

Mission

The Santa Monica College Dream Resource Center is committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment for undocumented students, and students from mixed-status households, to feel empowered to achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals.

Our vision is to build scholars and leaders that empower others within the undocumented community and elevate their voices.

Together we will foster an inclusive and non-discriminatory campus community and strive to educate and develop awareness of the experiences of undocumented and immigrant communities by providing resources, services and tools for the SMC campus community.

A Welcome Message from Interim Dean of Special Programs Nick Mata

Programs and Services

Student Voices



Marbi-An Tejas **Administrative Justice** **major**

“My time spent at Santa Monica has been nothing but positive vibes because of the support given to me since day one. I thought that going to college was a waste of time and because of my status I was not qualified but turns out I was wrong. I was browsing the SMC website and happened to stumble upon a header that said DREAM program. I was cautious at first because we had an administration that was really targeting the undocumented community, so it was really scary to say I am undocumented, but I got to know that DREAM center people are very trustworthy, and they provided me with a lot of resources and I'm very thankful for this. ”



Carmen Gonzalez Journalism major

“Being an undocumented and first generation college student means feeling like I have to figure it out all on my own. The Dream Center at Santa Monica College reminded me that I do not have to be alone through this process. The support is genuine. Leave the extra explaining about your specific immigrant status behind, it does not need to happen for them to support you and help you reach your goals. The Dream Center has helped me stay on track and plan my education on my terms and speed. Without the extra understanding about me and my journey I don't think I would've stayed in school. I am thankful for the resources and staff at SMC's Dream Center. ”

Let Us Help You!

Here are some of the ways in which we can support you on your development and educational journey.

Immigration Legal Services Project

Need help with your DACA renewal?

Legal services through CARECEN are FREE for SMC students, staff, and faculty and includes DACA renewals, general consultation, and more! **Mondays available for SMC students** through this online system.

Wellness Counseling

Mental Health Services via the DREAM Program.

Spring 2021 Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday, with Kimberly Rios-Lam, Psy.D

Telehealth Therapy Options: Video or phone sessions offered

If this is your first time accessing counseling, please contact your academic counselor or the program specialist for a referral form.

Financial Aid / Scholarships

There are more ways that you might not have known about to afford college.

Undocumented students and mixed status students are eligible! Check here for more info on qualifying, as well as how to apply to college.

We can assist in applying for the California Dream Act/Financial Aid and scholarships.

Get Started Here



First Time at the Dream Resource Center? Tell Us What You Need

Get started with us by filling out this handy information form, so that we can match you with the right person on staff to help you.

COMPLETE THE WELCOME FORM!



Book An Appointment

Request a phone or video appointment via:

Email: DREAM@smc.edu

Voice Message: 310-434-4892

OFFICE HOURS Spring 2021:

Monday - Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Virtual Drop in Office

Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. (until June 10, 2021)

Want to ask questions about the program? Need to schedule an appointment with a Dream counselor or would simply like to check in? Join us in our zoom room!

The room is open for 30 minutes to an hour. One student is allowed in at a time.

JOIN THE VIRTUAL OFFICE ZOOM ROOM

Latest Workshops and Recordings

Save the date for some helpful events, as well as a selection of recordings and information from our prior events.



UndocuChat Series

Every Thursday, 3PM

Save the Date for SMCs Dream Program UndocuChat series hosted by our very own Dr. Rios-Lam and Victoria Santiago! This will take place every Thursday at 3PM. This is exclusively for current SMC Dream students. The RSVP invite will be sent via SMC email. If you want to learn more, please email Victoria. We look forward to sharing virtual space with you!



UndocuTransfer Night

Join IDEAS at USC on April 22, 2021 at 7 PM to learn how to navigate the transfer process at USC as an undocumented student. We will be having a panel of transfer students who will share their experiences navigating the transfer process. A financial aid officer will be present to help answer any questions you may have, as well as a career center representative to discuss opportunities that USC offers such as internships, fellowships, scholarships, and legal services. Please RSVP to receive our event program and zoom information.

To join the session, register using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/XBhtgaRmVFecvBRy7>

Opportunity, & Empowerment

Friday
April 2, 2021
6:30 - 8:00 pm (PST)
Undocumented API community
The first part of two events, we'll hold community building activities, share resources such as financial aid & scholarships available, and we'll open the forum for your questions.

Tuesday
April 6, 2021
1:00 - 2:00 pm (PST)
Allies & Advocates
We'll contextualize the struggles of the undocumented API community through history. Hear student testimonies and we'll discuss how allies can best support this community.

Friday
April 9, 2021
6:30 - 8:00 pm (PST)
Undocumented API community
In this second event, we'll discuss the history of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the US. We'll also have a discussion of the current political state and immigration updates.

RSVP here:
<http://bit.ly/aloersvp>

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Undocumented Asian and Pacific Islanders Ally Training

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 1 PM to 2 PM (PST), A.L.O.E. will be hosting an undocuAPI Ally training. You will Learn about Asian and Pacific Islander history in the U.S., Understand current policies, Hear student testimonies, and Discover how you can best support the community. You may register to attend here.

Follow Undocuaoe on Instagram!

Community

Get involved and find community here on campus!

IDEAS at SMC Student Club | Meetings every Tuesday at 4pm

A student-led club to network, socialize, and also promote the interests of undocumented and mixed status students.

UndocuAlly Program | Join a Training

Do you want to learn how to better support SMC's amazing undocumented students? The Undocumented Ally Program is a network of Santa Monica College faculty, staff, managers, and students that are committed to providing support, education, and understanding to our SMC undocumented students.

Additional Resources

Resources available include Workshops, Tutoring, Virtual college tours, Supplies, Access to basic needs resources

Just ask Dream staff for what you need and we'll let you know what's available.

Emergency COVID-19 Resources

Emergency resources during the time of the pandemic. Information on this page is in the process of being updated. Some content may be obsolete.

COVID 19 RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE

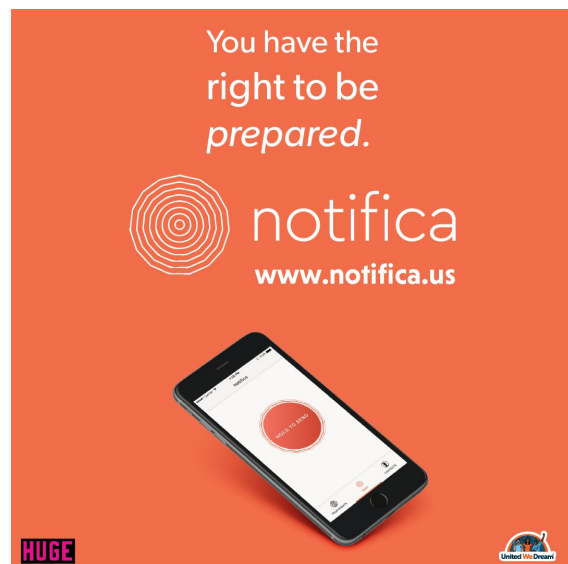
Immigration Resources

Legal services through the DREAM program as well as through different organizations, as well as information sessions hosted online.

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

Toolkits

IMMIGRANTS RISING - UNDOCU-IMMIGRANT MENTAL HEALTH GROUNDING AND SELF-CARE TOOLKIT



The first app to prepare you and your family against deportation.

Notifica gives you and your family a help button to alert key contacts if anyone is at risk of deportation. Simply create your messages today and you will be ready to press a button for help when you or your family needs it. Alerts are designed to inform family members, legal advocates, and other contacts that the sender may have been detained by the police or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Off-Campus Organizations

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA

Undocumented Students Page

Online Legal Resources

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES - RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

California Community Colleges Undocumented Students Page

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA

Spotlight of the Month: June 2021

Celebrating heroes in the undocumented community.

Lizbeth Mateo



An attorney in Los Angeles—one who started a law practice, hired four employees, and took an oath to uphold the U.S. constitution. She also has no legal options to stay in the country. Lizbeth is undocumented. Since crossing the border at age 14, Lizbeth hasn't let her immigration status hold her back. Frustrated by an unjust system, she's drawing from her own experiences to fight for immigrant rights in the streets and in the courts.

Lizbeth Mateo: Undocumented Lawyer

[Politico Magazine's Profile on Lizbeth Mateo](#)

Get Involved

Get involved to support the activities of the Dream Center.

Undocumented Ally Program and Training

Do you want to learn how to better support SMC's amazing undocumented students? Sign up for an Ally training!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNDOCUALLY PROGRAM

Ally Resources



Resources from the Ally Training



-  [Ally Common Terms and Definitions](#)

Learning Library

Learn more about the challenges we face today.

Know Your Rights Handouts

-  [What To Do At Home](#)
-  [What To Do In Public Places](#)
-  [What To Do at the Work Place](#)
-  [What To Do If You Are Arrested](#)
-  [What To Do If A Loved One Arrested](#)
-  [Rights Card - Tarjeta De Derechos](#)
-  [Know Your Rights](#) , [Spanish Version](#) (National Immigration Law Center)

-  Ally Contract
-  Training Scenarios for Allies

Campus Ally List

Santa Monica College faculty, staff, managers and students that have completed the Undocumented Ally Training and have committed to create a safe, supportive, non-discriminatory and inclusive campus for undocumented persons. The list will be updated as new Allies complete the training.

Last Update: 11/18/19

LIST OF UNDOCUMENTED ALLIES

IDEAS at SMC Student Club

SMC's student club, IDEAS.

Internships with the Center

We are thrilled to be able to offer internships with the center every fall.


APPLY HERE FOR THE FALL DREAM INTERNSHIPS

Volunteer with the Center


Help the center by becoming a volunteer!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE CENTER


Donate to Support the Center

-  Know Your Rights Handouts: If ICE Visits a Home, Employer, or Public Space (American Immigration Lawyers Association)
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Featured Websites

- Santa Monica College Social Justice Resource Page
 -  The War Still Continues (article by SMC Professor, Luis M. Andrade)
 - Informed Immigrant
InformedImmigrant.com
 - **CARECEN: Legal Services** - <https://carecenla.simplybook.me/v2/>
 - **Immigrants Rising**
<https://immigrantsrising.org/>
 - The Undocumented Lawyer
<https://www.undocumentedlawyer.org/>
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Suggested Activities to Support Undocumented Students

-  Resources and Suggested Activities to Support Undocumented Students
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Recommended videos

- Advanced parole webinar :
- Denea Joseph, "The Link Between Story Telling and Advocacy"
- INCREASING INCLUSIVITY FOR UNDOCUMENTED ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER (API) STUDENTS ON YOUR CAMPUS

Support the critical work that we do with a tax deductible donation.

DONATE TO THE DREAM CENTER

- THE VILLAGE SPEAKS: BLACK IMMIGRANTS & THE CURRENT MOVEMENT
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Recommended Film

PBS "187: The Rise of the Latino Vote"

Juan Gonzalez's "Harvest of Empire" are good documentaries to help give you some context on recent immigration policies, immigrant and activists narratives, and nativism/anti-immigrant politics.

"The Infiltradors" is a new docudrama also new and available on media platforms.

Social Media Links

Follow these resources on social media:

- #undocutwitter on Twitter
 - smc_dreamprogram on Instagram
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Contact the Dream Resource Center

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OUR STAFF IS HERE TO HELP

CLICK HERE TO GET TO KNOW THE DREAM CENTER STAFF!

Text: Wherever you are in your educational goal, keep going! Great things take time.

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FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

