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Empowering Dreams: Supporting and Protecting UndocuScholars

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Comprehensive Support for Undocumented Students

Overview

1. Resources
2. Los Rios Police Department
3. Financial Aid and A&R
4. Mental Health Services
5. Dream Centers/UndocuScholar Centers
6. ARC Dream Center





“College, for me, was a lot about making genuine connections during a critical time when we didn’t know what we were going to put out into the world yet. I figured, *yea, I’m undocumented, but somehow maybe there will be somebody right before me who figured out the path or somebody’s going to be willing to figure it out with me.*”

Immigrants Rising
[The Future is Unlimited – Immigrants Rising](#)



Resources to Support Undocumented Students: *Ongoing State Allocation & District Funding*

- AB 1645 Ongoing State Funding for Dreamer Resource Centers 2020-2025
- Full-time, Permanent Undocu-Scholar Liaison Specialist Positions at each college

College	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
ARC	\$78,628	\$155,899	\$155,899	\$164,813	\$161,991
CRC	\$51,942	\$102,988	\$102,988	\$108,932	\$104,671
FLC	\$41,717	\$82,715	\$82,715	\$89,211	\$86,734
SCC	\$63,959	\$126,816	\$126,816	\$130,164	\$122,256
Total	\$236,246	\$468,418	\$468,418	\$493,120	\$475,652

Resources to Support Undocumented Students: *Additional Resources & Options for Students*

- \$945,000 in one-time state funds allocated for emergency grants for eligible AB 540 students
 - Multilingual calling campaign underway to inform eligible students of these resources
- \$1M district allocation to support capacity building & responding quickly to emerging needs of undocumented students
- Implementation of AB 1232 Non-Resident Tuition Exemption for ESL Enrollment



Resources & Communication

Resources/Training:

- [Website Developed: How to Respond to Immigration Enforcement on Campus](#)
- “Know Your Rights” (Red cards) available
- Bi-weekly Undocu-Liaison meetings
- UndocuAlly Trainings presented by Dream/Undocu-Scholar Center Specialists
- Confidentiality, Data Security, and Immigration Law Enforcement training for A&R, Financial Aid, classified staff, faculty, and administrators & supervisors (Feb. 2025)
- Free legal consultation services through CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights)

Communication:

- Undocumented Student Resources [webpages](#)
- *Los Rios Compact in Support of Undocumented Students and Employees* (11/21/24)
- “What to do if ICE comes to campus” Campaign
- Chancellor/College President message, *Updates on Executive Orders and Federal Action* (1/28/25)
- Upcoming Webinar: Chancellor, Presidents, Chief Woo and Dream Center Staff (2/13/25)

Protecting Students and Employees

- Los Rios Police Department (LRPD) is NOT in the business of immigration enforcement
- **If any Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or any other deferral immigration law enforcement agency comes onto a Los Rios facility, we have instructed employees or students to contact LRPD immediately.**
- Launched Districtwide Awareness Campaign, including:
 - Written and Video messages to college community, Signage around Los Rios facilities (QR code below links to video)
 - Social media
 - Webinar on 2/13/25
- LRPD personnel trained on federal immigration officers' statutory authorities and limitations
 - 8 USC § 1357 and 8 CFR § 287
- Los Rios Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Trainings for manager/supervisors, faculty, & key front line staff (e.g. dream center and learning resource center, admissions and FA staff)



Protecting Student Data



- Training on Handling Confidential Student Information, with added safeguards for undocumented students
- Review and assessment of data collected, ie, CCCApply, CADAA, Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- Access restricted to key personnel in A&R, Financial Aid, Dream Centers and other areas
- Limited data that identifies legal status
- Secure servers, with encryption
- Dream Centers serve broader population of students (undocumented, mixed status, AB 540)- legal status not identifiable from WID#
- Dream/UndocuScholar Center procedures & best practices in handling confidential student information with cultural sensitivity

Admissions Support for Undocumented Students

- A&R does not require students to disclose status for AB540
- When a student chooses to disclose status, A&R does not record the disclosure in the student record
- Collaboration between A&R and campus Dream Center staff
- AB 540 training for Dream Center staff
- Guidance/resource documents on how to apply latest title 5 regs and Ed Code changes related to undocumented students
- UndocuAlly training for all A&R staff
- Streamlined, consistent process for addressing CCCApply applications submitted with no SSN's & welcome message with information about available resources (Dream Center, CADAA...)

Increasing Student Financial Aid Support

- 1 Cal Grant/CADAA/SSCG
- 2 TUITION FEE WAIVER (Promise Grant or Los Rios Promise Program)
- 3 CHAFEE GRANT
- 4 SCHOLARSHIPS
- 5 EOPS
- 6 CA Dream Act Service Incentive Grant
- 7 Emergency Funding

California Dream Act Applications

 11.4%

Financial Aid Available for Undocumented Students

Who Can Apply Using the Dream Act Application (CADAA)?

Undocumented Students

DACA Students

U Visa Holders

TPS Holders

Financial Aid

Los Rios College	CA Residents & AB540	Non Resident
Tuition	\$46/unit	\$472/unit
Total for 24 units (12 units/term)	\$1,104	\$11,328
Plus fees (UTP, SRF, Health Fee)	\$22+	\$22+

**AB 540 = CA law that allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition*

Enhancing Student Financial Aid Support

Undocu Ally Training

FA Liaisons

FERPA & Culturally Responsive
Trainings

Access & Communication



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FREE Mental Health Services



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Peer Support:
Safe, **anonymous,**
peer-to-peer
platform 24/7, ability
to filter to find their
global community



**STUDENT HEALTH
AND WELLNESS**

**Therapy and
Advocacy:**
Meet with a trained
SHWC therapist, MH
Intern or MH Advocate,
in person or virtually



BetterMynd

Online Therapy: Talk
to an online licensed
therapist during the
day, **evenings, and
weekends**



**Gender Health
Center:**
In-person or virtual
therapy for those
who identify as
**SGL/2SLGBTQIA+ or
questioning**



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**AMERICAN
RIVER
COLLEGE**



**EST. 1970
COSUMNES
RIVER COLLEGE**



**FOLSOM
LAKE
COLLEGE**



**EST. 1934
SACRAMENTO
CITY
COLLEGE**

Mental Health Outreach



- Stall News
- Redesigned website
- Marketing materials/logo
- Presentations/trainings
- Outreach events & partn
- Signage
- Social media



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AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE



COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE



FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE

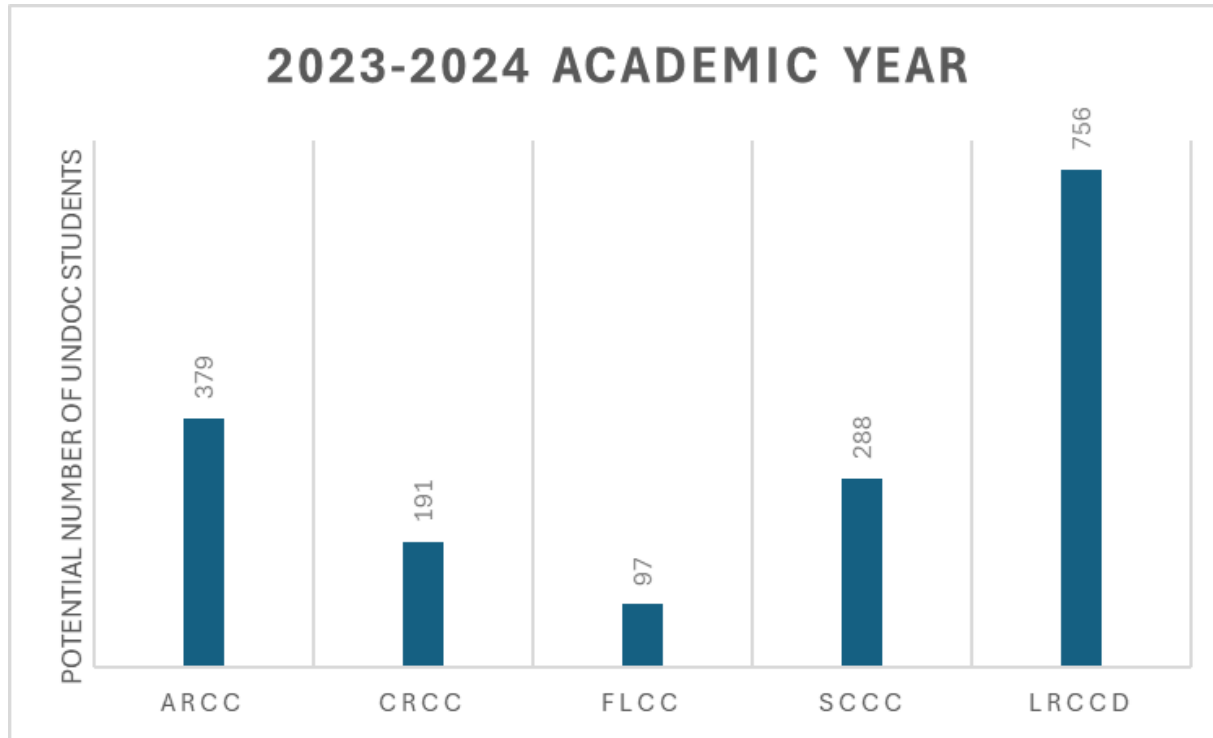


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Undocumented Student Data Sources: *By the Numbers*

College	AB 540* 23/24	AB540 CADAA F23/24	CADAA Applicants 23/24	F23 CCCApply "Other Status"
ARC	1,247	316	398	535
CRC	820	157	196	243
FLC	578	81	102	149
SCC	1,062	863	351	337

Estimated Los Rios Colleges Undocumented Student Enrollment



Majority:

- Hispanic/Latino (74%)
- Female (57%)
- 18-24 years old (63%)
- Low income (69%)

Average Units Taken: 13

Course Success: 71%

LRCCD: Undocu-Center Student Support

Center Staff Provide Students:

- Assistance with:
 - AB540 Form (California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Form)
 - Application Processing (to obtain LRCCD ID)
 - California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
 - LRCCD Application
 - LRCCD program & counselor referrals
 - Help with how to become a student at LRCCD campuses
 - Residency
 - Connection to Campus Resources
 - Researching scholarships and financial aid
- Information on Immigration legal services resources and referrals
- Information about Local Resources for students and their families



Dream Centers/UndocuScholar Centers

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

STUDENTS

- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ Webpages
- ✓ Email Updates
- ✓ Personal Connections

EMPLOYEES

- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ Webpages
- ✓ Email Updates
- ✓ Departmental Meetings
- ✓ Ally Trainings
- ✓ Collaborations

COMMUNITY

- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Tabling
- ✓ Presentations



UndocuScholar

RESOURCE CONNECTION

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The UndocuScholar Resource Center empowers students, staff, faculty, and community members who are **undocumented, of mixed-status families, or allies** by supporting their academic, personal, and professional goals.

The UndocuScholar Resource Center is committed to providing individualized support and resources to help students achieve their academic pathway.

Student's Quote

"In 2019, I had to take a break from school because I didn't know there were resources for undocumented students like me. In 2023, I decided to try one more time, and when I met with the Catherine at the UndocuScholar Resource Connection Program, everything changed. For the first time, I felt hope that my dreams of higher education could truly become a reality. With their guidance and support, I've been able to get back on track, and now, as I complete my last semester at ARC, I'm ready to transfer to Sacramento State University this Fall 2025. I'm so grateful for this program, and the people supporting it—it's been life-changing."

-Mario

Student's Quote

"Estoy muy agradecida por los servicios recibidos por parte del personal del centro de UndocuScholar Resource Connection. Hay un ambiente de paz, confianza y confidencialidad. Michelle y Catherine lo hacen sentir a uno especial. Se toman el tiempo para conocernos y aclarar todas nuestras dudas. Ellas no solo hacen su trabajo, también hacen que uno se motive y quiera seguir estudiando."

-Martha

ARC Student Profile

College	AB 540* 23/24	AB540 CADAA F23	CADAA Applicants 23/24	F23 CCCApply "Other Status"	Program Participants
ARC	1,247	316	398	535	97

1. AB 540
2. Undocumented
3. Pending Asylum
4. Refugee
5. Daca
6. Eligible Non-Citizen

General Services

- Assisting Undocumented, DACA, and AB540 students with the application and enrollment process
- Residency forms
- California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- Financial aid guidance and scholarship information
- Connections to campus programs
- Referrals to outside agencies
- Community Resources
- Book assistance/vouchers
- Free legal assistance
- Collaboration with Mental Health Services

Fall 2024 Workshops & Events

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number

AB540 Training in collaboration with Immigrants Rising

Feria de Educación at CSU, Sacramento

I Stand With Immigrants

Undocumented Student Action Week

Colegas Conference with Undocumented Student track

Humanitarian Visas

CSAC-Cash for College (Train the trainer)

Undocu ally training

“Know Your Rights” workshop

DACA updates and Advanced Parole

Mental health tools for Undocu Liaisons

Academic Support

Collaborations

- Outreach to High Schools
- Textbook Assistance
- Highlands Adult Education Pathways (ESL, CTE, GED/HS Diploma)
- Alignment with PUENTE and UNITE Center events.
- Holistic Approach

Student Impact

Summer and Fall 2024

- Over 300 visits (2024).
 - Phone, email, in-person, ARC orientation, etc.

Spring 2025

- The UndocuScholar Resource Center
- Two offices
 - Full-time Support Staff
 - Temp. SSA and Mentor
- Holistic Support ARC



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Thank you!

