



## *DREAMers Task Force Meeting*

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83098618815?pwd=SU1Bek05U2tRUTE4QktYeFlZRM4Ydz09&from=addon>

Attendance: Julie Carey, Kim Benitez, Marta Dugarte, Nimsi Garcia, Ariela Villalpando, Maria Huning, Mary Ho, Diana Viscarra, Chris Rico, Wissem Bennani, Olguita Perez

### **AGENDA**

#### **1:00 pm | Introductions**

- Name, pronouns (optional), position/organization
- Check in question: What is the first horror movie you remember watching?

#### **1:20 pm | 2022 Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) Recap**

- Great to have been able to table with Transfer Day and to have been joined by RWC Together & Upward Scholars, RWC Together able to share social services, Diana felt welcomes/re-energized
- Platica - helpful to recognize that conversations we have in our own teams are very similar, discuss how to continue the work that is happening
- Open House - so full! Overflowed into the hallway
- Webinars - healing & rebuilding trust keynote speaker (Rafael Augustin, memoir *Illegally Yours*)
- Keynote speaker - shared a lot of resources about how to work without DACA
- Ideas for the future?
  - Seems like we are preaching to the choir, people that need to be part of the conversation & need more information are not showing up and not engaging. What are some ideas on how to engage with those who “don’t get it” or are fighting against/spreading misinformation
  - Presentations in Academic Senate, IPC, Division meetings - share out information, might be able to reach folks who don’t attend events
  - Registration dates/events, able to learn more about the system and make connections at this event
  - Continue to engage with counterparts at sister colleges (Skyline, CSM), power in community, engage Cultural Center
  - Would like to see an emergency fund for undocumented students, utilize USAW to allow supporters to step up & fund raise during this week
  - Workshops to help partners and students understand about services
  - RWC Together – able to partner & bring presenters to speak to our students. EX: Legal Aid to share information on legal issues or KYR

### 1:30 pm | DREAMers Task Force Priorities

- Possible focus for 2022 - 2023
  - Enhance relationships with community partners
  - Revive community dialogue/professional development
  - Engage students
- Topics to engage students & community partners
  - Getting an ITIN
  - Developing a business
    - Partnering with Business department at Cañ (Candice Nance)
    - Short certificate
    - Upward Scholars has partnerships that provide guidance for their students, could make that connection
  - Working as an independent contractor
  - Filing Taxes
  - Educate ourselves on this
    - How do we hire undocumented students?
    - Licensing/permits for small businesses or entrepreneurship (technical - different requirements for different types of businesses)
- Fellowships for undocumented students
  - Provide paid opportunities, experience in professional environment
  - Trying to locate **sustainable** funding

### 1:45 pm | Announcements/Updates

- Sequoia High School Dream Club Fundraiser Dinner - Friday, Nov 18 6-8pm
  - We purchased a table and have 7 seats available! Let Nimsi or Adolfo know if you would like to attend.
- SB 893/6 or Fewer Units Non-Resident Tuition Fee Waiver
  - Steps: continuing students register for classes, complete waiver
    - If in San Mateo County, will not have the 6 unit cap and will not pay enrollment fees
    - If not in San Mateo County, will have 6 unit cap and will pay in-state tuition fees
  - Could we get a one-page document outlining the steps to register?
  - Currently developing a Q&A
    - Give students a timeline for processing, some students dropped this semester because of not receiving communication

- Communication matters! College & District plans to send communication to current students via email, ideas on how we can connect with community are welcome
  - Should connect with/communicate directly to adult school
  - Possibly plan a presentation
- State of “Public Charge” | What You Need to Know ([Webinar, RSVP](#))

**1:55 pm | Next Steps**

*Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

- *Agenda items?*
  - *Planning to share information about business/work-related resources*