

Post-DACA Decision 2020 Resource Guide

Compiled by Diana Ortiz Giron
Assistant Director for Diversity Education & Support
Harvard College | updated 12/10/2020

This compilation of resources was created in the summer of 2020 while awaiting the Supreme Court decision over the future of DACA. This guide contains resources for students with and without DACA. Please share with students, counselors, educators who would benefit from these resources.

Key topics: mental health, legal services, educational resources, entrepreneurship, fellowships, toolkits, undocu student support, undocu art, media, and storytelling!

Top Pro-Immigrant Organization & Websites to Visit, Follow, and Donate

1. United We Dream <https://unitedwedream.org>
2. Immigrants Rising <https://immigrantsrising.org>
3. My Undocumented Life <https://mydocumentedlife.org/>
4. National Immigration Law Center <https://www.nilc.org>
5. Movimiento Cosecha <https://www.lahuelga.com>
6. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) <https://www.aclu.org/>
7. Immigrant Legal Resource Center <https://www.ilrc.org>
8. Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) <https://chirla.org>
9. Informed Immigrant <https://www.informedimmigrant.com>
10. BAJI Black Alliance for Just Immigration <https://baji.org>
11. Immigration Impact (UndocuBlack) <https://immigrationimpact.com/>
12. NAKASEC Action Fund (Asian American) <https://nakasecactionfund.org>
13. ASPIRE (Pan-Asian Undocu Youth) <https://aspireforjustice.org>
14. Undocuqueer <https://www.undocuqueer.org>
15. Define American <https://www.defineamerican.com>
16. I am an Immigrant <https://www.iamanimmigrant.com/>
17. Culture Strike Magazine <https://www.culturestrike.org/>
18. FWD (Moving America Forward) <https://www.fwd.us>
19. UndocuPhDs <https://undocuphds.wordpress.com>
20. Pre-Health Dreamers <https://www.phdreamers.org/our-mission>

FOR IMMIGRANTS / UNDOCUMENTED / DACA STUDENTS

LIFE AFTER COLLEGE: A GUIDE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Immigrants Rising: Transforming Lives Through Education

https://immigrantsrising.org/wp-content/uploads/Immigrants-Rising_Life-After-College.pdf

This guide includes information, tips, and resources as well as personal narratives, student testimonials, and advice from experts. By knowing about the array of available options, undocumented students can be encouraged and unafraid to take the next steps.

IMMIGRANTS RISING | BEYOND DACA

Inspirational videos and written resources

<https://immigrantsrising.org/start-here/beyond-daca/>

- Renew your DACA now
 - Learn About Your Immigration Options
 - ◆ Immigration legal Intake Service
 - ◆ Immigration options every undocumented person should know about
 - ◆ Free immigration help: <https://www.immigrantslikeus.org/>
 - Get Money to Launch Your Business or Nonprofit
 - ◆ Entrepreneurship Fund
 - ◆ Basic Facts about Entrepreneurship
 - Find Mental Health Support
 - ◆ Mental Health Connector
 - ◆ Wellness Gatherings
-

GETTING STARTED WITH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ACCESSING FINANCIAL CAPITAL (WEBINAR)

Immigrants Rising: Transforming Lives Through Education

<https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/accessing-financial-capital-webinar/>

Learn how to access financial capital for business start-up and other opportunities available for immigrant entrepreneurs. Our past Kickstarter Grant winners will also share their projects and tips for a successful application.

LIST OF UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Immigrants Rising: Transforming Lives Through Education

https://immigrantsrising.org/wp-content/uploads/Immigrants-Rising_List-of-Undergraduate-Scholarships.pdf

Immigrant Rising's List of Undergraduate Scholarships contains scholarships for undergraduate studies that don't require proof of citizenship or legal permanent residency. This up-to-date list, organized by deadline date, contains scholarships at the local (Bay Area), state and national level.

2020 LIST OF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Immigrants Rising: Transforming Lives Through Education

https://immigrantsrising.org/wp-content/uploads/Immigrants-Rising_List-of-Graduate-Scholarships.pdf

Scholarships and fellowships are excellent ways to pay for college tuition and other expenses. You might wonder, what's the difference between scholarships and fellowships? Scholarships are generally funds for students attending educational institutions for the purpose of the study; they can be awarded based on financial need, grades, community service, major, class level, city or county of residence, and more. Fellowships are generally funds for students (or non-students) for the purpose of professional or career development; they can support a variety of things, including study in a specific field, research to advance work on a particular issue, development of a new community-based organization or initiative, training to support a fellow's growth, opportunities to further explore a particular field of work, and more.

THE DREAM | NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

<https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/>

At TheDream.US, we're working to help 6,000 highly motivated DREAMers graduate from college with career-ready degrees. DREAMers are immigrant youth who came to this country at a very young age without documentation.

Despite the fact that this is the only country they have ever known—they'll receive no federal aid to go to college, have limited access to state aid, and often face paying out-of-state tuition.

SCHOLARSHIPS & RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS BY EDUMED

<https://www.edumed.org/financial-aid/undocumented-students-scholarships-resources/>

If you're undocumented and interested in higher education, you have an uphill battle. It can be difficult to get everything you need to get into and pay for college. The good news is, a ton of organizations offer scholarships, academic and career resources, and

other tools that undocumented students can use to make their college journeys successful. See what's available in 2020.

UNDOCUMENTED PERSPECTIVES: LIFE WITH & WITHOUT DACA

Law Office of Lizbeth Mateo | Video Webinar via Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/mateolawoffices/videos/424109121878468/>

Thursday, May 21, at 2 PM/5 PM EST

Livestream via our FB Page: [Law Offices of Lizbeth Mateo](#) and on our website:

<https://mateolaw.co/workshops/>

All panelists are undocumented, some are DACA recipients and others are not. They will all share their experiences and perspectives of being undocumented in the Trump Era.

Panelists will answer questions, so please submit your questions at:

<https://mateolaw.co/workshops/>

MENTAL HEALTH IN THE POST-DACA ERA: BUILDING STRENGTH IN UNDOCUMENTED LATINXS, DACA RECIPIENTS, AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM

National Latina/o Psychological Association

https://unitedwedream.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/F_NLPA-UWD-Mental-Health-Resources.pdf

- Validate your feelings
 - Recognize symptoms of distress
 - Identify your triggers
 - Connect or reconnect with your joys
 - Build on your strengths
 - Learn and practice new skills for healthy coping
 - Take your mental health seriously and seek help
 - Know your rights and identify available resources
 - Protect yourself from immigration scams
 - Share your knowledge to help others like you
 - Know that you are not alone
-

UNITED WE DREAM MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT

<https://unitedwedream.org/2017/10/mental-health-toolkit/>

- 7 Steps to keep calm and organize
 - Our body responds: fight & flight v. rest & digest
 - 101 mindful breathing
-

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE: SUPPORT UNDOCUMENTED AND 'DACAMENTED' IMMIGRANTS

Through Leadership and News from Alder University

<https://www.adler.edu/blog/support-undocumented-immigrants-daca-participants-dreamers-mental-health-guide>

- What we need to know
 - Mental health resources
 - Legal resources: Know your rights!
 - State & National Coalitions
 - REsources for School & Educators
 - Additional resources
 - ◆ Community Education/outreach/training
 - ◆ Inclusion & awareness campaigns
 - ◆ Social media and arts campaigns
 - ◆ Narratives of youth with undocumented status
-

RESOURCES ON THE FUTURE OF DACA

CLAPS- Policy Solutions that Work for Low-Income People

<https://www.clasp.org/resources-future-daca>

- Action steps from United We Dream
 - DACA renewal resources
 - What you need to know about the status of DACA
 - Higher education
 - Mental health
 - Early childhood providers, K-12 students, and educators
 - Work and employment
 - Deportation preparation
 - Proposed legislation
 - Litigation challenging DACA rescission
 - CLASP publications on DACA/Dreamers
 - Additional resources for action
-

RESOURCES FOR UNDOCU IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING COVID-19

My Undocumented Life Blog by Dr. Carolina Valdivia

<https://mydocumentedlife.org/2020/03/30/resources-for-undocumented-immigrants-and-their-families-during-covid-19/>

- Key resources
- Contribute or apply for donations
- Calls to action
- Mental health resources
- Immigration policy updates
- Relevant news

FOR EDUCATORS / ADMINISTRATORS/ INSTITUTIONS

PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING DACA DECISION & COPING WITH ITS AFTERMATH: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, EDUCATORS, COUNSELORS, AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

[My Undocumented Life Blog](#) by Dr. Carolina Valdivia

- Spotlight on Mental Health Resources
 - ◆ THRIVE: Multidimensional Identities of the 1.5 undocumented generation (hint of faith and spirituality)
<https://thethrivecenter.org/resources/multidimensional-identities-of-the-undoc-generation/>
 - ◆ Mental Health for Affinity Groups: Informed Immigrant
<https://www.informedimmigrant.com/resource-type/mental-health/>
- Administrators
 - ◆ Provide Generous Financial Support
 - ◆ Send out anticipated states to the broader community discussing the importance of maintaining and expanding DACA
 - ◆ Create a website designated to support undocumented students
 - Identify a clear point of contact
 - ◆ Create a task force dedicated to supporting undocumented students on campus
- Educators/Counselors
 - ◆ Learn more about the undocumented experience and how systemic structures are impacting students.
 - ◆ Be accessible, flexible, and advocate.
 - ◆ Identify and share mental health resources available for undocumented students at the local/national level
 - ◆ Host a virtual emotional support group among undocumented students.
- Undocumented Students

- ◆ Prioritize your **mental health**.
 - ◆ Remember that you are not alone.
 - ◆ If your **DACA** expires in less than a year, consider submitting your DACA renewal application:
 - ◆ There are different ways stress shows up on our lives. Recognize the signs.
-

HIGHER ED TOOLKIT TO PREP FOR THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON **DACA**

Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V8gUdmfUjs6aiuCDotK0SO2iO_F1HjcnfyZlNy3vjdl/edit#heading=h.x00szff3nbk9

Toolkit Contents

- Sample Campus Message
 - Sample Press Statement For Higher Ed Institutions
 - Sample Quotes For Presidents And Chancellors
 - Sample Tweets For Presidents, Campuses, And Students
 - Resources
 - Advocacy Resources
-

HOW TO CREATE NON-EMPLOYMENT BASED **FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**

Webinar from the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

<https://www.presidentsimmigrationalliance.org/>

- Webinar we co hosted with [TheDream.US](#) and [Immigrants Rising](#)
 - You can view the webinar recording [here](#).
 - [Here](#) is the link to the Google Drive folder that contains the slides from today's webinar as well as other resources that we think you will find useful.
 - Is your president or chancellor a member of the Presidents' Alliance? Check out our list of members [here](#).
 - Not a member? Encourage your president or chancellor to join our Alliance [here](#). You can join our mailing list [here](#).
-

HIGHER ED GUIDE: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dqFeaJDbw9EtUDKntMtrwuDIBW-7Q9ZC/view>

This document provides guidelines by which college and university administrators can establish or implement funding for undocumented students and follow three best practices:

- Avoid compelling a student to unnecessarily disclose the undocumented status of themselves or their families;
 - Uphold the college/university as an institution where undocumented students are welcome; and
 - Ensure compliance with U.S. policy, regulations, and laws.
-

STRENGTHENING YOUR CAMPUS WEBSITE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS: A GUIDE FOR CALIFORNIA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Immigrants Rising

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LWEgDSxXgt0U8W3dkLz706GF2dKf340ys2WS8z0wkNs/edit?fbclid=IwARISvJ9zPRmtdchIWuXnJO4DPiORwBtmNOBVaZL1Zs0aFau35eZ_1e4ayo#

- Evaluating Your Campus Website
 - Using This Guide
 - Getting Buy-in To Update Your Websites
 - Admissions And Records (A&R) Website
 - Analyzing Essential Components
 - Examples From The Field
 - Financial Aid (Fa) Website
 - Analyzing Essential Components
 - Scholarships That Do Not Require Proof Of Citizenship Or Legal Residency
 - Undocumented Student Resources (Usr) Webpage
 - ◆ Recommended Language & Tips
 - ◆ Recommended Resources
 - Putting Into Action On Your Campus
 - Checklist For Strengthening Your Campus Website For Undocumented Students
-

UNITED WE DREAM #HERETOSTAY TOOLKIT

K-12 and Higher Education Educators & Schools Institutional Toolkit

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o-zD9Yy-oJboGOtWkBD3E8bz3DhEPPikOBBzYOOXSdU/edit#heading=h.8ryd8x8xetcp>

Resources found in this toolkit:

- Undocu-friendly classrooms and educators and being undocu-friendly outside classroom time
- Change your school or campus to be a sanctuary of safety

Demand and support local campaigns demanding that city, county or state officials create sanctuary policies to keep residents safe

ON UNDOCU ART / MEDIA / & STORYTELLING

SHARE THE UNDOCU JOY! | Poem & Video

"I love my undocumented people" by Yosimar Reyes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1kkdBjASfc>

"As someone who happens to be undocumented, I've noticed how others talk about us. Our collective fate is reported on in a never-ending stream of doom and gloom. I admit that our condition is difficult. We are under attack, both a national scapegoat and subject of pity. But these stories are not ours. This media is about us, but was not created for us. For our own mental health, we need to share our true selves, not the tears that they want to see. Much like The Black Joy Project, by Kleaver Cruz, this social media campaign springs from the need to show people in a new light, with the simplicity of a smile." -Yosimar Reyes

[#UndocuJoy](#) is a collective love letter for us, by us. We are in this together.

Visit <https://defineamerican.com/undocujoy/>. Additional poetry and videos by Yosimar Reyes can be found here: <http://yosimarreyes.com>

DREAMERS ADRIFT | Undocu Humor Media Platform

<http://dreamersadrift.com>

DreamersAdrift is a media platform led by undocumented creatives with the goal of taking back the undocumented narrative through videos, art, music, spoken word and poetry. DreamersAdrift was established in October 2010 by four undocumented college graduates: Deisy Hernandez, Fernando Romero, Jesús Iñiguez, and Julio Salgado. The original mission of this contingent was to bring to attention to the DREAM Act, a bipartisan bill that would have given undocumented youth an opportunity to become legal residents, and to document the undocumented. Since then, the project has evolved and expanded, delving into a variety of different conversations happening within American politics, but via the immigrant lens.

CALIFORNIA ARTIST PRINTS HER ACTIVISM | FAVIANA RODRIGUEZ | Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TleXMctF-E0>

Favianna Rodriguez is a visual artist and community organizer who merges her artistic practice with her political activism. She is the co-founder of both [Presente.org](#) and [Culture Strike](#), two groups pushing back against the wave of anti-immigrant rhetoric and legislation that has recently swept the nation. Through her bold, vivid

artwork, she has become a leading voice in raising awareness about immigration, women's issues, globalization and economic injustice. Also, check out the Voice of Art series on a ["Migration is Beautiful"](#) featuring Favianna and other prominent voices. In this series, she participates in a visual campaign using the Monarch Butterfly as a symbol of the beauty and dignity of migrants.

YEHIMI CAMBRÓN "HERE TO STAY" MURAL ON MOVEABLE WALL | Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fwjJIS6iT4>

Yehimi Cambron, an undocumented immigrant activist from Georgia, live painted her memorable and impactful Butterfly and Book mural "Here to Stay" at the Norcross Farmer's Market. This mural was painted on a moveable wall where it can be placed in different locations throughout the city.

Check out her "I AM AN IMMIGRANT" [spotlight](#) and her [Living Walls](#) commissioned art. Here's an article on the murals of immigrant activist [Yehimi Cambrón](#) by ARTS ATL.

DEFINE AMERICAN: JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS' STORY | Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJH1IKqF8PA>

Welcome to a new conversation about immigration in our country.

To learn more and share your story, visit <http://www.DefineAmerican.com>

Define American is dedicated to changing the conversation about immigrants in America who are an inexorable part of our communities and our society. Founded by award-winning multimedia journalist Jose Antonio Vargas, Define American harnesses the power of storytelling and social media to bring about greater awareness of and support for immigration reform.

DENAE JOSEPH "I AM MY (GRAND)MOTHER'S CHILD" | Video

How do you envision liberation for the undocumented community?

Part of Immigrants Rising Stories of #UndocuHustle, Heartbreak, and Humor

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=424968335047868>

[Denaë Joseph](#) immigrated to the US without most of her family and was raised by her maternal grandmother, who laid the foundation for who she is. Denaë shares her thoughts on the impact of family separation in the immigrant community. Denaë's speech was given at "STILL WE RISE: An Evening of Revelation and Revelry" hosted by Immigrants Rising on 11/8/19 in San Francisco. Watch videos of brilliant undocu storytellers sharing their stories of hustle, heartbreak, and humor below. [Watch all speeches.](#) Do you like these stories of [#undochustle](#), heartbreak and humor? Consider making a donation Immigrants Rising: <https://immigrantsrising.wedid.it/>

UNDOCUGRAD INSPIRATIONAL SPEECH | Video

Undocumented Immigrant Delivers Powerful Graduation Speech

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxjqa0D9sqY>

"Immigrants, undocumented or otherwise, are people too. People with dreams, aspirations, hopes, and loved ones. People like me. People who have become a part of the American society and way of life and who yearn to make America great again - without the construction of a wall built on hatred and prejudice." -Larissa Martinez , McKinney High School Valedictorian for 2016, Yale-bound

HOW I FOUND OUT I'M AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT | Vanity Fair Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9M2H98wb0Es>

Undocumented immigrants talk about xenophobia, the future of DACA, and the threat of deportation. This video highlights the experiences of a lot of undocumented and DACAmended students. It describes the moment and impact of learning about their immigration status.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO UNDOCUMENTED DOCTORS? | Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfSLjNU9dBo>

DACA recipients are now pursuing advanced degrees and full-fledged careers. Sixty-five are in medical school in the United States, and approximately half of them are enrolled in the Loyola-Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. The Atlantic spoke with these medical students and residents about the anxiety surrounding the future.

HOW TEACH FOR AMERICA EMPOWERS DACAMENTED TEACHERS | Video

<https://www.emersoncollective.com/articles/2016/10/how-teach-for-america-empower-s-dacamented-teachers/>

Recognizing the deep impact that immigration issues have on children, Teach for America became one of many organizations to stand up and invite DACA recipients to work as corps members. Today, about 100 young people with DACA status are teaching in communities across the country. In this video, meet three teachers from California and Colorado and understand how DACA and Teach for America have changed their lives.

LIST OF BOOKS BY UNDOCUMENTED AUTHORS

- “Undocumented” by Dan-El Padilla Peralta
 - “Dear America: Notes from an Undocumented Citizen” by Jose Antonio Vargas
 - “My Underground American Dream” by Julissa Arce
 - “The Affair of the Falcóns” by Melissa Rivero
 - “Unaccompanied” by Javier Zamora
 - “Driving Without A License” by Janine Joseph
 - “Children of the Land: by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo
 - “The Body Papers” by Grace Talusan
 - “The Undocumented Americans” by Karla Cordejo Villavicencio
 - “To Love and Mourn in the Age of Displacement” by Alan Pelaez Lopez
-

LIST OF FILMS AND SHOWS FEATURING UNDOCUMENTED EXPERIENCES

Film Screenings

The Undocumented Lawyer (2020)
Rocío (2019)
Documented (2013)
Underwater Dreams (2014)
Spare Parts (2015)
Bajo la Misma Luna(2007)
Forb[i]dden ([link here](#)) (2016)
A Better Life (2011)
Take Out (2004)
The Visitor (2007)

Shows/Series

Immigration Battles Frontline
Living Undocumented
The New Americans PBS
In the Country we Love
Party of Five
Jane the Virgin
The Fosters
One Day at a Time
Fresh Off the Boat
Orange is the New Black

- Also check out the @undocufilmmakerscollective [medium article](#) and IG page
- [Immigrants Rising List of Movies that Highlight Undocumented Experiences](#)
- [Article on the Increase of Immigrant Stories on TV Shows](#)