

# Increasing Institutional Support for Undocumented Students at Las Positas College

**Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)** 

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# Today's Agenda



- Introductions
- Student Success Panel
- Immigration Today
- Educational Access in California
- Updates on DACA
- Effectively Supporting Undocumented Students
- Creating Institutional Change
- Putting it Into Practice!

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### **E4FC** Mission





We empower undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation.





### Student Success Panel



# CREATING a Common Understanding

### **Immigration Status**



## Undocumented

Entered without authorization

Entered with Visa and overstayed visa

Currently in the process of legalizing

## Important Legislation at a Glance



#### **UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCES!**

#### IN-STATE TUITION VS. CA DREAM ACT VS. DACA

Jurisdiction		STATE OF C	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
Law or Policy	In-State Tuition (AB 540)	In-State Tuition (AB 2000)	CA Dream Act (AB 130)	CA Dream Act (AB 131)	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
Status	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	STILL AVAILABLE Does not require DACA	No longer accepting new applications. Renewal applications for those expiring before March 5, 2018 had to be received by 10/5/17
What It Does	Exempts students from out-of-state tuition fees	Expands AB 540 to include students who graduate early from high school with 3 years or HS credit	Opens certain scholarships administrated by public institutions to AB 540 students	Opens state-funded grants (including Cal grants, State grants, UC Grants & the BOG Fee waiver) and state programs (EOP & EOPS) to AB 540 students	Allowed individuals to receive:  • Employment authorization card with valid Social Security Number  • Temporary Relief from Deportation  • Advanced Parole, in some cases
What It Does Not Do	Does not change their state residency status	Does not change their state residency status	Does not include eligibility for federal grants or funds     Should not be confused with the Federal Dream Act		Did not provide a path to lawful permanent residence or citizenship     Did not give eligibility for federal financial aid awarded through the FAFSA
Who Can Apply	U.S. citizens, lawfully prese visa holders & undocument eligibility criteria		U.S. citizens, lawfully preso visa holders & undocumen eligibility criteria		Undocumented individuals that met the eligibility criteria were eligible to apply prior to 9/5/17

# Things YOU & Your Students Should KNOW

- The CA Dream Act and AB 540 do NOT depend on DACA!
- Access to the CCCs, CSUs & UCs REMAINS OPEN!
- Info on the CA Dream App will NOT be shared with ICE!
- FERPA makes it a crime for schools to share student records without their permission



# Immigration TODAY

### National Statistics of Undocumented Individuals



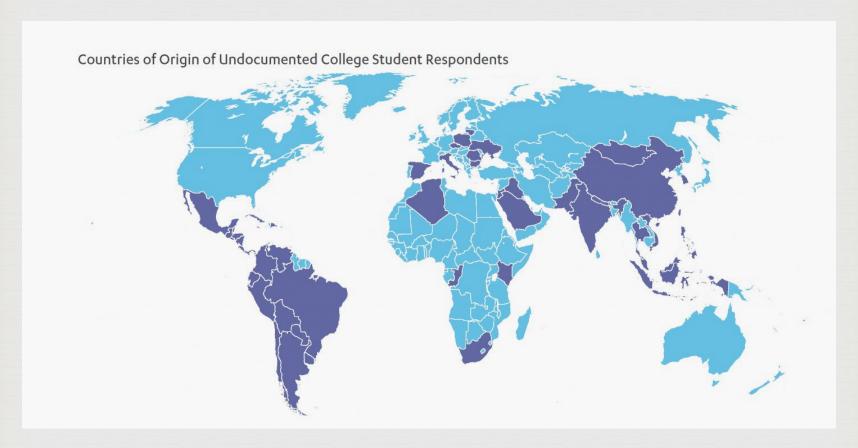
Under 18: Over 1.3 million people

Annual high school graduates: 65,000 students

Enroll in college each year: 7,000 – 13,000 students Total population in the US: 11-12 million people

# Recognize Diversity

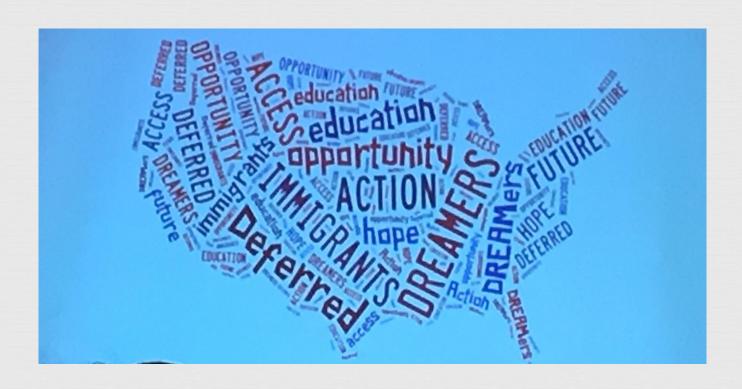




In the Shadow of the Ivory Tower, 2015, UCLA

## What Is the Narrative?





# Uplift UndocuJOY!



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### SB 68 PASSED!

#### Increases In-State Tuition to Include CA Community Colleges & Adult Schools

#### **Requirements:**

To be considered for the nonresident tuition exemption under SB 68, students must meet:

- 1) Length of Time/Coursework Requirements (part one) AND
- 2) Degree or Unit Requirements (part two)

#### PART ONE: Length of Time or Coursework Requirements

- A. Three full-time years of attendance or credits earned in a:
  - California high school; or
  - · Adult school; or
  - Community college (up to 2 years); or
  - Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; or
  - Any combination thereof

OR

- B. Three years of high school coursework <u>and</u> Three years total attendance in a:
  - CA elementary or
  - Secondary school or
  - Any combination of these two

#### PART TWO: Degree or Unit Requirements

- Graduate from a CA high school or
- Obtain a G.E.D. in CA or
- Attain an associate degree from a CA Community College or
- Fulfill minimum transfer requirements at CA Community College for California State University or University of California

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### SB 54 ~ Values Act PASSED!

Challenges the federal government's xenophobic agenda and advances protections for immigrants in communities across CA!







#### **OVERVIEW OF CA VALUES ACT (SB 54)**

These prohibitions apply to local and state law enforcement agencies, excluding state prisons, unless otherwise noted. In all cases, local law enforcement agencies can adopt policies that provide more protections. For more information, visit www.iceoutofca.org.

#### **POLICE-ICE TACTIC**

#### **UNDER SB 54**

	Immigration Holds	Prohibited.
\$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}	Making arrests on civil immigration warrants	Prohibited.
<b>3</b>	287g	Prohibited.
	Asking about immigration status or using immigration agents as interpreters.	Prohibited.
•	Sharing personal info with ICE (e.g., work, home addresses)	Prohibited unless publicly available.
Ů	Notifying ICE of release dates	Prohibited unless:  Revised TRUST Act exception applies, including:  Conviction for a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison at any time  Conviction within past 15 years for any other specified felony. The 15-year "wash" is an improvement on the old TRUST Act standard.

### California Student Aid Commission Promises to Protect Dream Act Students



"CSAC promises not to share information with federal authorities and DACA status is not required to apply for CA Dream Act."

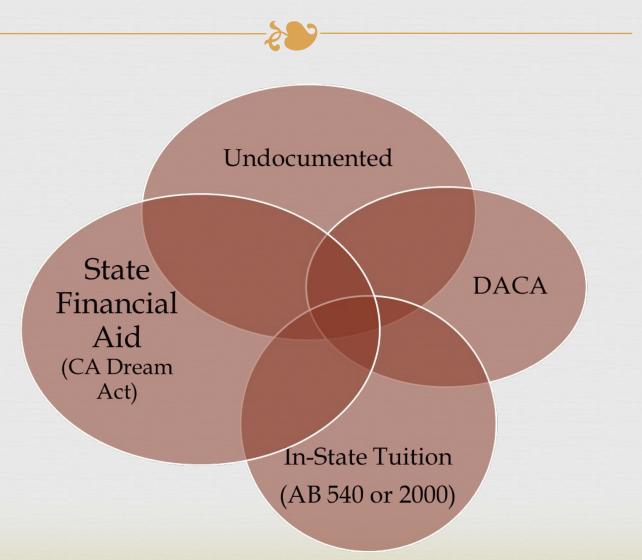
> -Executive Director Lupita Cortez Alcalá September 7, 2017

# WHY AB 540 is SO IMPORTANT Resident vs. Non Resident Fees



Full Time Tuition/Fees  12 units per Semester	Las Positas College	Sonoma State University	Eligibility for CA Dream Act Financial Aid
Resident, AB 540 or 2000	\$570	\$3,862	YES
Non-Resident, Undocumented or International	\$3,492	\$8,614	NO

# Not All Undocumented Students Have Access to the Same Support



### Understanding the DACA RECISSION



- DACA and work permits are valid until Expiration Date
- All pending INITIAL applications ACCEPTED as of September 5, 2017 will be processed
- New DACA applications are no longer accepted
- DACA and work permits expiring between now and March 5, 2018 must be received and accepted for renewal by October 5, 2017
- Advance Parole to travel abroad is no longer available
- Those eligible for DACA are only a small percentage of undocumented youth

# IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS TO FOLLOW











#### My Undocumented Life

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS





### WHAT YOU DO MATTERS....

# ALL in ONE! e4fc.org/resources



### QUICK GUIDE TO COLLEGE ACCESS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

#### AB 540, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND IN-STATE TUITION

#### **California Residency for Tuition Purposes**

Learn how California residency and AB 540 are determined for tuition purposes at CA public colleges & universities.

#### California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Affidavit (AB 540)

Includes instructions to apply for AB-540 status & be exempt from non-resident fees at CA public colleges & universities.

#### 2017-18 Estimated Per Year College Costs for California

An estimated per year cost of attendance chart by institution type in California, including available types of financial aid.

#### In-State Tuition vs CA Dream Act vs DACA

This chart clearly explains eligibly for California In-State Tuition (AB 540/AB 2000), CA Dream Act, and DACA.

#### CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT & STATE-BASED FINANCIAL AID

#### Types of State-Based Financial Aid available through the California Dream Act

The California Dream Act allows certain undocumented students (AB 540 & AB 2000 eligible or TPS & U-Visa holders) to apply for and receive institutional scholarships and state-based financial aid at CA colleges and universities if they meet income guidelines, apply by the priority deadlines, and complete all necessary paperwork on-time.

#### How to Guarantee You Use the Correct Financial Aid Application in California

If you have questions about which financial aid application students should complete or their eligibility, use this chart to be sure they apply for and receive all CA state financial aid for which they are eligible.

#### California Dream Act Map

Provides an overview of what students need to do from start to finish. Applying for the California Dream Act is easy if you have the right

#### STEPS AND TOOLS TO APPLY FOR CA DREAM ACT

#### Phase 1. Apply for CA Dream Act - October 1 - March 2

#### Checklist for the 2018-19 California Dream Application

Applying for the California Dream Act it is only the first step to receive state financial aid. This checklist can be used to help undocumented students successfully apply for and be considered for all state financial aid, including the Cal Grant.

#### Phase 2. Apply for Cal Grant - October 1 - March 2

#### Checklist to Apply for the 2018-19 Cal Grant

Undocumented students can only apply for the Cal Grant as a high school senior or community college transfer student. This checklist highlights the necessary steps to successfully apply for the High School or Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant.

#### Phase 3. Claim Your Aid - March - May

#### **Successfully Completing Income Verification Worksheet**

Help families accurately complete the paperwork required to verify income, assets, & household size. Be able to explain the differences between dependent vs. independent students as well as the information required for tax filers vs. non-tax filers.

#### Phase 4. Use your Aid - May - September

#### Selective Service and the California Dream Act

Men who are between the age of 18 and 25 years old, even undocumented individuals, must show proof of registration for the selective service in order to receive state financial aid. Help students be aware of and follow these steps so their state-based financial aid is not put on hold.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

#### <u>List of undergraduate and graduate scholarships that don't</u> require proof of citizenship

All undocumented students in California can go to college and receive private or institutional scholarship - even if they don't

# Educators for Fair Consideration www.e4fc.org/resources



- 1. Engage with an Open Mind
- 2. Create a Safe Space; don't out a student
- 3. Learn About Legislation
- 4. Advocate for Financial Support
- 5. Build Your Educator Network
- 6. Identify & Connect Role Models
- 7. Involve Parents
- 8. Access Reputable Legal Info
- 9. Build Agency & Power
- Create Spaces for Storytelling



TOP 10 WAYS
TO SUPPORT
UNDOCUMENTED
STUDENTS



# Framework for Conceptualizing Institutional Support



Individual 

\*\* Foundational

Group of People Institutional

\*\* Emerging \*\* Comprehensive







### How EDUCATORS Can HELP





#### UndocuCollege Guide & Equity Tool, California 2016





http://e4fc.org/resources/undocucollegeguide.html

The UndocuCollege Guide & Equity Tool helps students, faculty, staff and administrators in California work together to achieve the educational equity and inclusion of undocumented students. This publication contains three main components: Statewide Institutional Challenges, Institutional Models for Success, and an Equity Tool for colleges and universities in California to assess, analyze and report about the level of support currently present at their institution for undocumented students.

#### **Highlights Statewide Institutional Challenges**

- \*Campus climate lacks inclusion, awareness, and acceptance of undocumented student experience
- \*Need for professional development for faculty and staff regarding serving undocumented students
- \*Sustainability/support for undocumented students educator advocate
- \*Marginalization of non-DACA and non-AB 540 undocumented students
- \*Insufficient support to ensure successful transfer from two-year to four-year institutions
- \*Lack of accessible and culturally responsive holistic wellness services
- \*Need for appropriate standing and equitable compensation for undocumented student educator advocates
- \*Lack of dedicated funding to bring support programming and infrastructure to scale
- \*Inability to reflect the academic success and student experience using accurate institutional data
- \*Lack of recognition of the roles and unique contributions of each of the educational systems

#### **Elevates Institutional Models for Success**

Foundational Models	Emerging Models	Comprehensive Models
Informational Materials	Undocumented Student Task Force	<b>Undocumented Student Orientation</b>
Visual Images	Undocumented Training	Undocumented Student Program
Undocumented Student Clubs	Staff Wide Training	Resource Center
Website	<b>Dedicated Scholarship to Support Undoc Students</b>	Regional Networks of Institutions
Recognition of Non-Latino Communities	Accessible Systems/Tracking/Data	Targeted/Open Funding
Supportive Faculty and Staff	<b>Dedicated Staff to Support Undoc Students</b>	Innovative Problem-Solving
	Awarding the California Dream Act	
	Internship Opportunities	
	Graduate/Professional School Program Collaboration	
	Supportive Community Organizations	
	Mental/Emotional Support	
Provides an Fauity Tool		

# Undocu-Friendly School

#HeretoStay K-12 Toolkit for Educators

A school that is inviting and public about their support for undocumented students and invests resources in their students by providing information, scholarships and programs.

# How Can Universities Protect Undocumented Students?

- Limit the sharing of student information with federal immigration authorities
- Restrict immigration agents' access to campuses
- Prohibit campus security from collaborating with federal immigration authorities for the purposes of enforcement
- **Provide resources and information** for immigrant students and their families

## Important Guide for Educators!



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Understanding the Sanctuary School and Safe Zone Movement

A Quick Guide for Educators

# Putting It Into Practice



After you read your scenario, discuss:

- 1. What would you say to this student?
- 2. What resources would you give to this student?
- 3. Who and/or where would you go to find additional information or support for this student?

### What Would You DO?



A student tells you that he is considering using his father's SSN card to apply for financial aid. However, he worries because his own parents are undocumented. How should an Ally handle this situation?

You observe that some of the AB 540 students that you know are visibly distraught, depressed. After asking them, some of them tell you that they feel like giving up on getting their degrees and exclaim "It's pointless!" How could an ally respond to the students?



# excellent RESOURCES

# E4FC Scholarship Resources





EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION

2016-2017 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DON'T REQUIRE PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCY



**EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION** 

2016-2017 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DON'T REQUIRE PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCY

# Educators for Fair Consideration www.e4fc.org/resources



- Legal Intake Services
- Online
- Free
- Confidential
- Personal Response

# ImmigrantsRising.org

### FINALLY, a site for Immigrant Entrepreneurs

- Expanding entrepreneurship opportunities for ALL Immigrants, regardless of status
- Webinars & Resource Materials
  - Working for Yourself
  - Starting Your Own Business
  - ITINS & Taxes
  - Credit & Financial Capital





# Pre Health Dreamers





Pre-Health Dreamers is a project of Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)

### Help Students Know Their RIGHTS

www.unitedwedream.org/knowyourrights

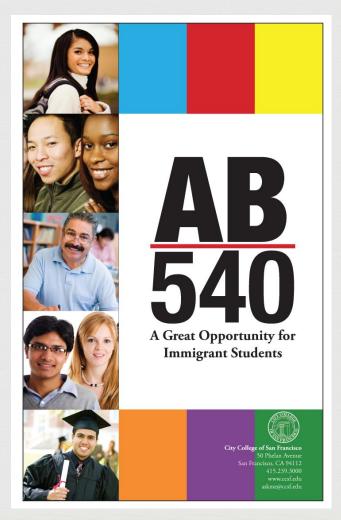






# Make Your Support VISIBLE!





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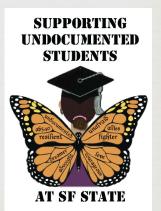
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AND FAMILIES.

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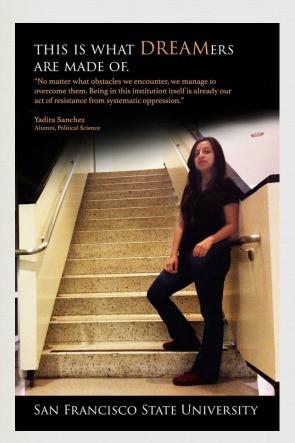


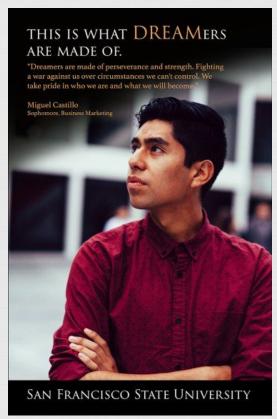


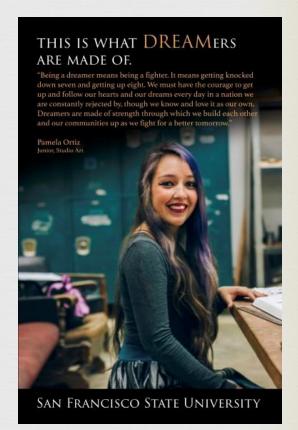


# Help Raise Visibility <a href="#">SF State Posters</a>









# THANK YOU! Next Steps?



- THANKS SO MUCH for Attending Today!
- Share What You Learned
- LEARN MORE!
- Raise Awareness
- Wave Your Ally Flag
- Join the Network! <a href="http://e4fc.org/contactus.html">http://e4fc.org/contactus.html</a>



### -WE THE PEOPLE -

DEFEND DIGNITY



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