



DACA Update: Community College Initiatives to Support Dreamers

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What is CCCIE?

- A national network of community colleges and other organizations committed to supporting immigrant education through their innovative programs and services.
- Hosted and led by Westchester Community College, Valhalla, N.Y.
- Guided by a Blue Ribbon Panel of community college leaders and other experts

CCCIE's Mission:

CCCIE (www.cccie.org) builds the capacity of community colleges to accelerate immigrant and refugee success and raises awareness of the essential role these colleges play in advancing immigrant integration through education.

Current Initiatives:

- Action-based research
- Thought leadership
- Technical assistance
- Advocacy and outreach



Supporting Students Through College Completion:

- What should community college's role be to ensure access and completion for immigrant students, including DACA-mented and undocumented students?
- What steps are colleges taking to support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Dream Act?
- What campus and community resources are available to ensure the well being and success of community colleges' diverse student populations?



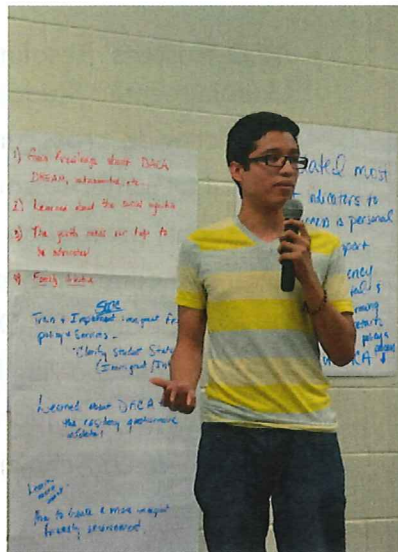
Proactive steps to support undocumented students:

- Executive level reaffirmation of college's commitment to diversity and inclusiveness as core values
- Creation of "safe zones" and Dreamer Resource Centers
- Training for counselors, staff and faculty
- FAQs and connection to resources (e.g. "Know Your Rights" flyers)
- Information sessions, legal clinics offered with community partners
- Scholarships for immigrant students
- Advocacy in support of DACA and bipartisan Dream Act

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"Don't Tell Anyone"*

If DACA ends, implications for students will be:

- Financial hardship
- Psychological impact
- Restrictions to:
 - ✓ academic and career programs
 - ✓ internships
 - ✓ travel
 - ✓ athletics
 - ✓ drivers license



Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY:

- SUNY Chancellor/Board of Trustees and President Belinda Miles' Statement of Support for DACA and Undocumented Students
- NY In-State Tuition still intact
- Welcome Center: Holding DACA information sessions, pro bono legal clinics, and citizen preparation workshops
- Bilingual Counselors: Career advisers; Mental Health Office
- Benefits Access Center
- Scholarships, Emergency Assistance Grant
- Presentations, Guest speakers—Immigrant issues
- Curriculum and diversity initiatives



Alamo Colleges District, San Antonio, TX



- ACD Trustees' Resolution and Chancellor Statement of Support for Undocumented Student DREAMers
- District-wide, cross-functional Dreamer Advisory Council
- Virtual Dreamer Resource Center <http://www.alamo.edu/district/daca/>
- Intentional promotion of dual credit/early college high school
- Extensive community outreach, including:
 - ✓ Enrollment drive for Dreamers
 - ✓ Assistance in applying for financial aid and scholarships
 - ✓ City-wide DACA information sessions and legal clinics
 - ✓ The Dream.US Scholarship Fund workshops (<http://www.thedream.us>)

The screenshot shows the Alamo Colleges District website. The main navigation bar includes links for STUDENTS, ADMISSIONS, EMPLOYEES, BUSINESS & COMMUNITY, ABOUT US, and NEWS & EVENTS. The 'Deferred Action' section is highlighted, featuring a video player titled 'Important Immigrant's New Training Video'. Below the video, there is a section titled 'Resources to Protect Texas Communities' with links to 'Senate Bill 4 Community Advisory', 'Senate Bill 4 Litigation', and 'Protecting Texas Immigrants'. Another section titled 'Resolution of Support' includes a link to 'Resolution of Support for the Educational Success of Alamo Colleges District'. The page also features the Alamo Colleges District logo and a search bar.

Recommended Resources

- [CCCIE Toolkit: 10 Things Educators Can Do To Support Undocumented and DACAmented Students](#)
- [CCCIE's Review of Dreamer Resources](#)
- [Educators for Fair Consideration](#)
- [National Immigration Law Center](#)
- [United We Dream](#)
- [My Undocumented Life Blog](#)



Our Commitment

CCCIE is committed to building community colleges' capacity and sharing these best practices and resources to keep colleges connected and prepared to support their immigrant and undocumented student populations.

Our Campaign

Presidents for New American Success Pledge

<http://cccie.org/presidents-pledge/join-the-pledge>

How Can You...

- Solicit the broadest support for immigrant student success within your institutions?
- Develop an immigrant education strategy?
- Build a community of supporters and an environment conducive to success for all immigrant students, including DACA-mented and undocumented students?
- Work with community partners to create academic and career pathways for immigrant students?
- Empower immigrant students as leaders?
- Change the immigrant narrative?

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