

Undocumented Student Action Week

Change in Action

Learning Sessions: September 21–24

AB 540 Conference & System Leader Plenary:
October 18, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Systemwide Webinars: October 19–22, 1:00–2:00p.m.



FIFTH ANNUAL UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK

In the last five years, our collective budget and legislative advocacy during Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) has led to funding for Undocumented Student Centers (Dream Resource Centers) and UndocuLiaisons, the establishment of an Immigration Legal Services Project, the expansion of AB 540 eligibility and the protection of DACA. We know all too well that change is important every day of the year, not just during USAW. This year's USAW theme, "*Change in Action*" empowers us to engage in state, federal, and local action to support undocumented students in their goal of earning a college education. We must think about the ways we can cultivate and empower change that is long lasting.

This year's USAW will take place during the same month as the twentieth anniversary of Assembly Bill (AB) 540, the landmark legislation that opened the doors of higher education to thousands of undocumented students by removing the burden of out-of-state tuition in California. To commemorate the anniversary of the legislation that transformed California and scale evidenced-based student-centered policies and practices, the Chancellor's Office, Foundation for California Community Colleges, and Community College League of California, in partnership with advocacy organizations and colleges, are coordinating a month-long series of virtual events and advocacy opportunities.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY

LEARNING SESSIONS

We are encouraging community colleges to host their own events during Action Week or launch an effort that supports undocumented students that are tailored to their campus needs. To support colleges with the development of these local efforts, content experts will be facilitating special Learning Sessions in areas such as financial aid, student leadership, research, best practices, and other high impact strategies to support undocumented students. Learning Session training modules will be held virtually, September 21-24, in order to provide colleges with sufficient time to prepare for Action Week events.

EVENT DETAILS:

Learning Sessions – September 21-24

[Register here](#)

STATEWIDE ADVOCACY

COMMEMORATING 20 YEARS OF CA LANDMARK LEGISLATION SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS: A CELEBRATION & CALL TO ACTION

In collaboration with Immigrants Rising, the Chancellor's Office will be hosting a USAW kick-off event during the 20 Year Anniversary AB 540 Conference. The virtual all-day conference will bring together legislators, administrators, frontline staff, and students from across California to celebrate the successes created through AB 540. The event will be closed with a special plenary conversation featuring Acting Chancellor Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Chancellor Dr. Joseph I. Castro, President Dr. Michael V. Drake, and President Kristen Soares that will highlight systemwide efforts to support AB 540 students and discuss shared commitments to continue addressing challenges that remain in order to support the success of all of our undocumented students.

EVENT DETAILS:

20 Year Anniversary AB 540 Conference – October 18th 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

System Leader Plenary – October 18th 1-2 p.m.

[Register here](#)

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK SYSTEMWIDE WEBINARS

As you consider developing your own institutional advocacy efforts, the Chancellor's Office will be hosting a daily system webinar at 1:00 p.m. from October 19-22 on critical policy frameworks and tools designed to support institutions with successful implementation of recent undocumented student policy reforms. These webinars will include topics such as a review of statewide policies, data collection and use, and innovative use of funds.

EVENT DETAILS:

Undocumented Student Action Week Webinars – October 19-22 1-2 p.m.

[Register here](#)

FEDERAL ADVOCACY

In addition to institutional and statewide advocacy, join us in urging Congress to adopt comprehensive immigration reform and design new eligibility rules for federal financial aid that would allow undocumented students to access the Pell Grant program. We are strongly encouraging our advocacy organizations to submit a letter immediately to Congress in support of undocumented students. Students and practitioners, including UndocuLiaisons, may also fill out the Phone2Action form to send a message directly to their federal representative.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

[Template Letter in Support of Undocumented Students](#)

[Phone2Action Tool](#)

We look forward to this year's advocacy week. If you have any questions, please contact us at undocuinfo@foundationccc.org.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK,
PLEASE VISIT THE [CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE WEBSITE](#)**

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING LEARNING SESSIONS AND SUPPORTING OUR STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY FOR 2021 UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT WEEK OF ACTION

