On DACA, undocumented students at Western Washington University, and support for undocumented students.
PART I

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

In high school and universities, in the U.S. and in the state
65,000 undocumented high school students graduate in the U.S.

4,225

Undocumented students in higher education in the U.S., approximately 7.5%.

Source: https://www.statisticbrain.com/undocumented-student-statistics/
1,900
Estimated undocumented student in higher education in Washington state
Barriers

- Lack of resources
- Universities that won’t accept undocumented students
- Being told they can’t go to college
- Financial
- Lack of support during college
- Having to leave college
RESOURCES IN WA
FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

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MY STORY: LIFE BEFORE WESTERN
DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

What it is, what it isn’t, what it does, how DACA affects you, me, and everyone
OVERVIEW

- 2012
- President Obama
- Born from the Dream Act
- Not a path to citizenship
- Timeline
DACA

WHAT IT DOES

Work Authorization
• Work Permit
• Can’t work government jobs (including police, military)

SSN
• Keep it forever
• In other states: driver’s license
• Credit

Advance Parole
• Travel outside the U.S.
• Limited time
• Limited reasons to leave the U.S.
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REQUIREMENTS

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012, meaning that:
- You never had a lawful immigration status on or before June 15, 2012, or
- Any lawful immigration status or parole that you obtained prior to June 15, 2012, had expired as of June 15, 2012;
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.
1,326,000 DACA ELIGIBLE

800,000 DACA Recipients

SEPTMBER 5TH, 2017

- Rescinding of DACA
- No new applications
- Could renew until March 5th,
- Gave Congress an opportunity to pass something
CURRENTLY

- No new applications
- Court decision- 90 days
- Continuing renewing
MY STORY: LIFE WITH AND WITHOUT DACA

DO I LOOK LIKE AN ALIEN?
PART III

CLEAN DREAM ACT

What it is, what it would do, it’s history, what is currently happening with it
Hasn’t been officially been brought to the floor in Congress
Started advocating again after September 5th, 2017
Meaning of clean in Clean Dream Act
10 yrs since first introduced in Congress
WHAT IT WOULD DO

- Permanent Residency that leads to U.S. Citizenship
- Apply for driver’s licenses (where applicable)
- Work legally
- Travel outside of the U.S. without restraints
- In state tuition (where applicable)
- Student loans
- Work study
REQUIREMENTS

- Entry to the United States before the age of sixteen;
- Continuous presence in the United States for at least five years;
- Good moral character;
- Admission to an institution of higher education in the United States, or receipt of a U.S.
- high school diploma or general education development certificate; and
- When the bill is enacted, all applicants must be under the age of thirty-five.
MY STORY: ADVOCATING FOR THE CLEAN DREAM ACT WITH UNITED WE DREAM
SUPPORT

On supporting undocumented students and the support and lack of support I’ve received on campus
On growing up in Eastern Washington, how I first learned I was undocumented, support and lack of support I’ve received at Western, and the AS Situation.