My Story

Isadora Trejo-Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics
(Microbiologia, Imunologia, y Genetica Molecular)

UCLA Bachelor of Science 06' - Master of Science 08'

◆**Keep pushing forward**. Do not give up. This will be hard but it doesn't mean you can't do it.

◆**Connect with people** to find opportunities. **Don't be afraid** to ask.

◆**Find mentors and counselors** that will support and guide you.

◆**You belong here**. **You are intelligent** and deserve the opportunity to learn, discover, and apply at these institutions.

◆Don't neglect your emotional health. Meditate, seek therapists, be creative (art, writing, photography, music).

Your soul needs a creative outlet.

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Canyons Dreamers/DACA/AB540/ Undocumented Support Team

Counseling
Concepcion (Connie) Perez, MS

Counseling Faculty
Concepcion.perez@canyons.edu

◆Counselors do what?
Academic, Career and Life Skills
◆Canyons Connects

◆**"I am your cheerleader!"**

Counseling

Graciela Martinez, MS, PPS

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- The importance of Navigational Skills

- Student Friendly Resources

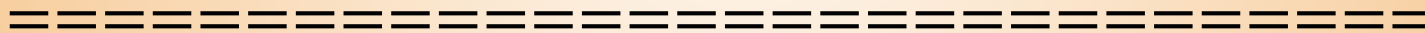# Professor Support
Claudia Acosta, Ed.D.

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- You are here, you are not alone!
- You are doing well in class, you will succeed!
- You are part of the community; you can make a difference!

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- Communication (sensitivity & support)
- Academic engagement & success
- Broader community involvement

Financial Aid
Carmen Gonzalez
Financial Aid Advisor

50 YEARS

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The Promise of Opportunity. Since 1969.

▶ **California Dream Application (CADAA)** – allows students with no social security number and nonresident students who qualify for a non-resident exemption under Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) to receive certain types of financial aid such as: private scholarships, state financial aid, university grants, community college fee waivers, and Cal Grants.

❖ To be considered for a Cal Grant award, a completed financial aid application and a certified Grade Point Average (GPA) must be submitted by the **March 2 deadline** and available **October 1st**

❖ You must set up a WebGrants 4 Students account to manage your Cal Grant at: http://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

https://dream.csac.ca.gov

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California Student Aid Commission

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CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT
Apply by March 2

The California Dream Act Application allows students interested in attending eligible California Colleges, Universities and Career Education Programs to apply for state financial aid. This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Check out our California Dream Act information & resources.

Announcements:
- To apply for a Cal Grant submit a California Dream Act Application by **March 2** .

NEW to the CA Dream Act? First Time User?
* Start a NEW application
* Do not submit multiple applications

Get Started!

Start

Returning User to CA Dream Act?
* Renew your application
* Submit a saved application
* Make a correction or add a school to your application

Forgot User ID or Reset Password

Login

Submit Parent Signature
* Request a Parent PIN
* Forgot your Parent PIN?
* Sign the Student Application

Parent Signature

California Dream Act Application

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for AB 540 Eligible Students
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
www.caldreamact.org

California Student Aid Commission

This application is used to determine the eligibility of AB 540 students for California student financial aid for the 2020-21 school year. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) will process this application. Any aid offered can only be used at eligible California institutions. The information on this form will be used to determine eligibility in the Cal Grant program. Ask your college whether they will be using this application for financial aid programs other than the Cal Grant program. The California Dream Act Application can be completed online at www.caldreamact.org.

The California Dream Act Application is not an application for federal financial aid. Students eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), must use that application which is available online at www.fafsa.gov. **Students should not complete both applications.**

California Dream Act Application or FAFSA?   Carefully read the statements below **before** starting this application.

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Financial Aid Advisor

▶**California College Promise Grant (CCPG)** –waives only enrollment fees for the entire school year. You can complete the application available online and submit to the Financial Aid Office. Note: submitting the CADAA will automatically check for CCPG eligibility.

▶**Scholarships** – COC application available every spring term. Opportunities are posted on our website:

www.canyons.edu/money4college

https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resource-guide/#

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE
Promise Grant
▶Helping Students Succeed

Formerly known as the **Board of Governors Fee Waiver**

What's New?
The Board of Governors Fee Waiver program will be renamed the California College Promise Grant. The program, including the application process and eligibility requirements, will remain the same.

What's Changed?
Just the name! The fee waiver program, including the application process, and eligibility requirements, will remain the same. The California College Promise Grant, available to eligible students, will waive your per unit enrollment fee at any California community college throughout the state.

Eligibility Requirements
Once you've qualified, it's important to ensure you're meeting the academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing it.
▶Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
▶Complete more that 50% of your coursework

MALDEF
SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE
FOR SUPPORT IN THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Financial Aid

Ask the Experts at
College of the Canyons
Financial Aid Office

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Legal Resources

Warren Heaton

Immigration Attorney/Legal Resources

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ET AL. v. REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ET AL., 591 U. S. ___ (2020), (June 18, 2020)

Background

Holding: U.S. Supreme Court ruled that DHS's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedures Act.

Impact of the Supreme Court Decision on DACA Filings:
Under the SCOTUS decision, USCIS must continue to process the following types of DACA requests (as outlined
 USCIS guidance in place prior to the Supreme Court ruling):
People Who Currently Have DACA:
Current DACA recipients can file a renewal DACA request.

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People Whose DACA Expired One Year Ago or Less:
Recipients whose previous DACA expired one year ago or less may still file a renewal DACA request.

People Whose DACA Expired More Than One Year Ago:
Recipients whose previous DACA expired more than one year ago cannot file a renewal DACA request but may file an initial DACA request.

People Whose DACA Was Terminated:
DACA recipients whose previous DACA was terminated at any point cannot request DACA as a renewal but may file an initial DACA request.

What's Next?

Melody Klingenfuss

CHIRLA Representative/Growing Up Undocumented

♦My story of self, growing up undocumented and with no parents, accessing higher education with no DACA

♦Accessing grad school as an undocu student

♦Next steps to defend DACA; current climate may call to try to end it again; Would like to assist in effort to defend DACA

CHIRLA
Coalition for Humane
Immigrant Rights

Legal Aid

Andres Rodriguez

League of United Latin American Citizens
(LULAC) Representative

♦"Todos O Nada" – https://todosonada.org/

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Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez

Licensed Psychologist, UCLA (Mental Health Resources)

1) Overview of 4 common stressors of undocumented college students

2) Risks/benefits of Coming out as Undocumented

3) Overview of community-centric self-care model of wellness

4) Tips for seeking Undocu-friendly mental health support

5) Resources for Mental Health Support

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Health & Well-Being

UC UndocuScholar Study

Enriquez, L. E, Burciaga, E. M, Cardenas, T., Cha, B., Delgado, V., Lopez, M., et al. (2019). How Can Universities Foster Educational Equity for Undocumented College Students: Lessons from the University of California. UCLA: Institute for Research on Labor and Employment.

Key Findings:

- Discomfort when disclosing immigration status and frequently encounter staff who are unaware of undocumented student resources
- Students and staff alike depend on undocumented student services staff members to provide resources and social support to undocumented students

Health & Well-Being

Undocumented students face high financial insecurity.
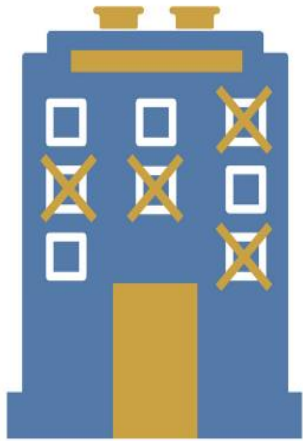
46% of UC undocumented students reported difficulty paying rent.

64% reported food insecurity.

Undocumented students experience immigration-related distractions that hurt their academic performance.

79% of UC undocumented students were distracted in class.

74% lost study time.

62% did poorly on an exam.

52% missed class.

Health & Well-Being

Undocumented students have limited access to post-graduate preparation.

44%
of UC undocumented students had participated in a professional development opportunity.

30%
felt prepared to achieve their career goals after graduation.

Undocumented students report high levels of stress and need inclusive mental health services.

64%
of UC undocumented students reported needing mental health services.

Of these, **only 2 in 5** sought professional help.

Risks and Benefits of Coming Out

Impact of Activism on DACAmented Latinas/os/xs

Impetus for "coming out":
- Need to disclose in order to access resources
- DACA's emboldening effect
- Increased awareness of status-related oppression
- Academic resilience as a result of their 1.5 generation status
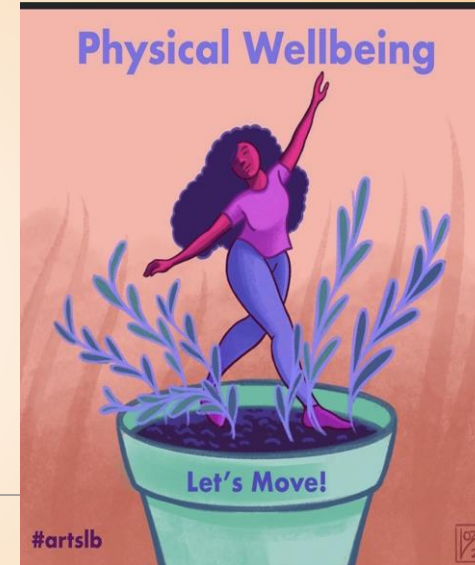
Benefits of Activism:
- Strong network of undocumented and undocu-friendly allies
- Sense of empowerment
- Leadership skills

Benefits outweighed the costs of activism, including:
- Increased deportation risk
- Advocacy "burnout"
- Elitism within activist communities
- Policies excluding other undocumented immigrants

Health & Well-being

Community-Centric Self-Care

Social Wellbeing — Stay Connected with friends and loved ones. #artslb

Emotional Wellbeing — Try something fun and creative. #artslb

Physical Wellbeing — Let's Move! #artslb

Health & Well-being

How Can I Tell if my Service Provider is an Ally?

⬧You feel HEARD.

⬧You were not forced to disclose your status.

⬧You were acknowledged for the courage it took to ask for support.

⬧Your experiences of oppression, education inequity, etc. were acknowledged and validated.

⬧You were encouraged to connect with other Undocu-friendly support services to get the specialized care you deserve.

⬧You were referred to appropriate support systems.

⬧You feel they make an effort to stay informed and continue to seek training.

Mentors & Social Support

Dr. Vida Manzo

LatinX Alliance

- Did you know that COC is a Hispanic Serving Institution?
- The Alliance is a safe-space for students to discuss topics like identity, academics, life.
- To provide a sense of belonging/community and guidance on how to successfully navigate the educational system.
- We bring COC resources to you with guest speakers from campus resources.

  (e.g., The HUB, MESA, Writing Workshop, Financial Aid, etc.)

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¡Bienvenidos! Welcome!

LatinX ALLIANCE

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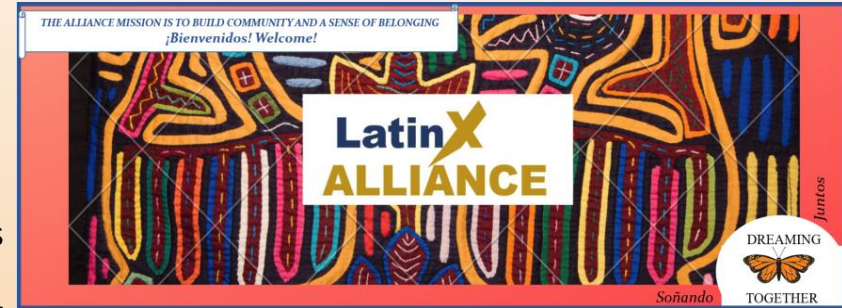
Dr. Hernan Ramirez
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- Latino/a sociology
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Sr. Research Analyst
- Social Psychology Experimental Design
- Socioeconomic Status & First-Gen. Identities & Academic Motivation

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Zoom Meetings Scheduled
- **July 2nd 12 -1PM**
- **July 8th 11-12PM**
- **July 28th 1-2PM**
- **Aug 4th 11-12PM**

To sign up
www.surveymonkey.com/r/AllianceLatinx

Alliances Webpage
www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/index.php

Mentors & Social Support

Stephenie Tesoro
Mentor – First Generation Alliance

First-Gen Student Alliance

The mission of the Alliances is to build community and a sense of belonging.

Alliances at COC are intended to provide social and academic support for students. Through the alliances, students can learn more about campus resources and have access to mentors and additional support.

Zoom Meetings Scheduled

Fall Dates TBD

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Support Program

Tony Law, MS
Support Services (EOPS/CARE)

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◆The EOPS program provides additional support services for qualified students who are **first-generation students** and are receiving the CCPG A or B.

◆Provides **book vouchers, tutoring, special events, peer mentorship.**

◆Meeting with an EOPS Counselor three (3) times a semester to build lasting support and provide resources.

◆Providing academic, career, and personal direction during your participation in the EOPS program.

If you are interested in applying or have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me:

Tony Law, EOPS/CARE Counselor, tony.law@canyons.edu

Support Program

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Program Director, MESA
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https://www.canyons.edu/academics/mesa/index.php

MESA
Math · Engineering · Science
Achievement

- We are Familia, a great learning community with emphasis on your educational and career goals in Math, Engineering, Biology, Physics, Computer Science and Chemistry.

- We provide Tutoring, Research, Internships, STEM Counseling, and Professional Development.

- You will be part of our Peer mentor program to help you navigate our COC campuses and resources.

- Come join us and be part of the future in STEM!
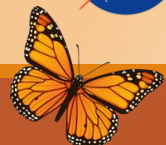
<u>Online Education Support</u>

Joy Shoemate

Interim Director, Online Education Resources

◆Online Education allows students to complete courses outside a face-to-face classroom setting by providing flexible, convenient learning opportunities so students can accomplish their educational goals.

◆Course options include: Online, Hybrid and Accelerated
Support the development and adoption of Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) = **free textbooks!**

Contact us with questions about Canvas or online/distance learning classes:
<u>online@canyons.edu</u> or 661-362-3603

Financial Aid

Resource Links

- https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmqA1CA5tYo

- https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/resources-california-dream-act-application

- https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca

- https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/california_dream_act_faq.pdf?1570034690

- https://www.csac.ca.gov/california-dream-act

- https://www.hsf.net/

- https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resource-guide/

- https://www.canyons.edu/studentservices/financialaid/types/grants/care.php

Additional Resources

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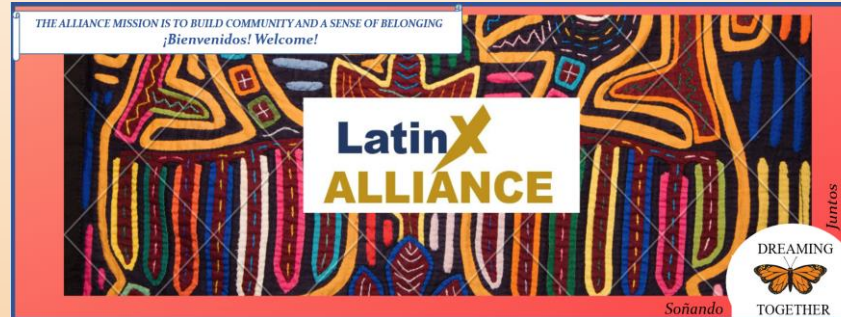
Dr. Hernan Ramirez

Leading Fall 2020 Reading Group
Lives in Limbo: Undocumented and Coming of
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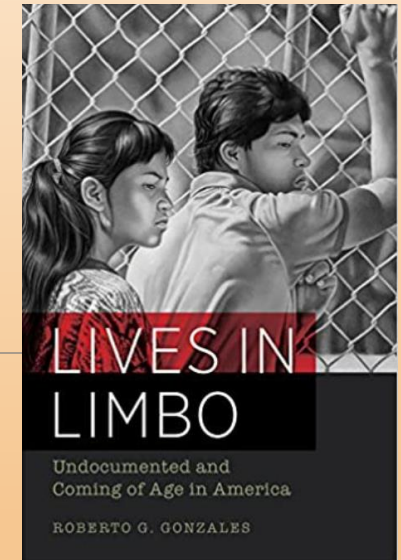
For more information regarding the Fall 2020
Reading Group they can contact
Hernan.Ramirez@canyons.edu

LIVES IN LIMBO

Undocumented and
Coming of Age in America

ROBERTO G. GONZALES

Additional Resources

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

♦Under the SCOTUS decision, USCIS must continue to process the following types of DACA requests (as outlined USCIS guidance https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-response-january-2018-preliminary-injunction

College of the Canyons – EOPS/CARE
♦Under the Student Services Page: https://www.canyons.edu/studentservices/eops
♦Counseling: https://www.canyons.edu/studentservices/counseling/index.php
♦Canyons Connects: https://www.canyons.edu/studentservices/connects/index.php
♦MESA Program https://www.canyons.edu/academics/mesa/index.php

Additional Resources

Undocu-friendly Resources in the COVID-Era

Immigrants Rising
https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1PxLuuH0-hwHXftUXuEi52Q1qWUDegN8_I1L4ulIFwzk/mobilebasic

Taking Care of Your Mental Health in the Face of Uncertainty
https://afsp.org/taking-care-of-your-mental-health-in-the-face-of-uncertainty/

Undocumented and COVID-19
https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2005953?query=featured_home

https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/undocumented-coronavirus/

Additional Resources

Stay informed and avoid scams by going to reliable sources for information on the status of DACA and other immigration programs.

- <u>We Are Here To Stay.org</u>
- <u>Immigrant Legal Resource Center</u>
- <u>National Immigration Law Center</u>
- <u>Informed Immigrant</u>

CSU Resources (Chancellor's Office)
- <u>Resources for Undocumented Students</u>

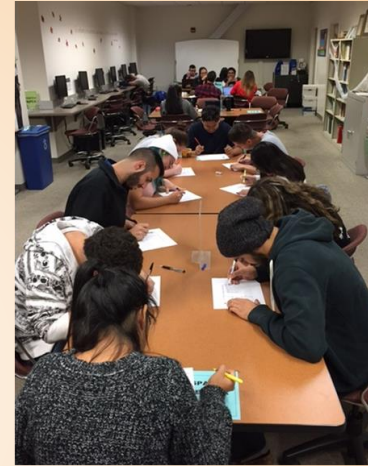How to verify lawyers are licensed or have been disciplined

   ABA
- <u>https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/flh-home/flh-lawyer-licensing/</u>

Department of Justice: List of Currently Disciplined Practitioners
- <u>https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-of-currently-disciplined-practitioners</u>

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- <u>https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-of-currently-disciplined-practitioners</u>

Additional Resources

1. 211*: https://www.211la.org/search-resources & https://www.211la.org/immigration

2. CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Right): https://www.chirla.org/

3. Southwestern Law School Immigration Clinic: https://www.swlaw.edu/experiential-learning/clinical-programs/immigration-law-clinic

4. ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), Antelope Valley Chapter: https://www.aclusocal.org/en/chapters/antelope-valley-chapter

5. COC's Dreamers Together Taskforce Contact:
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Jasmine Ruys jasmine.ruys@canyons.edu

*Can provide or locate mental health services.

Additional Resources

- CHIRLA is currently doing **ONLINE renewals**.
- Open every **Tuesday and Thursday at 8am**.
- Link goes up on Facebook and Instagram at 8am. Fills up within 10min to an hour depending the demand)
- Please call our immigrant assistance line at **1 (888) 624-4752** for more questions. CHIRLA's hotline.
- Legal Services: https://legal.chirla.org/

#RiseUpDACA #HomeIsHere #WalkoutForDACA #RiseUpDACA
DACA.CHIRLA.ORG

July 1, 2020 – 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Questions & Answers

Dreamers Together Student
VirtualResource Webinar

Canyons Dreamers/DACA/AB540/ Undocumented Support Team

SAVE THE DATE

Campus Town Hall – FINANCIAL AID
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

More Information to Follow...

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