

# BULLDOG DREAMERS

*Fresno State Dream Success Center Quarterly Newsletter*



## Savor the moments!

*By Susana Pantoja, Dream Center Grad Assistant*

Future graduates, as the semester initiates and we embark on this academic journey together, I just want to remind you the importance of savoring every step of the way. As you navigate life as a student, remember to always be present in the moment. We get caught up in life that we forget to take it all in. Your path as undocumented students is uniquely remarkable and the moments and experiences you create deserve to be cherished.

Cherish each encounter you have with individuals as it will be part of your personal growth. The challenges you overcome and the triumphs you achieve are all part of your incredibly unique story. Remember to pause, breathe and appreciate all the progress you have been making this far. It's ok to be proud of your accomplishments, big and small all take part in the bigger picture.

Your dedication and unique stories enrich our academic community in ways that words cannot capture. You are an inspiration for those around you, so pause and believe in yourself as much as we believe in you. Let the small victories remind you of why you started and why you're here. You are not just a student, you are a fighter, breaking barriers and shaping your future against all odds. Your voices matter, your experiences are valuable and your DREAMs are worth pursuing. You are not alone!

As a campus community, we are here to support you every step of the way! Your education is one of the few things no one will EVER take away from you, continue being brave and taking on this challenge!

I wish you all the best this semester, and don't forget we are here to see you succeed!

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# Schedule a Free Legal Consultation

**Now you can go directly through their calendly link to schedule an appointment!**

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## Free Immigration Legal Services for Students and Employees

Direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to CSU students and employees. The Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) non-profit agency assigned to Fresno State students, staff, and faculty is ready to assist you. Schedule an appointment using this link or scanning the QR code.

### Schedule an Appointment

<https://calendly.com/csulegalservices/ild>



If you have any questions or need assistance scheduling an appointment, contact the Dream Success Center Coordinator, Diana at:

dianarea@csufresno.edu

559-278-1554

<https://studentaffairs.fresnostate.edu/dsc/immigration/index.html>



### IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE (ILD)

ILD is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing immigration legal services.

#### SERVICES:

- DACA
- Family Petitions
- U & T visas
- Detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense
- asylum
- applications for permanent resident status
- citizenship

 [www.ild.org](http://www.ild.org)  
 [info@ild.org](mailto:info@ild.org)

# CA Dream Act



## Who Should Renew the Application?

**EVERYONE** who is attending a CA college/university for next academic year 2023-2024 and meets the AB540 criteria. Even if you have exhausted Cal grant eligibility, remember there is still other forms of financial aid available to students if you qualify. Check It Out

This means any student (1st year and beyond) should apply to renew the CA Dream Act:

- currently enrolled students (Freshmen – Senior year)
- Super Seniors (attending school past the 4th year)
- Students applying to the Credential program
- Students applying to a Graduate Program (Masters)

If you think you no longer have Cal grant eligibility, **no worries!** You can still get other aid (if eligible) like Institutional Aid, so **renew EARLY**.

## Need More Money? Apply to the Fresno State Scholarship



Cal Grants (4 years of eligibility)

State University Grant (up to 150 units)

Dream Loan (borrow up to \$4,000 per academic year)

Middle Class Scholarship

Chafee Grant (for Foster Youth)



## CA Dream Act Important Dates:

- **CA Dream Act opens up in December 2023.**
- **Priority Deadline is April 2, 2024.**

## The CA Dream Act Application Provides Cal Grants and/or other CA and Institutional Aid:

## DSC Workshops for CADAA:

**Be on the lookout for workshop dates with DSC! You will have the opportunity to seek assistance and ask questions regarding your application during our in person workshops. Dates and times are to come.**

In addition to the CA Dream Act please apply to the Fresno State Scholarship if you are attending Fresno State for 2023-2024. The application Opens in October and closes in May. Apply now!

<http://fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/financialaid/scholarships/scholarshipapplication/index.html>

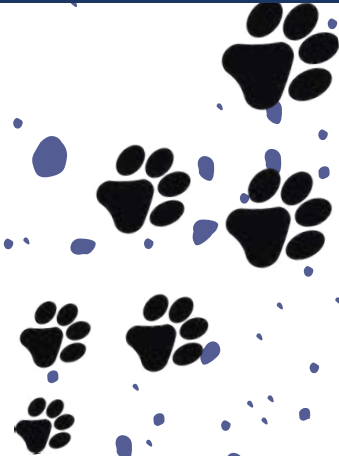
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# Fresno State Campus Resources

## Good Samaritan Grant

- A resource for students experiencing unanticipated financial roadblocks that can impact degree completion and well-being.
- Must be a current Fresno State student and demonstrate financial need.
- Contact: [goodsamaritan@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:goodsamaritan@mail.fresnostate.edu)

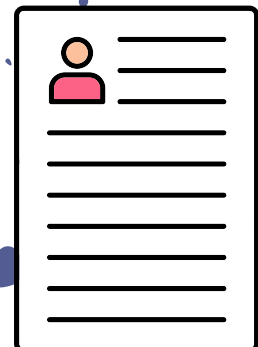


## Learning Center

- Located in the basement of the Library
- Tutoring (Drop-in and appointment based support)
  - Business, Mathematics, Chemistry, Writing, and so much more!
- Supplemental Instruction
  - Weekly Peer Led Group Sessions
- Academic Success Coaching
  - Explore effective study skills and strategies.

## Career Development Center

- Located in University Student Union Room 306
- Review your resume, cover letter, provide interview preparation, and other career resources.
- Explore interests and career pathways.
- Clothing Closet: Obtain up to three pieces of free professional clothing per year!



# Additional Campus Resources



## The Amendola Family Student Cupboard

- Free food and hygiene pantry for currently enrolled Fresno State students.
- Located in Industrial Technology, room 144.
- Open from Monday through Saturday.
- Milk, vegetables, snacks, and so much more.

## Student Recreation Center

- Located next to the Save Mart Center
- Weight room and cardio equipment
- Group Fitness Studios
- Indoor Track and Racquetball Courts



## Student Health and Counseling Center

- Medical Services:
  - Immunizations, pharmacy, lab/x-ray , birth control, etc.
- Counseling
  - Let's Talk, Group Counseling, In person and via Zoom.



# Internship/ Scholarship Resources

## Internship Opportunities

Central Valley College Corps  
Education Leadership Foundation  
Moreno Institute

## Scholarship Opportunities

DSC Scholarship  
Fresno State Scholarship  
Immigrants Rising  
Dreamers Road Map  
My(Un) Documented Life  
MALDEF Scholarship Fund  
Central Valley Scholars





# DSC Monthly Workshop Series!

Students have the opportunity to win a \$500 scholarship by attending and participating in our monthly workshop series. Join us!

August

23

RSU#206

3:30-4:30

## Identity exploration through ART

We will explore the beauty of our identity and showcase it in an art piece

## Getting the help- Info Session

In this presentation, you will get lots of information on resources that will be beneficial to you. EX: Scholarships, internship opportunities, etc...

September

20

RSU#206

3:30-4:30

October

18

RSU #206

3:30-4:30

## Preparing for the "real" world

The Career Development center will be partnering with us to talk about career related questions. EX: Resume, cover letter, independent contracting and much more!

## Life After College

This presentation will answer the "What now?" question we all have after graduation. Will it be grad school? Working, or taking a break? Lets explore...

November

15

RSU#214

3:30-4:30

December

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RSU#214

3:30-4:30

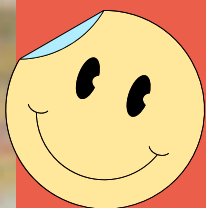
## New Year. New Goals

Debrief closing ceremony. Talk about your semester and what could have been done differently! RSVP and decorate a stocking!!!

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# MEET OUR NEW STUDENT STAFF



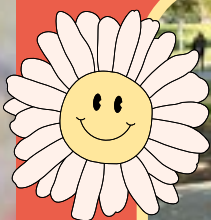
## *Dream Success Center Peer Mentors*

### **Saul Valencia**

As a peer Mentor, Saul is hoping to use his experience and knowledge to help other students succeed. He knows the importance of a helping hand and knows that his accomplishments could not have been possible without the guidance of others. Saul is ready to ensure incoming freshmen are ready to tackle the year while making sure to set them up to succeed.

Major: Computer Science

*Fun Fact: Saul loves to crochet in his free time.*



### **Ximena Guzman Tapia**

Along with being a Peer Mentor with DSC, Ximena is also a Neighborhood Ambassador (volunteer) with the Off-Campus Student Life (OCSL) program, a Student Assistant for the Office of New Student and Family Programs, and a Peer Mentor (volunteer) with the College of Health and Human Services. Ximena is ver involved on campuis and is excited to take on this new role!

Major: Health Science-Community Health option and Chicano Studies

*Fun Fact: She loves reading and exploring new coffee shops!*





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