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SPECIAL REPORT
MERCED COLLEGE
OCTOBER 1, 1989 - JANUARY 5, 1990

1988/89 EL SALVADOR CAPS PROGRAM

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Special Report
Merced College, Merced, CA
Fruits and Vegetables Production and Processing
October 1, 1989 - January 5, 1990

I. Stateside ESL and Technical Training

During the period of October 1, 1989 through January 5, 1990, the El Salvador CAPS scholars at Merced College continued to receive 2 units of classes in English as a Second Language and 9 units of instruction in fruits and vegetables production and processing. The technical courses they participated in covered the following topics: agricultural equipment, irrigation, crop production, agricultural sales, pesticides, agricultural business concepts, and agricultural computer application. They also took a 3-unit course in community living skills. The scholars' technical instruction continued under the guidance of Mr. Richard Dodson during this period.

II. Experience America

The scholars' Experience America program continued to expose them to a wide array of socio-cultural and agriculturally-related activities. Many of these activities took place in coordination with community churches in which they had been integrated through out their program. Many of the scholars gave presentations about El Salvador to 4-H groups, high schools, and cultural clubs. They continued to practice soccer, competing against the Merced College team and those of various churches. A number of their field trips involved touring agricultural operations such as the Merced Irrigation District facilities, the University of California Cooperative Extension Service, and ranches, nurseries and seed companies in Salinas.¹

III. Departure Program

On January 4, 1990, Peter Aron, the Director of the El Salvador CAPS Program for NAPA, conducted an all day departure program with the scholars. The program consisted of critiquing the completed technical program and making suggestions for future programs, discussing US learnings, and sharing reasons for returning to El Salvador. People from the Merced community joined the group for a farewell meal. Merced College presented certificates to the scholars on January 5. Peter Aron accompanied the group to their plane to San Salvador that same day. Four scholars failed to return to El Salvador with the group.

VI. TCA

A TCA report reflecting program activities for the October 1, 1989 - January 5, 1990 period, is attached. A final TCA report of the total program costs at Merced College will be sent under separate cover as soon as all payments are completed.

¹ Please see Attachment A for more details on the Experience America-activities.

CLASP TRAINING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (TIP) BUDGET
 Training Cost Analysis (TCA)

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School Name: Merced Community College

Technical Field: Fruits & Vegetables Production and Processing

Project Number: 519-0337

PIO/P Number: 519-0337-1-80107

No. Trainees in Group:

25 10/24/89

Training Dates for this PIO/P: From: 01/30/89 To: 12/20/90

Reporting Period: From: 10/01/89 To: 1/31/90

Program Categories/ Training Activities:	BUDGET 2/24/89	BUDGET AMENDMENT 5/9/89	EXPENDED 1/30/89 - 9/30/89	EXPENDED 10/1/89 - 12/31/89	EXPENDED 1/1/90 - 1/31/90	EXPENDED TO DATE	REMAINDER
A. Education/Training Costs...	\$126,651	\$199,246	\$59,654	\$60,877	\$475	\$121,005	\$78,240
1. Tuition/Fees.....	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.a. Training Costs (US)...	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$35,800	\$60,877	\$475	\$97,151	\$27,849
b. Trng Cost(ES)(CHP)	\$26,651	\$74,246	\$23,854	\$0	\$0	\$23,854	\$50,392
3. Package Program Costs..	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. Other (Mission Option).	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Allowances.....	\$133,750	\$150,325	\$75,797	\$65,577	\$115	\$141,488	\$8,837
1. Maintenance Advance....	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$7,525	\$0	\$0	\$7,525	(\$25)
2. Living/Maintenance.....	\$125,000	\$137,825	\$64,543	\$65,577	\$115	\$130,234	\$7,591
3. Per Diem.....	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. Books & Equipment.....	\$3,125	\$5,000	\$3,729	\$0	\$0	\$3,729	\$1,271
5. Book Shipment.....	\$625	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6. Typing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. Thesis	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8. Doctoral Dissert.....	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9. Professional Membership	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10. Other (Mission Option)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
C. Travel.....	\$17,250	\$21,200	\$7,478	\$0	\$0	\$7,478	\$13,722
1. International (CHP)	\$16,500	\$20,225	\$7,478	\$0	\$0	\$7,478	\$12,747
2. Local (CHP)	\$750	\$975	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$975
D. Insurances.....	\$10,200	\$11,317	\$8,454	\$878	\$34	\$9,366	\$1,951
1. HAC for US.....	\$10,200	\$9,350	\$7,650	\$878	\$34	\$8,562	\$788
2. Required by Institutio	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. In-Entry. Insur (CHP)	\$0	\$1,967	\$804	\$0	\$0	\$804	\$1,163
E. Supplemental Activities....	\$2,425	\$26,591	\$39,127	\$0	\$0	\$39,127	(\$12,536)
1. ELT, In-country(CHP)	\$1,825	\$25,765	\$18,568	\$0	\$0	\$18,568	\$7,197
2. ELT, US.....	\$0	\$0	\$20,357	\$0	\$0	\$20,357	(\$20,357)
3. Academic up-grade.....	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. Reception Services....	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5. Arrival Orientation	\$350	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350
6. Intrprs/Escorts(CHP)..	\$250	\$476	\$202	\$0	\$0	\$202	\$274
7. Internship/cooperative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8. Enrichment Programs...	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9. Mid-winter comun. sem	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10. Follow-up career devel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11. Other (Mission Option)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS:	\$290,276	\$408,678	\$190,510	\$127,331	\$624	\$318,465	\$90,213
Total U.S. Costs:	\$243,675	\$285,025	\$139,604	\$127,331	\$624	\$267,559	\$17,466
Total E.S. Costs:	\$45,976	\$123,653	\$50,906	\$0	\$0	\$50,906	\$72,747

Attachment No. 1

Oct.	6	Fresno County Fair	Visit animal and agricultural exhibits.
	8	Soccer game and pot luck	El Salvador team against the Church of the Nazarene
	13	Rigatoni Dinner (Fundraiser)	Salvadorian students served. Students did an excellent job.
	14	Festival of Cultures	Students attended the Festival at the Fair Grounds in Merced.
	15	Crop Walk	6 students participated in the Crop Walk
	22	Catholic Churches Festival	4 students helped with the games and 10 students attended
	28	Modesto	The students visited the Salvadorian students in Modesto.
	30	Halloween Party	Dinner, games, dancing, etc. All the students had a good time.
Nov.	5	Appreciation Dinner	Catholic Churches of Merced dinner for the students.
	6	Tour of Merced Irrigation District facilities	Merced County - Dick Parker
	7	U C Cooperative Extension Serv.	Training Day - Bob Scheuerman & Everett Younce
	6	Soccer game	Soccer game between El Salvador team and Merced College - Salvadorian team won 3 to 2
	8	Ag Department Lunch	Merced College
	13	Bianchi Packing Shed	Tour of facilities - Merced
	15	Ag Equipment Show	Fresno
	16	National Farm-City Week	Banquet at Merced County Fair Grounds
	18	Shepherd of the Valley Church	Early Thanksgiving dinner.
	23	Thansgiving Day	Students invited by host families - many student were out of town with relatives or friends.
	29	Presentation to 4H group	Marco Bonilla gave a presentation about El Salvador to a 4H group.
	30	Trip to San Francisco	Visit to Terminal Market, Flower Market, Golden Gate Park, Bridge, China Town, and other places of interest.
Dec.	5	Presentation to High School students	Douglas Navarro, Noe Garcia and Ruben Aguilar gave presentatopm to 3 classes of High School students
	12	Birthday Party	Ag teachers gave a Birthday party to Marco and Hector Parada.
	14	Ratto Farms	Visit to Tatto Farms - Modesto
	14	Cultural Club	Marco Bonilla, Nilton Navas and Douglas Navarro gave presentation about El Salvador to the Cultural Club of Merced College.
	16	Christmas Party	Cindy Lashbrook, Ag instructor at Merced College gave a party to the students.
	17	Christmas Party	Church of the Nazarene
	19	Craven Nurseries	Tour of the nurseries - Crows Landing
	21	Christmas Party	E.L.Hullana party for the students
	21	Christmas Party	Downtown Center - Richard Dodson, LaVonnia and Elena Cereghino presented the students with T-shirts (Merced)
	25	Christmas	6 students spent Christmas with host families - 19 students visited relatives and friends.

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ACTIVITIES

1. Salinas (2 days) Tour ranch field packing operations, packing sheds, a seed research company, a vegetable transplant nursery, and USA Research Lab, especializing in vegetable research.
2. Sacramento - Visit to Old Sacramento and tour the Capitol. Had the opportunity to meet Ken Maddy, State Senator.
3. Visit to Castle Air Force Museum - collection of planes and war memorabilia.
4. Ag Day at Merced College - Students formed a team and played against Ag Faculty and other groups, followed by B.B.Q. and Award Ceremony.
5. Memorial Day Picnic at Yosemite Lake.
6. B.B.Q. at Mr. & Mrs. Garner Mihata.
7. Dr. Schneider, College Vice-President took a group of students to the Rotary B.B.Q. at Yosemite Lake.
8. Attended services at Valley Baptist Church and enjoyed a meal with the congregation.
9. Swimming party and B.B.Q. at Harold and Ruth Hansen's.
10. Sailing & Swimming Party - Lake Yosemite - B.B.Q. Guests of Cydne Barrett and her friends.
11. 4th of July B.B.Q. at Ken Heupel's.
12. Fresno tour of small vegetable farms and packing operations.
13. Merced County Fair - visit Ag exhibitions.
14. Watermelon Festival in Kingsburg - Tour of Del Monte Cling Peach Cannery and can manufacturing operation. Visit to Giannini Packing shed especializing in plums, nectarines, and avocados.
15. Party and Pot-luck supper at the end of ESL classes.
16. Reception for new artists at Merced Regional Art Council - Fausto Cortez's works were in exhibit.
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