



CAREER COUNSELING DACA/UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

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Presentation Topics

Personal Student Experience

Student Concerns

Student Misconceptions

Financial Aid Eligibility

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International Options

Make a Plan

 **1** in **13** Californians is undocumented¹



750,000



K-12 students in California have undocumented parents⁴



Student Background

- Post-DACA era
- Mental Health
- Mixed Status Families
- Culture

Things Students Should Know

- The California Dream Act and AB540 **DO NOT** depend on DACA!
- Access to the California Colleges & Universities **REMAINS** Open!
- Information on the California Dream Application **will NOT be Shared** with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- FERPA makes it a crime for schools to share student records without the student's permission.
- Proposed 'New Public Charge Rule' -> **DOES NOT** apply to financial aid
- College policies on:
 - [Promoting a Safe and Secure Campus for All](#)
 - [Responding to Inquiries of Immigration Status, Citizenship Status, and National Origin, replaces SWC District Policy \(ies\)](#)
 - [Student Records, Directory Information, and Privacy](#)



Career Development

- Career End Goal
- Jobs that Have High Demand
- Networking, Clubs, Professional Associations and Volunteering
- Be Open and Flexible

Internship & Work Experience



Internship

- Non-Profits do not need to legally pay Interns.
- For-Profits need to legally pay Interns.
 - Students would need to be getting college credit to avoid getting paid.

Work Experience Courses

- Check with schools HR to see if the workers comp that covers the students doing Work Experience Courses applies to Undocumented students.
- Stipend work around.

Small Business/ Entrepreneurship

- Currently Easiest Approach
- Ability to get an EIN and Small Business Licenses without a Social Security Number
- Small Business Development Center (Southwestern College National City Campus) <https://www.sdivsbdc.org>
 - Open to anyone in San Diego County

Medical School

- Can take MCATS without Social Security Number
- Private Medical Schools tend to have more scholarship money
 - Barriers: Residency for Undocumented
 - DACA have no problems with residency
 - <https://www.phdreamers.org>



Military Careers

- Currently not an option anymore
- Bills being introduced in 2019 to allow "Dreamers" individuals brought illegally as children to the US a potential path to citizenship through Military Service.
 - Not anticipated to pass in 2020





Law School

- Can attend Law School
- Can take the California Bar
- Legally practice Law in California and a few other states.
- Target private schools with more scholarship funds.

International Jobs



- More Adventurous: Pros and Cons

More Gen Z interested:

- New Zealand: Many Engineering Firms
- France: Only 5 Years living in the country and you can apply for permanent resident (Projected to Change)
- UK and Canada- Skilled Worker/ High Demand Jobs
 - STEM, Engineering, Medical, Cyber Security



Current Path to Citizenship

- Family Sponsor/Marriage (Not Always Easy)
- Extraordinary Ability
- Permanent Resident/ Green Card- (First Step)
 - Refugee/ Asylum
 - Work Sponsor
 - Relative



Make a Plan & Empower Students with Options

Identify

Identify and Set Goals

Empower

Empower with Options

Create

Create a Path to Success

A person wearing a red dress is standing next to a vintage suitcase. The suitcase is light-colored with dark brown leather corners and straps. The person's hand is resting on the suitcase. The background is dark and out of focus.

THANK YOU &
QUESTIONS

Resources

- **SWC Dreamer Center!** -> Your campus resource center, does one exist?
- **Cabrillo College Dreamer Center:** www.cabrillo.edu/equity/dreamers.html
- **DREAM Bar Association:** dreamerbarassociation.wordpress.com
- **Immigrants Rising:** immigrantsrising.org
- **Phd. Dreamers:** phdreamers.org
- **UC Davis Undocumented Resources:** undoc.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-uc.html
- **Immigrants Raising:** immigrantsrising.org
- **Jewish Family Services-San Diego:** www.jfssd.org - **Coming soon to SWC Dreamer Center!**
- **Alliance San Diego (previously Ready Now San Diego):** www.alliancesd.org