Dreamer Study Abroad

Lessons learned from Mexico
What is a Dreamer?
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An undocumented student

2001- AB540 passed giving Dreamers in CA in-state tuition

Thank you assemblyman Marco Firebaugh!
What is DACA?

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (DACA- USCIS form I-765: cost: $460)

- June of 2012, Obama’s executive order.

- A temporary protective status for Dreamers
  - two-year work permit & exemption from deportation.

- Entered the US before 16-yrs-old and before June 2007.

- must be renewed every two years
Advance Parole

How is study abroad legally possible for DACA students?

Travel permission called “Advance Parole” (USCIS form I-131) for one of the following reasons:

1. educational purposes
2. humanitarian purposes
3. professional purposes

*All of which must be properly documented
More legal resources

CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

UC Davis Legal Center

Marcus Tang has offered his consultation to anyone:
Mtang-clinic@law.ucdavis.edu
The future of DACA

Executive order: DACA (2012) will remain the same, although Republicans might kill it.

Expanded DACA/DAPA (Nov. 20, 2015)

A revision of DACA to:
- increase age limit
- increase to 3yr status
- extend to parents of current DACA

Supreme Court review in June - push to ‘17
Stakeholders

Dreamer Study Abroad Program

Funding
Scholarships

Legal Services:
DACA
Advanced Parole

US Institution

Mexican Institution
Individual DACA Study Abroad Program

- CETLALIC will serve as the international institution that hosts Dreamers.

- CETLALIC will assist students with designing a specialized program for them, as well as a budget and provide a letter of acceptance/support.
Individual DACA Study Abroad Program

The California Mexico Studies Center will serve as the US institution supporting Dreamers that are studying abroad individually.

The CMSC will provide stateside support, letter of reference, etc. in the DACA/Advanced Parole process as well as provide scholarships should there be funding.
Dreamer Study Abroad Steps

Dreamers should understand that this is a self-initiated process.

- **Step 1:** Apply for DACA status (3-6 month process, $460 fee)

- **Step 2:** Once you have DACA status, apply for Advance Parole, (3-4 weeks, $360 fee)
• Step 3: Contact US program coordinator or university letter of support and to see if there is funding.

• Step 4: Contact Host- country institution for acceptance letter if necessary.
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- Step 5: Dreamers should meet with their on-campus advisor for course credit options.

- Step 6: Dreamers should check with the Financial aid office, Dream Center if available and look for scholarships, and Dream Loan options. www.dream.csac.ca.gov
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- Step 7: Once Advance Parole is approved, student can buy airfare

NOT BEFORE!!
Questions

What does this program look like?

  3 WEEKS!

- Come to Mexico to reconnect with family, culture and history

- Explore identity: Will I feel more at home in the US or in Mexico?

- Project model: replicate the program across California

- 35 college students
- 5 faculty/staff
- 18 university/college campuses