



RESOLUTION NO. 22A

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 13 TO OCTOBER 17, 2025, AS UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SUCCESS WEEK *TOGETHER IN PURPOSE, GROUNDED IN BELONGING*

WHEREAS, the California Education Code affirms equitable access to education, and California's colleges are committed to ensuring all students can achieve their academic, personal, and career goals; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and other societal factors created unprecedented challenges for students, highlighting the need for stronger academic, emotional, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, student success is a collective effort driven by the dedication of students, the guidance of faculty and staff, the support of families, and the engagement of the wider community; and

WHEREAS, a week-long focus on student success provides an opportunity to celebrate student achievements, highlight campus and community resources, and promote strategies that close equity gaps and enhance overall student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, initiatives such as the California Community Colleges' "Undocumented Student Success Week" (held annually in October) and other campus-specific programs demonstrate the power of dedicated periods for student advocacy and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2012, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has enabled over 830,000 young people to remain in the United States, the only country many of them have ever known, with their families, and making it one of the most impactful immigration protections in recent decades; and

WHEREAS, while DACA continues to provide renewals for current recipients, new initial requests are barred under a 2025 federal court ruling, leaving the program vulnerable to ongoing litigation and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, many DACA recipients have become employers, homeowners, doctors and nurses ensuring the health and safety of Americans, teachers giving back to younger generations, and members of the U.S. military serving to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, the DACA renewal process continues to be processed, affording protection and work authorization for current participants, ongoing litigation leaves its status vulnerable to future court rulings; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 1 million individuals have been DACA-eligible over time, and if eligibility expansion were restored or new policy enacted, many additional young people who grew up in the United States could benefit, including an estimated 408,000 undocumented students currently enrolled in higher education nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) affirmed the right of all students to access public education regardless of immigration status, and both federal and state law protect student privacy, including data related to immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges, the nation's largest system of higher education, with 116 colleges serving over 2.1 million students, have consistently advocated for state and federal policies that preserve DACA, provide a path to citizenship, expand access to higher education, and affirm the contributions of undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, the lack of a permanent federal solution continues to place significant economic and emotional burdens on undocumented students, who also face barriers to higher education such as fear of deportation, limited access to financial aid, and stress that affects their ability to persist and complete their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, in January 2017, the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board adopted Resolution No. 1-S, later retitled, "Reaffirming Support of Contra Costa Community College District Students and Employees in Defense of Diversity and Inclusion," affirming its support for undocumented immigrant students, including DACA recipients; and

WHEREAS, 4CD colleges have demonstrated ongoing commitment to undocumented students through numerous activities, including hosting the annual DREAMers Conference since 2011, establishing Dreamer Resource Centers and Undocumented Student Programs that provide safe spaces for legal, academic, and financial resource support, adopting policies to protect the privacy of student immigration status unless required by judicial order, and, since 2019, passing Governing Board resolutions reaffirming this commitment as part of Undocumented Student Action Week; and

WHEREAS, 4CD colleges host "Know Your Rights" clinics and other events to educate undocumented students and allies about their legal rights and available resources, often as part of broader efforts during Undocumented Student Action Week; and

WHEREAS, fostering a campuswide culture of success is crucial for preparing students to become informed, engaged, and successful members of their communities and the global workforce; and

WHEREAS, 4CD is committed to implementing best practices that promote inclusion, equity, a strong sense of belonging, and accessibility for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 4CD Governing Board declares October 13-17, 2025, as “Undocumented Student Success Week” to work in partnership with other organizations and encourages the California Community Colleges to engage in activities reimagining student support structures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during this week, 4CD encourages all students, faculty, and staff to participate in a series of events and activities designed to:

- promote student resources, including tutoring, counseling, financial aid, and basic needs support;
- celebrate the diversity and resilience of the student body;
- encourage academic achievement and personal growth;
- increase awareness of pathways to career readiness and transfer opportunities; and
- engage the broader community in supporting the mission of 4CD and its undocumented students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 4CD supports the Brentwood Center, Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College and the San Ramon Campus in identifying and sharing best practices for cultural affirmation, healing centered practices, and access to life-changing resources such as experiential learning, fellowships, and entrepreneurship pathways, all of which will move beyond barriers to create a future where all students thrive.

Approved:

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4CD Governing Board