

BULLDOG DREAMERS

Fresno State Dream Success Center Quarterly Newsletter



New Year, New Opportunities

-Diana Rea Flores- Dream Success Center Coordinator

My most earnest welcome to this new semester! A new semester brings a new opportunity to reset and begin with a rest mindset. You should be very proud of yourself for where you are at. I commend all your hard work and applaud your resilience to continue with your education.

I am so honored to serve as your new Coordinator for the Dream Success Center and know that I am here for you to serve you in all aspects. I grew up in the Central Valley and I attended Fresno State right after high school. I am a two-time Fresno State alumni and just like many of you, I too walked higher education with uncertainty.

Our dedicated team at the Dream Success Center wants to see you succeed. This semester, the Dream Success Center has exciting events coming your way. We are working diligently to make the semester an exciting one for you.

Aside from a series of workshops, we are also so excited to welcome back the legal team from Immigrant Legal Defense for in-person consultations! The attorneys will be here in person a couple of times throughout the semester. If you are interested in an in-person consultation, email me or check out the flyer in this edition.

Let's make 2023 a great year! I wish you all a splendid and successful semester! Stay focused, and most importantly, take care of yourself.

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IMPORTANT DUE DATES

CA DREAM ACT AND FRESNO STATE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP DUE MARCH 2ND



The CA Dream Act application is now open for the 2023-2024 academic year. Please do not wait until the last minute to renew your application as this can cause a delay in your financial aid award.

The Dream Success Center will be hosting a series of in person and virtual walk-in workshops to assist you complete and submit your application.

CA Dream Act Renewal Workshops

Come anytime between the scheduled times to receive one-on-one assistance with your application.

Please bring parents income taxes and your own (if filed) from the 2021 filing year and other documents necessary to help guide you through the application process.

Application Deadline is March 2nd

- Virtual CA Dream Act Renewal Workshop** January 30 2023
1:30 pm- 3:30 pm Zoom link:
<https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j-4058529912>
- Virtual CA Dream Act Renewal Workshop** February 6 2023
1:30 pm- 3:30 pm Zoom link:
<https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j-4058529912>
- In-Person CA Dream Act Renewal Workshop** February 22 2023
1:30 pm- 4:30 pm Resnick Student Union- 206
- Virtual CA Dream Act Renewal Workshop** February 27 2023
1:30 pm- 3:30 pm Zoom link:
<https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j-4058529912>

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FRESNO STATE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

DUE March 2nd

Every year, Fresno State awards thousands in scholarships to Fresno State students. This is a great opportunity for additional funding.

In order to be considered for a Fresno State scholarship, students must be a continuing student or a new student who has applied for admission for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Application link

<https://bit.ly/3K4RaPk>



Updates on DACA

On July 16, 2021, a Texas federal court ruled that DACA is illegal. While appeals are pending, the original decision stands, which means that people who already have DACA or who want to renew their expired DACA can continue to do so. But, the government can no longer grant NEW DACA protection to people requesting it for the first time.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The program continues for those who currently or formerly had DACA, but is closed to those who would be applying for the first time.

Current DACA Recipients

- DACA protections and benefits will continue (e.g. deportation protection and work permits) for the time being.
- DACA recipients can continue submitting renewal applications.
 - Pending renewal applications will be processed by USCIS.
 - People should continue to submit their DACA renewal applications 120–150 days before the expiration date.
- USCIS has been experiencing delays processing DACA applications. If the processing of your renewal application has been delayed, [click here](#) to learn more about what you can do.

Advance Parole

- Current DACA recipients are able to **continue** applying for permission to travel outside of the United States through Advance Parole for humanitarian, educational, and employment purposes.

First-Time DACA Applicants

- Unfortunately, USCIS is not processing any first-time DACA applications at this time. People who once had DACA but let it expire and did not renew it within a year of its expiration date would also be considered first-time applicants.
 - Biometrics appointments have been canceled for first-time applicants.
 - First-time applicants who already completed their biometrics will not have their application processed.
 - Although USCIS will still accept applications from people applying for DACA for the first time, the court order prevents USCIS from processing or **approving** these applications.
 - While this decision prevents USCIS from processing first-time applications, there may be other benefits, such as preventing the accrual of **unlawful presence**, to filing a first-time application for those who are under the age of 18. If you are under the age of 18 and otherwise meet the DACA eligibility requirements, you should speak to an immigration attorney or accredited representative about whether filing a DACA application would be in your best interest.
 - We are waiting for more information about what will happen to the application fee paid for the initial application.



What Can I Do Now?



Talk with a legal service provider to better understand how this decision may impact your case.



If you are eligible to renew your DACA, **renew your case now!** Speak with a legal service provider to get screened and informed about your options.



To **schedule a consultation** with an attorney you can email Diana at dianarea@csufresno.edu

Need Assistance to fill out the CA Dream Act?

You can schedule your own on-line appointment using the Bulldog Connect website. Click on [this link for instructions](#). You can also email Diana at dianarea@csufresno.edu

STAY UPDATED!!

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES UPDATES

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE OUR IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE TEAM BACK IN PERSON ON CAMPUS THIS SPRING 2023 SEMESTER! DURING THE SEMESTER, THERE WILL BE ATTORNEYS COMING IN AND ASSISTING YOU WITH YOUR CONCERNS. THERE WILL BE A DESIGNATED ROOM AVAILABLE FOR IN PERSON MEETING TIMES WITH YOU AND AN ATTORNEY TO KEEP CONFIDENTIALITY.

A CALIFORNIA ISSUED REAL ID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD MEETS THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS USED TO BOARD FLIGHTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) AND ENTER SECURE FEDERAL FACILITIES, SUCH AS MILITARY BASES, FEDERAL COURTHOUSES, AND OTHER FEDERAL FACILITIES.

REAL ID DEADLINE HAS CHANGED TO **MAY 7, 2025.**

CALIFORNIA UPDATE



REMINDER!

OUR PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU
PAY FOR YOUR DACA
RENEWAL!

WE PROVIDE A FEE WAIVER!
ASK US AND SEE HOW WE CAN
HELP.

See next page for more details and dates for consultations.

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 serve the Fresno State students, staff, and faculty is ready to assist you.

Spring 2023 legal consultation dates:

Wed. Jan. 18 (Virtual)	Tues. Mar. 28 (Virtual)
Tues. Jan. 31 (Virtual)	Thurs. Apr. 13 (In person)
Thurs. Feb. 16 (In person)	Mon. Apr. 24 (Virtual)
Wed. Mar. 1 (Virtual)	Wed. May. 10 (In person)
Wed. Mar. 15 (In person)	Tues. May. 23 (Virtual)

In person appointment times are from 10am-4pm

Virtual appointment times are from 10am- 4:30pm

To schedule a consultation with an attorney contact
Diana:

dianarea@csufresno.edu

559-278-1554

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



IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE (ILD)

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

SERVICES:

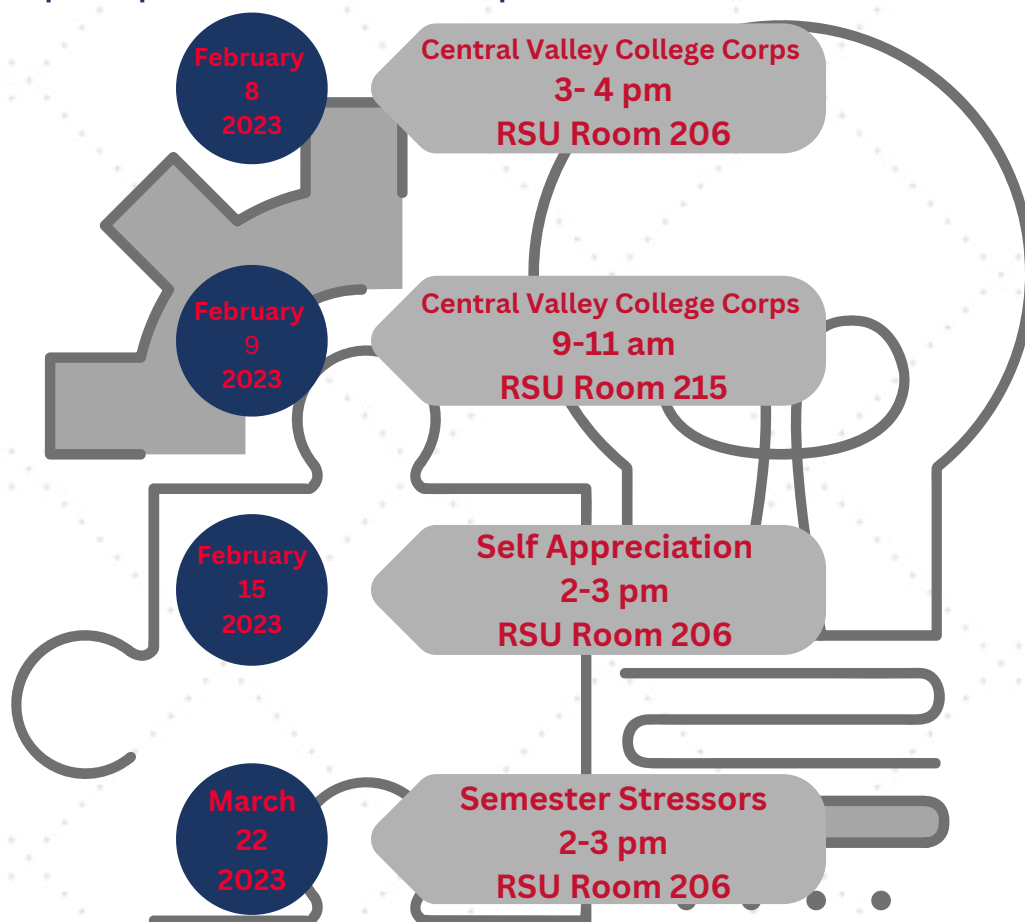
- DACA
- Family Petitions
- U & T visas
- Detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense
- asylum
- applications for lawful permanent resident status
- citizenship

www.ild.org
info@ild.org



DREAM SUCCESS CENTER MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

The Dream Success Center will be hosting monthly workshops for students. These workshops will be facilitated by DSC staff but led by students. This is a safe space for students to share their experiences and relate to one another. Two students who attend the workshops will be entered to participate in a \$500 scholarship raffle at the end of the semester!!



NEW TO THE DREAM SUCCESS CENTER!

Zoom Walk In Monday's

From 1-3pm

With our Grad Assistant Susana

Reasons to join the Zoom call:

- Quick Questions
- Scheduling appointments with ILD Attorney
- CA Dream Act Application Questions
- Dropping/ Adding classes



Zoom Link: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/5663368378>

Looking for a paid opportunity for the 2023-2024 academic year?

Look no further! The Central Valley College Corps is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year

Central Valley College Corps

Eligibility Requirements

In order for a student to participate as a Fellow in the Central Valley College Corps (CVCC), they must meet the following basic criteria:

- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent (i.e., GED) by the beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year
- Enrolled full-time, undergraduate student attending Fresno City College or Fresno State for both fall 2023 and spring 2024
- Currently be in good academic standing and remain so throughout the academic year; minimum GPA: 2.0
- Commit to actively participate in the program and to maintain full-time enrollment status for the entire academic year—August 1, 2023 – May 17, 2024
- Not planning to participate in a semester off-campus (ex. Study Abroad) during the upcoming academic year
- Availability to complete 12-20 hours per week



Luz Toribio, Class of 2024

Central Valley College Corps 2020-2023 participant

"The Central Valley College Corps program has allowed me to build relationships with amazing people and has connected me with professionals in my field. Through the program I was able to gain work experience in my field of study."

Priority Deadline:

March 15, 2023

Final Deadline:

April 15, 2023

Contact us at dianarea@csufresno.edu for more information or check out CVCC website: <https://bit.ly/3YfV77T>

Resources on Campus Corner

Learning Center



Fresno State's Learning Center is a space which encourages students to grow intellectually as critical thinkers. We advance student success by actively using effective strategies to improve content understanding and course grades. The Learning Center aims to boldly integrate the culture and values of each student to inspire a community of life-long learners.

Tutoring

Studying made simple with students setting their own agenda and working at their own pace. Students are tutored by other students who have already taken the class they are tutoring and have gone well in the class.

[Explore the Tutoring Schedule >](#)



Supplemental Instruction (SI)

Peer led, weekly group study sessions offered to students enrolled in historically difficult courses. Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leaders and Tutors do not teach, rather facilitate students' learning of difficult topics within historically challenging courses or subjects

[Learn Alongside Your SI Leader >](#)

Academic Success Coaching

Academic and personal coaching on time management, study skills, university resources and much more. Students work one-on-one with a Academic Success Coach who provides individualized support addressing unique student needs.

[Meet with an ASC Coach >](#)

