



## *Commendation for CSUB CAMP and HEP Programs*

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- WHEREAS:** The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and High School Equivalency Program (HEP) are Federal Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) programs ALN 84.149A and 84.141A respectively; and
- WHEREAS:** CAMP has been operating at CSUB for 25 consecutive years since 2000 and HEP has been operating at CSUB for 15 consecutive years since 2010; and
- WHEREAS:** The CAMP program has supported the children of migrant and seasonal farm workers, helping them make a seamless transition from high school to college, many of whom are first-generation students; and
- WHEREAS:** The CSUB CAMP program has met and exceeded rigorous federal performance benchmarks, with participants achieving an 86% annual rate of completing their first year with 24 units or more, and a 92% annual reenrollment rate in the second year; and
- WHEREAS:** The HEP program is dedicated to assisting farm workers and their dependents in earning their High School Equivalency Diploma (GED) and subsequently achieving upgraded employment or enrolling in vocational training; and
- WHEREAS:** The HEP team has spent countless hours recruiting prospective participants in the community and ensuring that students can attend evening classes and arrive for their testing appointments; and
- WHEREAS:** The CSUB HEP program has consistently met and exceeded federal performance benchmarks, with participants achieving a 69% annual completion rate of attaining their high school equivalency credentials, and an 80% annual placement rate of obtaining upgraded employment or enrolling in vocational training programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Education has ceased the funding of all CAMP and HEP programs nationwide this year. The programs at CSUB are projected to conclude on October 31, 2025. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED:** That the CSUB Academic Senate commends the work of former CAMP directors Dr. Maria Escobedo, Ms. Patricia Ramirez, and Mrs. Imelda Simos-Valdez, as well as current director Mr. Omar Correa; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the CSUB Academic Senate commends HEP program director Mr. Lou Montano for his work; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the CSUB Academic Senate thanks and commends the work of CAMP and HEP program teams at CSUB and their contributions to the community. We hope to see these programs return after the current federal pause.

*Approved by the Academic Senate: October 23, 2025*