

Chabot College

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Chabot College Dream Center Celebrates One Year!

Providing a safe and confidential space for Chabot College students since the spring 2019 semester, the Chabot College Dream Center celebrates its one-year anniversary.

Dedicated to providing specialized counseling, financial aid and scholarship information, residency information, legal services and workshops, as well as a laptop lending library to undocumented students and allies, the Chabot College Dream Center is proud of the safe space that has developed over the past year and promise of continued growth in the future.

Over the past semester, the Dream Center has hosted workshops and participated in events for students and members of the community. These events included UndocuWelcome, Undocumented Student Week of Action including author Alberto Ledesma, Know Your Rights workshop, Transfer & Financial Aid workshop, movie night featuring Living Undocumented, Raza College Day, which includes workshops for middle and high school students, and multiple Community Immigration Forums through Chabot College and Dream Center services. These workshops, along with providing a safe and confidential space, enable students to learn about options available to them free from fear.

"I was born in Jalisco, Mexico but consider myself a Bay Area native. From an early age, I have learned that hard work, determination and connections will get you one step closer to where you want to be. In my three years at Chabot as a STEM student, I made it a point to connect with my peers, staff and faculty. This has led me to capitalize on the resources available to me including the STEM Center, El Centro and the Dream Center, and being a part of the Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program. I have not shied away from leadership opportunities, serving as President as a 1st year student for the Computer Science and Engineering Club and this academic year as the President of the Dreamers' Club. I have maintained a 3.6 GPA as an Engineering student, while being engaged in school organizations and working in Construction Management. I will graduate this May and plan to transfer to my dream school, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo." Dreamers Club president, Filiberto.

This year, the Chabot College Dreamer's Club, has a dynamic new leadership team and committed group of students with goals focused on high school student outreach. Dream Center outreach specialist, Maria Gutierrez, will be conducting outreach presentations at local high schools over the next semester with the goal of targeting Chabot-bound high school seniors and adult school students to inform them of the options available to undocumented students, the Dream Center services, and the programs and resources here at Chabot. The Dream Center has also partnered with the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) over the past semester, providing students with free, individual legal consultation sessions with immigration attorneys. The next session will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 11am-2pm in the Dream Center.

For more information about the Dream Center and the services provided, visit www.chabotcollege.edu/dreamers.

About Chabot College

Chabot College in Hayward is a comprehensive community college in the heart of a thriving, diverse community where students of all ages and backgrounds can get a high quality education at an affordable price. The college awards associate degrees and certificates, and specializes in university transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. During the 2018-2019 academic year, Chabot College granted over 1,300 Associate Degrees and 689 Certificates of Achievement, the highest in the college's history. <http://www.chabotcollege.edu/>