BUILDING A DREAM CENTER

Becoming an Ally in the Immigrant Youth-Led Movement in your School
Outline

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Introductions
Undocuknowledge Activity

Choose-a-Side Activity
Left side = Strong   Right side = Not strong/Weak

Move to the side of the room where you feel most comfortable.

The interpretation of the question is up to each participant.
Objectives

1) Get a refresher on why it remains important to help undocumented students achieve their goals, and receive updates on Deferred Action.

2) Learn about Scholarships A-Z’s ongoing efforts to get in-state tuition for undocumented students at Arizona’s public universities.

3) Learn how to help build the Dream Resource Center and be part of the first annual National Educators’ Coming Out Day.
### Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

#### Pros
- Provides temporary suspension of deportation (2 years)
- Provides a work authorization and SS#
- In several states grants In-State Tuition
- In some cases grants driver licenses

#### Cons
- Does NOT provide permanent lawful status
- Does not provide Financial Aid

Jan Brewer, Arizona Governor signed legislation that prohibits DACAmented students from receiving driver licenses.
DACA Statistics in the Nation

Status Summary

- 75% approved
- 24% under review
- 1% denied

Source: USCIS Office of Performance and Quality (OPQ)
DACA Statistics in Arizona

~75,000 – 80,000 qualified

19,702 applications

15,798 approved
Current Context for DREAMers

Since Plyler v. Doe (June 15, 1982)

- 2.5 Million Total Undocumented Youth
- 18,000 become 18 years of age each year
- 65,000 Graduate from HS each year
- 7,000-13,000 enroll in college each year
- 5-10% enroll in college each year

Source: Chuan-Ru Chen, A., PhD, UCLA Department of Education
Challenges

- Decide to go back to their native country
- Afraid of Deportation
- Work vs. College
- Incorrect information of access to Higher Education
- Tuition rates
Scholarships A-Z was created to provide resources and scholarships to students, their families, and educators because we believe everyone deserves the opportunity to receive a higher education.
Resources & Programs

- Online Scholarships list
- Undocutransfer guide
- GED Guide
- Leadership workshops and Scholarships workshops

- School Outreach Project
- Emerging Parent led committee
- Educators Committee

Brookline College

The University of Arizona

Early Academic Outreach

Arizona Blue Chip Program

Building Leaders

Who make a Difference
Does your state offer you in-state tuition if you are undocumented?
In-State Tuition “Our Fight”

Resident Equality

PCC MIGHT DO WHAT THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS HASN'T - PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION FOR DEFERRED-ACTION STUDENTS ON FEBRUARY 27TH

and it did!
In-State Tuition “Our Fight”

Pima Community College

Maricopa community colleges sued over in-state tuition for migrants-
Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne

How will it affect students who attend Pima Community College?
This is our current fight

Not to lose In-State Tuition
In-State Tuition “Our Fight”

Arizona Universities

May 2013- University of Arizona
July 2013- Northern Arizona University
United We Dream (UWD)
Organize and advocate for the dignity and fair treatment of immigrant youth and families, regardless of immigration status.

Dream Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP)
Designed to address the barriers that undocumented immigrant youth face as they pursue higher education.
Action Plan

What is your role?
Do more than just advising... ADVOCATE
Dream Resource Center

**Purpose: Strengthen our resources**
- Advising WITH families
- 1-on-1 advising
- Go beyond scholarships
- Establish more clubs in Tucson high schools
- Show books, posters, etc.
- Connect with (peer) mentors

*Scholarships A-Z is here to help you gain a higher education*

**Location:** Career Center
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

*Education regardless of immigration status*
National Educators’ Coming out day

Push for a change!

Outreach!

Organize!

Want to help your students? UNITE and COME OUT!

Support!

Be Undocumented!
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