

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District For Immediate Release

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Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Supports Undocumented Students with Action Week October 14-18



(Dublin, CA) - Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) joins community colleges across the state for Undocumented Student Action Week, October 14-18, to advocate and provide support services for undocumented students. Since President Donald Trump's 2017 announcement to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the status and safety of undocumented students on campuses has been uncertain. Lack of action by Congress on DACA and American Dream and Promise Act (H.R.6), as well as recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and detentions have only exasperated the problem and caused fear among the undocumented student population.

As the largest post-secondary education system in the nation and serving the largest number of undocumented students within the state, California Community Colleges are committed to serving all students, regardless of immigration status. When undocumented young people are able to pursue education and careers, they can create new, brighter futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

"We take the safety of our students seriously," said Interim Chancellor, Ronald P. Gerhard. "When students are consumed by outside influences, it affects their studies. We want all students to know Chabot and Las Positas Colleges remain a welcoming safe haven for students of all backgrounds to learn. As such, our Board of Trustees will sign a resolution on Tuesday reaffirming our commitment to support our undocumented students."

In addition to the resolution, which commits CLPCCD to continued participation in Undocumented Student Action Week, campuses hold activities throughout the week to support efforts to provide undocumented students with community resources to assist with legal matters and urge California congressional members to create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students.

This year's action week serves as an opportunity to highlight the challenges undocumented students face in today's current climate, while also advocating for Congress to take immediate legislative action on important federal policies and providing resources to better assist undocumented students on campus. Undocumented Student Action Week is supported statewide by California Community Colleges, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Community College League of California, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges and Immigrants Rising.

Events scheduled this week at Chabot College:

Monday, October 14
12 p.m. at the Event Center
Dr. Alberto Ledesma
Ledesma grew up in East Oakland and graduated from UC Berkeley, where he earned a Ph.D. Dr. Ledesma is the author of *Diary of A Reluctant Dreamer*. He's The Graduate Diversity Director for Arts & Humanities at UCB.

Tuesday, October 15
11:30 a.m. Room 455
Know Your Rights Workshop
Everyone has basic rights under the U.S. constitution regardless of their immigration status. This presentation from the International Institute of the Bay Area explains your rights and how to exercise them.

Wednesday, October 16
12 p.m., Room 758
Financial Aid and Scholarships
Learn more about the transfer application process and scholarships. Information will be catered to supporting undocumented students through the transfer process.

Thursday, October 17
6 p.m., Room 3902
Movie Night: Living Undocumented
Watch the Selena Gomez-Produced Living Undocumented series. PJs and blankets are optional. Popcorn will be provided.

Chabot College
25555 Hesperian Blvd.
Hayward, CA 94545

Events scheduled this week at Las Positas College:

Monday, October 14
11 a.m., Library, Study Room E
Webinar: Campus Support for Dream Centers
2 p.m., Library, Study Room E
Webinar: Paying for College
2 p.m., Transfer Center
CA Dream Act Application: Financial Aid Workshop

Tuesday, October 15
11 a.m., Library, Study Room E
Webinar: Connecting Students to Resources
11:30 a.m., Quad
Mental Health Tabling
12:30 p.m., Quad
Food of Las Americas
2 p.m., Library, Study Room E
Webinar: Legal Support

Wednesday, October 16
10:30 a.m., Quad
Voter Registration Drive
11 a.m., Quad
Tabling with Staff from Congressman Eric Swalwell
11 a.m., Library, Study Room E
Webinar: Funding for Undocumented Student Programming
2 p.m., Library, Study Room E
Webinar: The UndocuHustle

Thursday, October 17
11 a.m., Library, Study Room E
Webinar: Creating Safe Spaces on Campus
1:30 p.m., Learning Communities Center, Room. 1018
Know Your Rights Workshop
2 p.m. Library, Study Room E
Webinar: Demystifying Fear and Building Resilience
2 p.m., Transfer Center
CA Dream Act Application: Financial Aid Workshop

Las Positas College
3000 Campus Hill Drive
Livermore, CA 94551-7650

Undocumented students, allies, faculty, staff and community members are welcomed to attend each of the action week events.

About Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

CLPCCD serves 29,000 students annually, in the San Francisco East Bay Area, particularly southern Alameda County, through its two colleges: Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. CLPCCD is governed by a seven-member board of trustees which is responsible for all policy decisions. Board members are elected from trustee areas by the registered voters of nine communities: Castro Valley, Dublin, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Sunol, and Union City.