



Channel Islands

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Retention, Outreach, & Inclusive Student Services

DACA Update #1
CSU Channel Islands Community,

February 1st, 2017

Thank you for your interest and support of our Undocumented Immigrants on campus. During these tumultuous times it is imperative that we constantly remind our students that they are welcomed, valued and protected. The division of Student Affairs is prioritizing the needs of our Undocumented students as their civil rights become endangered. It is because of those efforts and prioritization that the Multicultural Dream Center serves as a safe space for students from all historically marginalized communities within higher education to come together and seek resources. For this reason my current position of AB 540/DACA Special Services Consultant to the Vice President of Student Affairs was created in order to ensure that our Undocumented students have access to the most up to date information and have a safe resource during their time here at CSU Channel Islands.

The DACA series is a way for students, faculty and staff to understand the Immigrant experience as well as learn about on campus and local community resources for anyone impacted by issues of immigration. The turnout at the first DACA series event last week on January 25th surpassed expectations thanks to your incredible support. Many of you showed interest in wanting to stay up to date on immigration policy and campus events about this topic. That is why this bi-weekly update will be sent out via email from me. I will send an email out every two weeks giving you the latest legal information we have, as well as reminders of events and resources that you can refer your students too. Please note that you will also receive additional emails in the case of emergency situations, for example if an executive order about DACA is signed I will reach out with information asap. You can opt out of these updates at any time by letting me know via email. Also feel free to let your colleagues know about these updates and encourage people to email me to be added to the recipient list.

Aside from these updates please feel free to contact me at any time with any comments, questions, or concerns. Below please find the following: important dates, key campus resources and a summary of the information presented at last week's event.

Thank you,

Martha Zavala Perez

AB 540/DACA Special Services Consultant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
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*Faculty/Staff if a student comes to you offer them support. It is ok if you do not have answers for them but please refer them to the resources on campus that can answer their questions.

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Important Dates

Meet Martha Pizza event at the Multicultural Dream Center next week (see flier attached) encourage students to attend.

DREAM Act applications due March 2, 2017

This is the FAFSA equivalent for non-U.S. Citizens within the state of California, Martha has all materials and can help students file the application

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

DACA Series (*location TBA*)

Wednesday, February 15 Legal check-in and Personal Stories

Wednesday, March 8 Community Services and How to be an ally

Wednesday, April 12 Legal check-in

All DACA series events will be from 2:00p.m. to 3:30p.m.

Key Campus Resources

Martha Zavala Perez (Special consultant to the VPSA) BT 1481 ext. 3667

Multicultural Dream Center BT 1471 ext. 8407

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS): BT East 1867 ext. 2088

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Legal Descriptions

Presented by Gabriella Navarro-Busch

What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- Age requirement: at least 15 years of age; entered the U.S. before age 16; under 31 years of age on June 15, 2012
- School requirement: high school graduate or equivalency, i.e. GED; currently enrolled in school with the goal to receive high school diploma or equivalency
- U.S. physical presence requirements: present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012; continuous U.S. presence from June 15, 2007 to the date of filing
- Evidence of “good moral character”; a felony conviction or no more than 2 misdemeanors; no serious misdemeanor convictions such as DUI or domestic violence; no gang related offenses
- Should individuals apply?
 - Initial application: better to wait and see what happens to the program and remain under the federal radar
 - Renewal: definitely apply for permit renewal (MDC/Martha can help with this)
 - Travel authorization/Advance parole: education; work or humanitarian
- Current state of DACA
 - It can be removed at any time by Executive Order
 - Current information can be used to issue deportations (that will depend on the language within the executive order)
- Facing deportation -- options available
 - Cancellation of removal for Certain Non-permanent residents and Adjustment of Status: 10 years of continuous U.S. presence; qualifying relative (U.S. Citizen or permanent resident)(parent, spouse or child); good moral character; extreme, exceptional and unusual hardship to qualifying relative
 - Asylum
 - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
 - U-Visa
 - Violence Against Women’s Act

California Laws Protecting Immigrants

- January 2015
 - AB-60, California driver’s license for undocumented immigrants
- January 2016
 - AB-900; expanding eligibility for SIJS (youth between ages of 18 and 21)
 - SB-674; grants crime victims equal access to U-visa protections (police departments must grant protection)
- January 2017
 - AB-813, new way to vacate California criminal convictions
 - SB-1242, makes the 364-day misdemeanor retroactive
 - SB-2792, TRUTH Act, Govt. code 7283; protects the rights of immigrants in California jails



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Campus Specific Information

Presented by Dr. Rita Gloria Sawyer

New/Incoming Students:

- All students currently at a community college/high school should continue to move forward with the admittance process. Finish all application requirements and submit AB 540 affidavits and DREAM act financial aid applications. Specifics on these two forms are available through the MDC as well as one on one help to fill out those forms.

The CSU stance on Undocumented students:

- On November 17, 2016 CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White sent out an open letter in which he affirmed the following:
 - The CSU values Diversity and Inclusivity
 - All levels of the system are aware of the importance and implications of immigration policy upon its community
 - CSU wide policies:
 - The CSU will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security or any other federal department for the enforcement of federal immigration law;
 - Our university police departments will not honor immigration hold requests; and
 - Our university police do not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of being – or suspected of being – a person that lacks documentation.



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Campus Specific Information cont.

CSU Channel Islands stance on Undocumented students:

- Admissions and Records:
 - Residency and immigration status (including whether or not a student is undocumented) is considered an educational record. In other words, it is protected information.
 - FERPA prevents us from disclosing protected information, without the student's consent.
 - The school legally cannot share this information with third parties including the Department of Immigration and Naturalization (INS), now the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
 - Class schedule is protected information. Should anyone, including outside law enforcement, inquire about a class schedule, they will be referred to CI's campus police department.
- Public Safety:
 - Will follow CSU wide policies as stated by the Chancellor
 - CSU Channel Islands will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security or any other federal department for the enforcement of federal immigration law;
 - Our University police department will not honor immigration hold requests; and
 - Our University police do not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of being – or suspected of being – a person that lacks documentation.
 - All public safety and campus police officers have been specifically directed that this is our (campus) policy.
- Academic Senate:
 - Encouragement/ support for faculty in reaffirming our classrooms and campus as a learning environment. In light of recent incidents of harassment and aggression reported at CI and beyond, we reaffirm our commitment to creating a learning environment in which students engage in informed discourse and express a diversity of opinions freely and in a civil manner while respecting all individuals, particularly their sense of safety.
 - Senate Resolution “on faculty commitment to equity, inclusion, and civil discourse within our diverse campus community”: passed with no votes against by Senate
 - Most importantly: Faculty supports Undocumented students fully and completely