



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
Palo Alto College

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Palo Alto College hosts DREAMers scholarship and DACA information sessions

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will host two scholarship information sessions for prospective DREAMer students and a general information session for the public regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status.

Palo Alto College Scholarship Preview Day

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Ozuna Library and Learning Center, Room 101 (1400 W. Villaret Blvd)

DREAMers Scholarship and DACA Assistance Info Session

Date: Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Ozuna Library and Learning Center, Room 101 (1400 W. Villaret Blvd)

In Fall 2015, Palo Alto College and San Antonio College were selected as two of the more than 70 colleges across the country to partner with TheDream.US, the nation's largest college access and success program for DREAMers. TheDream.US offers privately-funded scholarship opportunities exclusively to DREAMers to cover tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$12,500 for an associate degree or \$25,000 for a bachelor's degree. New students interested in applying for TheDream.US National Scholarship can visit www.TheDream.US to learn more and complete the scholarship application. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Each year, TheDream.US provides more than 4,000 scholarships – funded by philanthropic individuals, corporations, and foundations – for DREAMers to attend a community college or university. Scholarship recipients have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or TPS (Temporary Protected Status) that allow them to live and legally work in the United States. According to TheDream.US, approximately 1.3 million undocumented immigrant youth eligible for DACA. Of those, 65,000 students graduate from high school, and only 5-10% enroll in college because they do not qualify for federal aid and have limited access to state aid.

Texas is the second largest DREAMer populated state, with an estimated 226,000 undocumented immigrant youth – 109,724 of whom have received DACA and have lawful presence and authorization to work. Bexar County is home to 14,000 potential DACA beneficiaries.

Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence. With nearly 9,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees, short-term certificates and non-credit continuing education classes. The campus is located on the Southside of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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