UC Davis AB 540 & Undocumented Student Center

Dear community,

Today, the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) ruled in favor of all previous lower court rulings that the presidential administration violated the Administrative Procedure Act in its attempted rescission of DACA. Since the November oral arguments in the Supreme Court (SCOTUS), we have anticipated news of the Supreme Court decision on the *Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California* case surrounding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). DACA is the hard-fought result of Undocumented communities' activism and labor with significant leadership from Undocumented youth enrolled in college. Be that as it may, we acknowledge that the program is a temporary support in lieu of a clean DREAM Act providing pathways to lawful residence status for our community. To see some of the implications of the Supreme Court decision, our partners at the UC Immigration Legal Services Center will be creating an FAQ guide. (Stay tuned for more details, as we will post them within this document.) The majority of Undocumented college students, including those at UC Davis, continue to navigate higher education without DACA. Many of the resources we offer are not contingent on DACA eligibility.

Legal Support

- The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center ("UCImm") is committed to providing support and will be offering Q&A+informational webinars with the first iterations occurring **Friday 6/19 at 5:00pm PST and Monday 6/22 and Tuesday 6/23 at 12:00 pm PST**. Here is the Zoom link to attend. These webinars will be recorded for future reference and distributed widely. Please reach our team at ab540-undocumented@ucdavis.edu with any further questions about this.
- UCImm will continue to provide free immigration legal support to all UC students and their immediate family members (i.e. parents, siblings, spouses, fiancés, and children).
    - Currently enrolled UC Davis students can schedule virtual appointments with our Legal Fellow. For questions about whether or not to renew your DACA, please refer to this UCImm guide. This information
- For DACA renewals, legal support is available to schedule "STEP 1". At this time, students interested in receiving this support can schedule at tinyurl.com/y69hlttm or email our UCImm Legal Fellows, Damian and Ariel, at damian.ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu and ariel.ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu. They are also available for follow-up meetings remotely and can connect via phone, email, or Zoom using the "STEP 2" appointment with the appointment link.

- UCImm is currently hard at work exploring the possibilities of first-time DACA applications and Advance Parole being supported through their work. Stay tuned here and via our Center's social media for further updates with this.

Mental Health Support

- Enrolled UC Davis students can continue to receive individual counseling services from our partners at Counseling Services, Dr. Mónica Hurtado-León and Christian Latino, can be reached via email at myhurtadoleon@ucdavis.edu and calatino@ucdavis.edu. Reach out to ask questions regarding mental health services and support on campus or to connect and begin the appointment scheduling process.
- The Academic and Staff Assistance Program offers free, confidential assessment, counseling, consultation and referral services to all UC Davis staff, faculty and any adult family members residing in their home. Counselors are available for telehealth sessions during COVID-19 restrictions and can be reached at (530) 752-2727 or UC Davis Health ASAP, 916-734-2727 to schedule an appointment. Resources can also be found online at https://hr.ucdavis.edu/departments/asap

Holistic Support

- We will continue to offer academic, career, and interpersonal advising support for our students, in addition to advocacy and consultation opportunities for students, staff, community members, and faculty:
    - General questions can be directed to ab540-undocumented@ucdavis.edu and individual appointments can be scheduled with Alondra Alvarez at www.calendly.com/aloalvarez and with Ignacio Alaracon at www.calendly.com/ialarcon and Laura Bohórquez García at https://calendly.com/lbohorq
- You will see more details about virtual gathering opportunities below here and through our social media platforms like our Center's Instagram page.

Supportive California Laws and Policies

In-state tuition and financial aid

- Students who qualify for AB 540 under the CA education policy code will still be able to qualify for in-state tuition and financial aid. See the Office of the Registrar for any questions regarding residency eligibility.

MediCal

- Those eligible for the California Medical Assistance Program can access free or low-cost health coverage for children and adults ages 18-25 with limited resources,
    - Qualifications
        - Low-income adults
        - Families with children

        - Seniors
        - Persons with disabilities
        - Pregnant women
        - Children in foster care and former foster youth up to the age of 26

AB 21

- Mitigates the impact of potential federal changes to immigration enforcement policies like DACA by ensuring students have access to financial aid, legal representation, and their constitutional rights to privacy and due process

SB 1139

- Ensures all people, regardless of immigration status, have access to state scholarship+loan forgiveness programs for health professionals

SB 1159

- Ensures all people, regardless of immigration status, have the right to receive qualifying professional licenses/credentials

AB 60

- DMV: "Issues an original driver license to an applicant who is unable to submit satisfactory proof of lawful residence in the United States. Driver license applicants under AB 60 must meet all other qualifications for licensure and must provide satisfactory proof of identity and California residency."
- Other Resources: AB 60 Driver's License Holders- Know Your Rights
- *Note: DACA recipients continue to be eligible for REAL ID compliant CA driver's licenses as well

Graduate/Professional School

- Here are some tips from Undocumented folks who attended grad school:
    - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5RpV1M8k8Y&t=391s
- Resources for Undocumented students at the high school, undergraduate, and graduate school level
    - https://mydocumentedlife.org/

Regardless of work authorization, Undocumented immigrants are able to generate income in a multitude of ways: here is a wonderful resource created by our partners at Immigrants Rising to support our community in these endeavors.

Financial Support

- Our Center will continue to provide emergency grants, scholarships, and food vouchers to qualifying students so long as we are able. Furthermore, we encourage you to continue looking through the resources on our Financial page for additional opportunities within/outside of our Center and to share with friends.https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NMIBcRSXQJ_YOxZkznZK4XQjwtpi9riAzFzV5ZtQOag/edit?pli=1#gid=905142883

We acknowledge that many have been waiting for this decision and that it has caused anxiety, fear, and panic. We hope that knowing this outcome provides a sense of support and allows you to release and better plan next steps for you and your community/family. We also acknowledge and appreciate the grace, joy, and power that you continue to embody and have shared with our community and Center. We are here to and honored to support you as we move through this decision. Please reach us at ab540-undocumented@ucdavis.edu with any additional questions: we appreciate you and everything you do. We continue to hope and work towards nothing but the best for our communities.

Sincerely,

The AB 540 & Undocumented Student Center Team