Students from migrant farmworker backgrounds will have an opportunity to continue their education thanks to two grants from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). Ann Cranston-Gingras, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education and Director of the Center for Migrant Education, has been awarded funding from the USDOE in excess of four million dollars over the next five years to assist students from migrant farmworker backgrounds. The funding is from two competitively awarded programs - The High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant

of these grants is a testament to

and the respect they have gained -Gingras.

nis Pro Am have significantly contributed to students from migrant backgrounds and to their success by providing teacher education scholarships.

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impact on students from migrant communities, while providing a national model for similar pro-

said Colleen S. Kennedy, Ph.D., Dean, USF College of Education.

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A Life Changing Experience by Ana Franco

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everyone learned more about organization, goal setting, and successful learning strategies. This was the first HEP/ CAMP event of the year, some students gathered together at the end for a photograph.

shows how awesome they both are!

Another thing I loved about my time at HEP was when we all went to the Marshall Center to get some deliciously, sweet strawberries. Also, the fieldtrip to Erwin Technical School was very pleasant. It honestly did help me to figure out what it is that I want to do when I leave HEP. It was a wonderful experience to be at a university surrounded with college students. I met a few people at the dorms and around campus. Every-

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Simon Silva with HEP students and Dorm Counselor

Q 9 G V J C P M coming to share his history and beliefs with us. We learned so much in just two hours. We also thank him for giving us books for the HEP students and signing V J G O H Q T W U

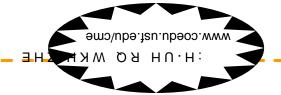
Smon Siva by Ana Franco (CAMP Student)

Virginia Flores has an extensive history working with migrant programs: Florida Migrant Interstate Program (FMIP), Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Migrant Summer Institute, BOCES Geneseo Migrant Center, and now USF HEP/ CAMP program.

As a high school student she joined the FMIP staff in 2001 as a Clerical Assistant. Upon graduating from high school, Virginia attended the University of Central Florida (UCF) and obtained a double major in Hospitality and Event Management. During summer breaks, she continued to work with FMIP and taking on new challenges by working as a Residential Assistant in the Migrant Summer Institute at FGCU in 2003. In 2004, Virginia was promoted to the Residential Assistant Director position and worked for two consecutive summers (2004 & 2005).

In 2006, Virginia joined the BOCES Genesso Migrant Center as an Even Start Family Educator. She was the only Florida representative serving migrant families from multiple counties who traveled from New York to Florida. Virginia was concurrently enrolled as a full-time student and held part-time employment. Upon graduating from college, Virginia

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