College. It’s Not a Dream. It’s a Plan: Supporting the College Aspirations of Undocumented Students

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College Knowledge for Counselors
Tucson, AZ
You have the DREAM. We have the resources.
**Purpose:**
To share strategies for exploring options that help undocumented students plan for college.

**Outline:**
- Background on Scholarships A-Z
- Discussion & brainstorm about strategies
- Action planning & future collaboration
- Evaluation
Who we are?

Individual paths.

Common goals.
Inequity in Laws

...Prop 300
SB 1070
HB 2281...

Education

High dropout rates
AZ is 49th in spending per pupil.
26% AZ population has college degree.
Decreasng funding

Economics

18.6% AZ population in poverty (5th)

Why we do this work?

Undocumented Students face:
(state and national)

E-Verify
Proposition 300
SB 1070
Maricopa County Community College District
DREAM Act
Summary of Our Work

• Improve access to higher education & educational resources

• Build self-advocacy skills needed for today’s higher education system

• Build networks of support around students

• Foster educational environments that are inclusive of students’ immigrant identities

• Provide hope to families.
Resources to Support Undocumented Students

As educators, we have a responsibility to make sure education, at all levels, is accessible to all students, regardless of their immigration status. Here are some resources gathered by educators from universities and organizations in CA and AZ.

News, Analyses, and Information

1. Immigration Professor's Blog
2. Migration Dialogue, UC Davis

WHAT WE STAND FOR:

ScholarshipsA-Z:
You have the DREAM. We have the resources.

Our Mission: To provide resources and scholarships to students, families and educators through online and community interactions, in order to make higher education accessible to all, regardless of immigration status.

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Our Accomplishments

• **300+** students enrolled in college and/or found scholarships because of our advising.

• **100%** of students on the ScholarshipsA-Z team received at least one scholarship.

• **250+** parents & educators utilize our resources.

• **7** national & regional conference presentations (ACPA, NASPA, RMACAC, NCLC, and more).

• **30** community workshops across Arizona.

• **11,000+** unique visitors to our site.
Relationships & Collaborative Partnerships

- Tucson high schools
- Borderlinks
- Arizona Interfaith Network
- Pima County Interfaith Council (40 churches)
- Border Action Network
- PromiseAZ
- YWCA of Tucson
- University of Arizona Center for the Study of Higher Education
- UA Cultural Centers (APASA, CHSA, NASA, AASA, WRC, LGBTQ Affairs)
- Pima Community College student organizations
- TRiO Upward Bound
- United We Dream
- Arizona DREAM Act Coalition
- CADENA
- Mexican Consulate
- UCLA
- TYLO and more...
What can you do?

• **Help** students know they can go to college, regardless of immigration status.

• **Think** private, out-of-state

• **Join** an Action Committee
  ▪ Create resources & scholarships
  ▪ DEEP Project

• **Train** other educators

• **Signup** to be a mentor

• **Advise** a DREAMers club
Tú tienes el DREAM y nosotros los recursos.
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