MORE THAN A DREAM

Get the facts!

4th Annual AB-540
2014 Spring Conference
Saturday, April 5, 2014
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. DVC Performing Arts Center
321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Welcome

Dear DREAMers, parents, community members, and allies,

We are so happy to have you here with us at the 2014 “More than a DREAM!” Conference co-sponsored by United Latino Voices of Contra Costa County, Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College. This conference was made possible through the hard work and commitment of many, many volunteers and community sponsors who believe in YOU, our DREAMers!

Over the past two years we have seen the passage of the California DREAM Act by the state legislature and the implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). These policy changes could not have happened without the courage of many young people like you, the DREAMers, who took the fight to the steps of our state’s and nation’s capitols to impact current immigration law. Today’s conference is designed to honor the work that has occurred to win these changes and to inspire you to continue fighting for a brighter future for yourself and your community. Cesar Chavez said “The end of all education should surely be service to others.” Contra Costa Community College District and its schools: Diablo Valley College, Contra Costa College, Los Medanos College, in collaboration with United Latino Voices, stand with you today in solidarity and in service to you to assure that your dream of obtaining a college education is MORE THAN A DREAM. We hope you will go home today with the information you need to take your next step. Si Se Puede!

The 4th Annual AB540 Conference Planning Committee

In partnership with United Latino Voices of Contra Costa County
Conference Schedule

DVC Performing Arts Center

8:30-9:30  Registration and light refreshments

9:30-11:15 GENERAL SESSION

Conference MCs
Maria Dorado, DVC Counselor
Emily Stone, DVC Dean of Student Support Services

Welcome
Peter Garcia, President of Diablo Valley College
Congressman George Miller
United Latino Voices

Keynote Address
César Cruz, Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education and co-founder of Homies Empowerment

DREAMers Student Panel
Moderators
Aime Castillo, UC Davis Alumni, UCD medical student
Angel Ku, SFSU Alumni, SFSU Ph.D student

Panelists
Josias Aguiar, Stanford Alumni, UCB graduate student
Esteban Alfaro, DVC Alumni, Cal Poly Graduate
Mario Alvarado, current DVC student
Putri Siti Dyannie, DVC Alumni, UC Berkeley student

11:15-11:30 Break and participants are lead to Session 1 workshops

11:30-12:15 WORKSHOPS – Breakout Session 1*
12:15-12:30 Break and participants are lead to Session 2 workshops

12:30-1:15 WORKSHOPS – Breakout Session 2*
1:15-2:15 Lunch, Drawing, and Resource Fair

*Each workshop breakout sessions is offered twice
# Workshop Breakout Sessions

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<td>What is AB-540 and SB 150 and what are the benefits for high school and college students?</td>
<td>The California Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) was signed into law in 2001, allowing any student who meets the criteria to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at all public colleges and universities in California and Senate Bill 150 (SB150) was signed into law in 2014 allowing eligible undocumented high school students to take college courses while concurrently in high school for the same cost as California resident high school students. We invite you to attend this workshop to learn about the AB-540 and SB 150 requirements, the benefits, and implications for high school and college students.</td>
<td>Kenyetta Tribble, DVC Academic-Student Services Manager Relations with Schools, Outreach, Assessment and Welcome Services <strong>Mario Alvarado</strong>, Current DVC Student</td>
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| From High School to Grad School: The Dream Keeps Moving Forward! | In this session you will have an opportunity to hear from Diablo Valley College students that have successfully transitioned from high school to the community college. The community college students will share tips and strategies on how to be successful and how to afford college at DVC. Also hear from those who have ventured in successfully navigating their path to graduate school and the professional field. In the midst of the CA DREAM Act, DACA and numerous financial and personal struggles these fellow “DREAMers” have found a way to overcome obstacles and have taken ownership of their higher education. Students are currently enrolled in Master’s, PhD and Medical School programs. If you are determined in finding your path to the university and beyond, attend this insightful workshop. | **Maria Dorado**, DVC Counselor **Esteban Alfaro**, Cal Poly Transfer Student **Angel Ku**, UCSF Grad Student **Aime Castillo**, UC Davis Grad Student **Josias Aguilar**, CAL Grad Student |
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<td>Paying for College: Financial Aid and the California Dream Act</td>
<td>If you qualify for AB-540 status, you may also qualify for financial aid to attend college is California. This workshop provides an overview of the financial aid opportunities available to AB-540 students and also offers helpful tips and advice for successfully completing the California Dream Act application.</td>
<td>Michael Keesey, DVC Financial Aid&lt;br&gt;Dezell McCray, CCC Financial Aid&lt;br&gt;Tammy Oranje, LMC Financial Aid</td>
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<td>Expanding Access to the UC System</td>
<td>The Undocumented Student Program at UC Berkeley invites you to attend this workshop to explore how you can attend one of the UC campuses. This workshop will specifically address how undocumented students can apply, enroll, and achieve at the University of California.</td>
<td>Meng So, UC Berkeley Undocumented Student Program Director&lt;br&gt;Nohemy Chavez, UC Berkeley Undocumented Student Program Counselor/Coordinator</td>
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<td>Accessing the Dream: College, Financial Aid, &amp; Your Future</td>
<td>This workshop will provide information about state &amp; federal policies to help make college more affordable for undocumented students, and to help them gain legal employment &amp; avoid deportation. Students will also learn strategies to fundraise for college &amp; get connected with college &amp; career opportunities.</td>
<td>Paz Olivérez, Director of EOP &amp; Student Success Initiatives, CSU Dominguez Hills</td>
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<td>Emerging Voices of Undocumented Asian Pacific Islanders</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to raise the issues of undocumented youth and young adults along with the personal struggles undocumented Asian Pacific Islanders (API) go through in pursuit of higher education. By sharing our personal narratives, we hope to broaden perspective and effect change in how others interact with undocumented API students.</td>
<td>Newin Orante, Vice President of Student Services, DVC&lt;br&gt;Akiko Aspillaga, ASPIRE, Community Organizer, Core Leader&lt;br&gt;Putri Siti Dyannie, ASPIRE</td>
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<td><strong>The Power of Women and Education in Transforming our Families and Communities</strong></td>
<td>This is a guided exploratory workshop design to illuminate the power of women and education in the transformation of our families, communities, societies and ultimately the world at large. By inviting guests to share their own life experiences of struggle and success and by sharing the presenter’s own story of perseverance, hard work, and success we will arrive to the realization that there is so much we can do to help ourselves and our families improve our socio-economic condition through the power of the women in our communities and the pursuit of higher education.</td>
<td>Maria Panameno-Bailey, United Latino Voices Education Chair Central Contra Costa County</td>
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<td><strong>DACA Application Assistance Workshop</strong></td>
<td>The purpose of this workshop is to provide free legal assistance that will help determine eligibility of prospective applicants interested in applying for DACA and to assist DACA eligible youth with the application process. <strong>Students with confirmed appointments time please check-in at the registration table after the opening session to be escorted to your appointment location.</strong></td>
<td>OneJustice, Justice Bus Project International Institute of the Bay Area</td>
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<td><strong>DACA Updates &amp; Renewals</strong></td>
<td>This workshop will provide updates on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the most current information available for DACA renewals.</td>
<td>Julia Preza, BIA Accredited Representative Catholic Charities of the East Bay Verenice Andrade, Immigration Paralegal Catholic Charities of the East Bay</td>
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Note: The second session of this workshop will be offered in Spanish.
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<td>Immigration Q&amp;A</td>
<td>This is a general overview of Immigration benefits. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the attorney.</td>
<td>Heather Wolf, Attorney, Catholic Charities of the East Bay</td>
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<td>Lily Sturgis, Attorney, Catholic Charities of the East Bay</td>
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<td>Light in the Shadows: Emotional/Mental/Spiritual Health of Undocumented Young People</td>
<td>This presentation will provide a framework for beginning to understand the emotional, mental and spiritual experience of undocumented young people. The presentation will focus on E4FC’s initial findings of a Personal Wellness Survey (PWS), a comprehensive survey developed by E4FC’s staff knowledge and expertise on current mental health themes reported by their student population and via consultation with professional therapists practicing in the local community. The presentation will provide an initial report on the findings of the PWS, comprised of 98 questions subdivided into 8 categories; demographics, family and living environment, community and help seeking, coping, symptoms, immigration experiences, identity, and romantic relationships. In this presentation, we hope to facilitate an open discussion about the current practices around mental health for undocumented young people and brainstorm recommendations for future programming in this area.</td>
<td>Lilly Campos, Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) Support and Career Services Manager</td>
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<td>La Cultura Cura</td>
<td>How to develop leadership skills to empower your life’s journey in a positive and knowledgeable way. You are the leader everyone has been waiting for to lead.</td>
<td>Johnny Rodriguez, Founder and Executive Director One Day at a Time Program</td>
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<td>Apoyando a Nuestros/as Hijos/as</td>
<td>En este taller César A. Cruz, educador por más de 20 años, hablará con los padres sobre cómo apoyar a jóvenes indocumentados. César nació en México y vino a este país indocumentado. Se recibió de la preparatoria, se graduó de UC Berkeley y es el primer Mexicano inmigrante en el Doctorado de Liderazgo en Educación en la Universidad de Harvard. César escribió un libro pro-inmigrante titulado “Revenge of the Illegal Alien” disponible en lulu.com. Este taller es para padres que tienen preocupaciones acerca de permitir que sus hijos estudien por razones de debido a su estatus migración.</td>
<td>César Cruz, Co-Founder of the Homies Empowerment Program</td>
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In this workshop Cesar A. Cruz, educator for over 20 years, will speak with parents about how to support undocumented youth. Cesar was born in Mexico and came to this country undocumented. He graduated high school, graduated from UC Berkeley and is now the first Mexican immigrant in the doctorate program in Education Leadership at Harvard University. Caesar wrote a pro-immigrant book entitled “Revenge of the Illegal Alien” available on lulu.com. This workshop is for parents who have concerns about letting their children study for reasons of migration.

The workshop will be conducted in Spanish for the first session.
Featured Keynote Speaker

César Cruz

From marching 76-straight miles, to hunger striking for 26 days, Cesar has dedicated his life to fighting for justice. He was born in Juchitlan, Jalisco, Mexico and migrated to the U.S. at a young age with a single mother and grandmother. He grew up in South Central L.A. and moved to the Bay Area to study. Cesar graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in History. For the last 20 years, he has been an educator. He co-founded the independent school, “Making Changes,” out of his home, and has sought to create autonomous education spaces. For the last five years, he has overseen the Homies Empowerment Program serving gang impacted/involved youth in Oakland, CA. He is the author of two books, “Revenge of The Illegal Alien,” and “Bang for Freedom.” Currently, he is a doctoral candidate, first Mexican immigrant male admitted in the program for Education Leadership, at Harvard University. Amidst all, he is proudest to be a husband, and father of three children: Olin, Amaru and Quetzali.
A Special Thank You to

OneJustice and the International Institute of the Bay Area

OneJustice is a statewide nonprofit that brings free legal help to Californians in need. The Justice Bus Project in partnership with the International Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) brings teams of volunteers from urban areas to set up free legal clinics in rural and isolated communities.

The April 5th Justice Bus trip is collaboration between the More Than a Dream conference and International Institute of the Bay Area, Berkeley Law School and the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis. Since 2009, 58 Kirkland volunteers have worked on the Justice Bus Project, contributing more than 530 pro bono hours. Approximately 9 Kirkland attorneys took this Justice Bus trip, along with 9 Berkeley law student volunteers.

During the conference, these organizations will provide free legal advice to immigrant youth who can apply for the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration program. OneJustice and the Justice Bus project has generously donated their time and expertise to offer a FREE DACA clinic for eligible student participants. For more information about the OneJustice and the Justice Bus Project please visit www.one-justice.org.
Resource Fair Participants

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Brighter Beginnings/Sparkpoint
Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Contra Costa Crisis Center
Educators for Fair Consideration
Jewish Family & Children’s Services of the East Bay
International Institute of the Bay Area
Planned Parenthood Shasta Pacific
Travis Credit Union
Office of Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla
Center for Human Development/Contra Costa Health Services
ASPIRE
Mission Asset Fund

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

CSU, Dominguez Hills
UC Berkeley Undocumented Student Program
Contra Costa College – EOPS/CARE & CalWorks
Contra Costa College – Financial Aid Office
Diablo Valley College – EOPS/CARE
Diablo Valley College – Financial Aid & Scholarship
Diablo Valley College – Puente Project
Diablo Valley College – Outreach and Welcome Services
Los Medanos College – EOPS/CARE
Los Medanos College – Financial Aid
Los Medanos College – Puente Project
Los Medanos College – Outreach Office
AB540 Undocumented Student Panelists
Thank-you!

This conference could not have come to fruition without the dedication of many volunteers, community sponsors, and the staff at Diablo Valley College. With deepest gratitude to the conference planning committee members whose heart and passion provided the energy that made this event possible. A special thank you to all the conference presenters, speakers, student volunteers, and community partners. We are profoundly appreciative of the following sponsors who understand that an investment in this effort is an investment in the future of our community:

Contra Costa Community College District
Contra Costa College
Diablo Valley College
Los Medanos College
Contra Costa Community College District Financial Aid Departments
Contra Costa Community College District EOPS/CARE Departments
Associated Students of Diablo Valley College
Diablo Valley College Foundation
Diablo Valley College Foundations for College Success
United Latino Voices of Contra Costa County
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Travis Credit Union
Alamo Rotary Club
San Francisco Foundation
Y&H Soda Foundation
Las Montanas
HASS
CCC, DVC, and LMC Bookstores
Starbucks
Costco
DVC DREAMERs Task Force
Julio Salgado & Yahaira Carrillo, student artists
Peets

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