future," Rachel said.

"With the MPH program at St. Catherine University being a global health focus, I feel this experience is the most important thing you can do in the entire two years. I could not have asked for better people to share this experience with."

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Join us for an evening of fine wine, delicious food, and good friends. Together, we will raise a glass and toast to the College!

Chuck Kanski, owner of Solo Vino Bottle Shop in St. Paul, will guide guests through a sampling of wines. The silent auction will include a variety of unique gifts, Bolivian goods, and Twin Cities event packages.

Thursday, October 18, 2018
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Please RSVP online:
www.carmenpampafund.org/event

The requested \$25 donation per person can be paid on our website or at the door.

Contact our office if you have an item to donate to the auction or want to volunteer.

Engineers Return to the College to Improve Water System

A seven-member team made up of students and advisors from South Dakota State University and Fairfield University visited the UAC-CP August 8–14 as part of an on-going project between the three universities and the community of Carmen Pampa.

The project, which started in 2012 with the goal of providing clean, potable water for the College, has resulted in the construction of two sand filters and the installation of two chlorinators.

The visiting engineers have also provided training to students, staff, and community members on system management and maintenance.



Pictured (L-R): Nico Black (Fairfield), Jhoel Lopez (UAC-CP), Peder Soldberg (SDSU), DeeDee Beck (SDSU graduate, former UAC-CP volunteer and project advisor), and Lorenzo Romero (SDSU). Not pictured: Fairfield students Stephanie Brij-Raj and Lilliana Delmonico, and Fairfield advisor Marcia Arambulo Rodriguez.

A sign erected on Campus Leahy highlights the names of the institutions who collaborated on the project, as well as funders who contributed to the cost of the design, installation and management of the sand filters and chlorinator.

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