

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Dream Center at California State University, Chico strives to support our Chico community members who are undocumented or come from mixed-status families. The Center aims to serve our students, faculty, staff, and community members by providing financial aid resources, health and wellness assistance, and academic guidance. The Center also provides tools for advocacy and trainings on issues regarding immigration. These services are possible thanks to collaboration with various campus departments. Our mission is to empower students, to support retention and success through equal access to education, and provide guidance and a sense of belonging.

The Center is committed to advocating for undocumented students and students with mixed-status families to pursue the dream of higher education. The Center will continue to uphold Chico State's values of diversity and inclusion by welcoming all.



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*Unity. Advocacy. Community.*

## KEY TERMS TO KNOW

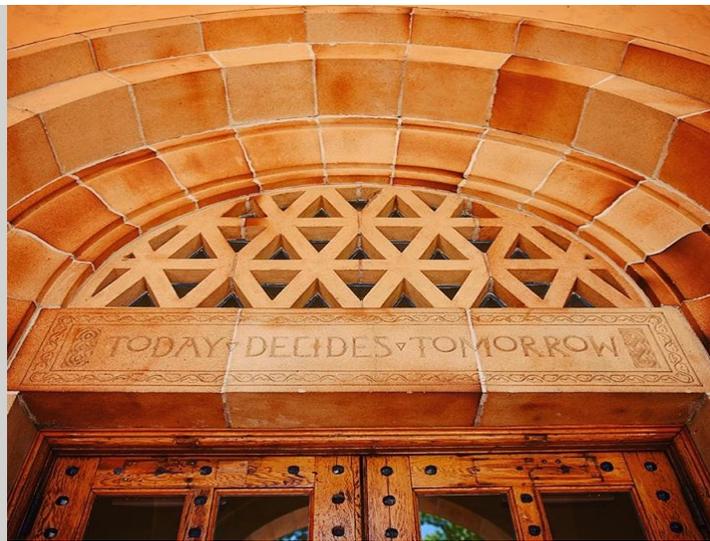
**Assembly Bill 540 (2001)** State law that provides access to in-state tuition.

**Assembly Bill 2000 (2014)** State law that extends AB 540 to students who completed GED/Adult Education as part of the requirements for in-state tuition.

**Assembly Bill 130/131 (2011/2012)** State law allowing students with AB 540 and AB 2000 status to apply for institutional scholarships and California Dream Act state financial aid.

**DACA (2012)** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals is a policy that allows undocumented students brought to the United States as minors to obtain work permits, low-priority deportation, and opportunities for advanced parole.

**Undocumented students** with neither AB 540/2000 nor DACA have no access to work permits, no in-state tuition, and no eligibility to apply for the California Dream Act. Financial aid assistance is made possible by scholarships.



## Why the Monarch Butterfly?

The Dream Center has adopted the image of the beautiful monarch butterfly to represent our center because of its symbolic representation of migration and perseverance. Known for their constant migration to seek a warmer environment, butterflies fly freely through borders to reach their destination.

The monarch symbolizes the life of an undocumented person who seeks a better future through migration. In their lifetime, the butterfly goes through a cycle of transformation described as endurance, change, hope, and life. Like monarchs, the undocumented community goes through a similar cycle. They too leave their homes, go through cultural change, but still managing to keep pushing forward in the hope of having a better life in their new destination.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

- Academic guidance
- Financial aid resources
- Health and wellness assistance
- Ally trainings
- Know your rights workshops
- Free used textbooks and calculators
- Free legal consultations
- Workshops for students
- Information for faculty and staff
- Outreach
- Information for high school counselors

