Stay connected!

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Welcome to Spring 2024!

While the weather isn't quite looking like "Spring" just yet, the semester is well underway. I'm so glad to have you back on campus and hope the Fall term was engaging and productive for you. I want to take this midpoint of the academic year to remind of you of a few things:

1. We're here to help! Please visit the Dream Success Center in Joyal 224 regularly so we can do everything we can to support you. Joyal 224 holds a number of campus programs dedicated to student success, and we all want to make sure you know you are welcome here and have a team of people interested in supporting your progress and well-being.

2. Join in! The Dream Success Center holds regular programming and workshops for you, so please plan to attend. The staff and student assistants in this program are such an invaluable support and you will benefit the most if you take advantage of what they have to offer you.

3. Say hello! I'm honored to be able to work with the Dream Success Center and am happy to meet with you if I can be of any service to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

I hope you have a happy and healthy semester ahead of you. Go Dogs!
You can now schedule an appointment directly through our Calendly link.

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

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

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
What is the CA Dream Act Application?
The CA Dream Act Application provides Cal Grants and/or other CA and Institutional Aid for students enrolled at a CA college/university and meet AB540 criteria

Who Should Renew the Application?
EVERYONE who is attending a CA college/university for next academic year 2024-2025 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. This means any student (1st year, transfer and beyond) should apply to renew the CA Dream Act.

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.

The 2024-2025 CA Dream Act Application is now open! *Priority Deadline is April 2, 2024.
Need More Money to Pay for Educational Expenses? Apply for Scholarships!

In addition to the CA Dream Act, please apply to the Fresno State Scholarship if you are attending Fresno State for 2024–2025 academic year. The application Opens in October and closes in May. Apply now! http://fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/financialaid/scholarshipapplication/index.html

Scholarship and Grant 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.

This list of scholarships and fellowships below don’t require proof of U.S. citizenship for you! The list has general application eligibility requirements, including education level, region/state, and immigration status (e.g. DACA, TPS, in-state tuition eligibility). Keep in mind these websites will be updated with time, use this as a resource to look back at for more eligibility.

- **Immigrants Rising**
  - https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-scholarships-and-fellowships/

- **Dreamers Roadmap**
  - https://dreamersroadmap.org/scholarships

- **My undocumented life**
  - https://mydocumentedlife.org/category/college-scholarships/

- **MALDEF**

- **Central Valley Scholars**
  - https://www.centralvalleyscholars.org/scholarships

**Aid available to Dreamers:**

- **Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) Program** (for students interested)
- **Cal Grants** (4 years if 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)
Class of 2024

Save the date for our annual graduation ceremony where we celebrate your accomplishments!

Families and loved ones are welcome.

Important Dates

Stay up to date on events occurring this semester and when campus is closed!

February 19, 2024
President’s Day
Campus Closed

March 25-29, 2024
Spring Break
Campus Closed

April 1, 2024
Cesar Chavez Day
Campus Closed

May 8, 2024
Last Day of instruction

May 11, 2024
Dreamer’s Graduation Recognition

April 2, 2024
Dream Act Application Due
BIG NEWS!
California State University (CSU) Dream Centers for the first time are bringing together their undocumented and mixed-status students for a summit! Students will be able to network, share their stories, build community and gain some leadership skills all while being on the beautiful CSU Long Beach campus. We are excited to showcase the fun and exciting learning experience our students will have on this experience! Scan the QR code for more information.
Dream Success Center

Spring 2024 Monthly Workshops

Join us to have the opportunity to earn a scholarship for the Fall 2024 semester. Learn about resilience, campus opportunities, services offered by Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) and much more!

- **Wed. Jan. 24**: Resilience as a First-Gen Student
  - RSU # 206
  - Time: 3–4 pm

- **Thurs. Feb. 8**: Advance Parole/ Domestic Travel
  - Zoom
  - Time: 1–2pm

- **Tues. Feb. 20**: Getting Involved with Off-Campus Student Life
  - RSU #214
  - Time: 3:30–4:30pm

- **Tues. Mar. 19**: Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone
  - RSU #206
  - Time: 11–12pm

- **Wed. April. 17**: Networking 101
  - RSU #206
  - Time: 1–2pm

- **Tues. April. 23**: DACA Updates/ Know Your Rights
  - Zoom
  - Time: 3:30–4:30 pm

- **Wed. May. 1**: Save your Coin with the Money Management Center
  - RSU #214
  - Time: 3:30–5 pm

For Zoom workshops, use this link to join in:
https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/4058529912
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