“The Presidents’ Alliance has always been a value-add. It is a partnership we treasure.”

José Cárdenas, General Counsel, Arizona State University
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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS’ ALLIANCE CO-CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Greetings! Over this past year, our Alliance - now over 500 members strong - stood together and made a significant difference on the immigration issues that impact our immigrant and international students, our campuses, and our communities.

Our Alliance has established itself as a critical resource that brings the voice and influence of college and university presidents to shaping immigration policy. As an Alliance, we contributed research and advocacy to important legal and policy victories in the last year of the Trump administration, forcefully defending the rights of immigrant and international students. Highlights include:

- Protecting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in the courts;
- Affirming the value of Optional Practical Training (OPT) for our international students;
- Successfully challenging the ICE SEVP guidance that attempted to bar all international students from remaining in the U.S. if their academic programs were online due to the pandemic;
- Preventing the implementation of the proposed rule to end duration of status (D/S) for international students and visitors; and
- Bringing legal actions to stop ill-considered revisions to the unlawful presence policy (ULP) and policies impacting H-1B visas.

Your support and engagement as members and campuses contributed immensely to these victories and our work, while the generosity of our funders and partners enabled us to amplify our impact.

With a new administration in place our work is far from over. The Biden administration offers prospects for positive changes to immigration policies through executive action and legislative proposals. But we are in a pivotal moment as we work to make sure these policies reflect our priorities and that we are helping to communicate their importance to our nation so that these proposals become a reality.

As you review our Annual Impact Report take a moment to consider how far we’ve already come. With your support, the Presidents’ Alliance is primed to continue to be a strong and influential voice for advancing the immigration priorities for higher education institutions and our students, ensuring greater access and equity for immigrant and refugee students and making the case for a national recruitment and retention strategy for international students, alumni, and scholars.

Thank you for being a part of our Alliance!
STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tony Allen,
President, Delaware State University

Joseph I. Castro,
Chancellor, The California State University

Noelle Cockett,
President, Utah State University

José Luis Cruz,
Executive Vice Chancellor, University Provost, City University of New York

Mark Erickson,
President, Northampton Community College

John J. DeGioia,
President, Georgetown University

Jane Fernandes,
Former President, Guilford College

Deneece Huftalin,
President, Salt Lake Community College

Elsa M. Núñez,
President, Eastern CT State University

Eduardo Padrón,
President Emeritus, Miami Dade College

Joseph E. Steinmetz,
Chancellor, University of Arkansas

Kim Wilcox,
Chancellor, U.C. Riverside
OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Undocumented/DACA Students
International Students
Refugee and Other Immigrant Students
Immigrant and International Alumni, Faculty & Staff
The Presidents’ Alliance has established itself as a leader in higher education and immigration advocacy. We have provided technical assistance to congressional offices and delivered targeted advocacy resources for our members. In April, over 25 Colorado colleges and universities sent a letter to their state’s congressional delegation with a request to extend work permits and protection for DACA recipients. We developed Legislative Recommendations Regarding Immigrant Students, Higher Education Access, Federal Financial Aid, and Professional and Occupational Licensure, containing a comprehensive set of higher education and immigration-related recommendations and specific legislative language on a novel non-discrimination provision for immigrants in higher education.

23 Presidents’ Alliance letters, comments, and templates/toolkits advocating for DACA, OPT, Dream legislation, COVID relief, and other support.

50+ institutions used our templates to send letters to congressional delegations and comments.

12 policy briefs, guides, and FAQs to highlight key policies, improve support, and empower advocates

Numerous engagements with congressional offices, agency staff, and the Biden-Harris transition team
ACTIVATE

We engaged in significant *administrative and regulatory advocacy*, with much of it designed to support litigation and legal challenges, including subsequent challenges where the Presidents’ Alliance acted as a plaintiff and coordinated amicus briefs. Among the highlights, 180 member institutions from 28 states joined our amicus brief in under 36 hours to support online flexibility for international students during the pandemic. We activated members to oppose the proposed rule to end duration of status, coordinated with partners at NAFSA to develop a talking points template for institutions to use, and held rapid response briefings and prepared for the possibility of litigation. We activated members to submit comments regarding the U.S. Department of Education’s exclusion of undocumented students from emergency financial grants. Simultaneously, we submitted a substantial comment with detailed legal analysis that mirrored much of the legal reasoning that would be used to eventually enjoin the rule.

160 colleges and universities joined an amicus brief to support DACA in the Supreme Court DACA win in June 2020

180 colleges and universities joined an amicus brief to support international students in a legal challenge to ICE SEVP rules in July 2020

5 Court victories (DACA, ICE SEVP rules, unlawful presence policy, OPT, and H-1B visa rules)

32,000+ comments opposing the proposed rule to end duration of status included comments submitted by many Alliance member institutions, using a Presidents’ Alliance-NAFSA talking points template
Whether dissecting the *implications* of the Supreme Court’s DACA decision or addressing the *impact* of COVID-19 on international populations, we provided our members with up-to-date resources and information about how to support their students during 2020’s overlapping crises. A response to one of our briefings sums up our efforts well: “It is great to know we are all working together, and even though there are no definite or certain answers at this point, we are all seeking to provide the best information available.” We continued to elevate the importance of immigrants and international students in higher education. With the New American Economy, we issued the first ever report that estimated the number of *Undocumented Students in Higher Education*. Another report, *Immigrant Origin Students in Higher Education*, resulted in a NY Times *exclusive*. Over the course of 2020 we had more than 70 *media hits* for the Presidents’ Alliance and issued 22 *press releases* on our major issue areas.

**EDUCATE**

11,179 registrants for our 15 webinars, members-only conversations, and COVID-19 and rapid response briefings on critical issues – all with specialized resources

550 institutions/organizations represented in our briefing on the COVID-19 impact on undocumented students

861 institutions/organizations represented in our briefing on the COVID-19 impact on international students and alumni

2 first-of-its-kind data reports on undocumented and immigrant origin students in higher education by state
As the only national organization singularly focused on the intersection of higher education and immigration, we are uniquely positioned to collaborate with other higher education organizations, think tanks, and advocacy and support non-profits whose interest areas overlap with ours. The Presidents’ Alliance partnered with TheDream.US to release, on a rapid basis, a survey report, *Discouraging and Denying Renewals: An Assessment on the Impact of the July 2020 DHS Memorandum on DACA*, which collected key data from over a thousand DACA recipients regarding the impact of the previous administration’s July 2020 memo. These data were subsequently utilized and cited in litigation in California challenging that very memorandum. In December 2020, we hosted a strategy session with our partners, out of which we developed and delivered over a dozen recommendations to improve DACA without changing the terms of the 2012 memorandum to the incoming administration.
There’s power in numbers in creating and establishing change through policy. I’m grateful for the Presidents’ Alliance because it works with higher education institutions to bring about this change for immigrant students.”

Ewaoluwa Ogundana, ‘21, Trinity Washington University
PORTAL OBJECTIVES

Coming spring 2021: a new digital platform that integrates data, policies, narratives, and resources to support undocumented, refugee, immigrant and international students. The Higher Ed Immigration Portal leverages partnerships to maximize impact and achieve its vision of:

FEATUES

- Immigrant and International Student Data
- Analysis of Higher Ed-related Immigration Federal Policies
- Tracker of 50 State Policies on In-State Tuition, State Financial Aid, Professional Licensure, and Driver Licenses
- Interactive U.S. Map and Data Tools
- Leading Research
- Effective Practices for Colleges & Universities
- Student Narratives
- Strategic Messaging

AN AGENT FOR CHANGE

The Higher Ed Immigration Portal (the Portal) is a coalition of organizations working together to expand the impact and reach of their work. It provides higher education leaders, policymakers, students, and other stakeholders with the information and tools they need to inform immigration policies that expand access to higher education, degree completion, and post-graduate career success.

The Portal’s partners & contributors include leaders and experts in higher education and immigration fields, stakeholders representing campus leaders and impacted students, and national and local organizations. The Portal is an inclusive approach to making advocacy and best practice initiatives more cohesive and effective. It allows partners to quickly ramp up their work and share resources in response to changing policies within states and at the federal level, and provides strategic messaging to create a positive narrative about these students. We welcome new partners and contributors to join the coalition.
OUR SUPPORTERS AND FUNDERS

We are deeply grateful to the many member institutions that contribute to the Presidents’ Alliance through our voluntary annual institutional contribution program. Without your individual leadership and commitment, the Alliance would not exist. We also extend our gratitude to the individual donors who stepped forward to support the Alliance and our work.

We are immensely grateful to the foundations and funders who believed in the importance of the Alliance and in the promise of higher education leaders coming together to support undocumented, immigrant and international students.

The following foundations and funders have supported us and play a key role in propelling our success:

Anonymous Funder
Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
FWD.us and FWD.us Educational Fund
Mellon Foundation
Open Society Foundations
Open Society Policy Center
MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

- **71** Members joined in 2020
- **91%** Increase in our membership contributions
- **43** States, D.C. and Puerto Rico
- **516** Members’ Institutions

**PRESIDENTS’ ALLIANCE MEMBERS’ INSTITUTIONS BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROL**

- **Masters**: 139
  - **27%**
  - Public: 70/69
- **Doctoral**: 134
  - **26%**
  - Public: 63/71
- **Baccalaureate**: 116
  - **22%**
  - Public: 10/106
- **Associate’s**: 97
  - **19%**
  - Public: 94/3
- **Special Focus**: 30
  - **6%**
  - Public: 3/27

*Associate’s include institutions that grant associate’s degrees only and those that grant associate’s and baccalaureate degrees*

**Special Focus includes all institutions classified as special focus four-year institutions**
MEMBERS’ INSTITUTIONS

Adelphi University
Adler University
Agnes Scott College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Arizona Western College
Arkansas State University
Arkansas Tech University
Ashland University
Augsburg University
Augustana College
Austin Community College District
Avila University
Bard College
Barnard College
Barton College
Baruch College, CUNY
Bates College
Becker College
Bellevue College
Beloit College
Bennett College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berea College
Berkshire Community College
Big Bend Community College
Borough of Manhattan Community College
Boston Architectural College
Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bristol Community College
Bronx Community College, CUNY
Brooklyn College
Brooklyn Law School
Broward College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Buena Vista University
Butler University
Cabrini University
California Institute of Integral Studies
California Institute of Technology
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
California State University, San Bernardino
California State University, San Marcos
California State University, Stanislaus
Calvin University
Cambridge College
Capital Community College
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Centenary University
Central Arizona College
Central College, Houston Community College System
Central Washington University
Chapman University
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
Chatham University
Christian Brothers University
CiAM (California Institute of Advanced Management)
City University of New York
Claremont Graduate University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Cleveland State University
Clinton College
Clovis Community College
Coe College
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College
Colgate University
College of Mount Saint Vincent
College of Our Lady of the Elms
College of Saint Mary
College of Southern Nevada
College of the Atlantic
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Colorado Community College System
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University Pueblo
Colorado State University System
Columbia College
Columbia Theological Seminary
Columbia University in the City of New York
Columbus State Community College
Community College of Beaver County
Community College of Rhode Island
Community Colleges of Spokane
Concordia University Texas
Connecticut College
Contra Costa Community College District
Converse College
Cornell College
Cornell University
Cumberland University
Dallas College Eastfield Campus
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
De Anza College
Delaware State University
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Desert Research Institute
Dewey University
Diablo Valley College
Dickinson College
Dixie State University
Dominican University
Donnelly College
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eastern Connecticut State University
Eastern Michigan University
Eastern Oregon University
Eastern Washington University
Edgewood College
Edmonds Community College
EDP University of Puerto Rico
El Paso Community College
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Essex County College
Everett Community College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Felician University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Foothill College
Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Fordham University
Fort Hays State University
Framingham State University
Franklin & Marshall College
Frostburg State University
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goddard College
Golden West College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
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Hawaii’s Community College
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Hillsborough Community College
Hofstra University
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Holyoke Community College
Houghton College
Howard Community College
Huston-Tillotson University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Imperial Valley College
Ithaca College
Jackson College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Joliet Junior College
Judson College
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Keuka College
Kirkwood Community College
Knox College
La Sierra University
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Langston University
Lawrence University
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Lees-McRae College
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Marquette University
Mars Hill University
Marshall University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount University
Maryville College
Massachusetts Bay Community College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Menlo College
Mercyhurst University
Metropolitan State University
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Miami Dade College
Middlebury College
Middlesex Community College
Mills College
Minnesota Community & Technical College
Minnesota State University Moorhead
Montgomery College
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Suffolk University
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SUNY Geneseo
SUNY New Paltz
Swarthmore College
TCS Education System
Teachers College, Columbia University
Texas A&M University, San Antonio
Texas Lutheran University
Texas State University
The Alamo Colleges
The California State University
The Catholic University of America
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
The College of Saint Rose
The College of Wooster
The Cooper Union
The Evergreen State College
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of New Orleans
The University of Texas at El Paso
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Three Rivers Community College
Towson University
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University of Massachusetts Lowell
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Michigan-Flint
University of Minnesota
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Texas
University of North Texas at Dallas

University of Northwestern, St. Paul
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of Saint Mary
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida St Petersburg
University of the District of Columbia
University of the Incarnate Word
University of the People
University of the Sciences
University of the Southwest
University of the West
University of Utah
University System of Maryland
Utah State University
Vanguard University
Vassar College
Vermont College of Fine Arts
Virginia Wesleyan University
Wabash College
Wake Forest University
Walla Walla Community College
Warner University
Warren Wilson College
Washington & Jefferson College

Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State University
Weber State University
Wellesley College
Wells College
Wenatchee Valley College
Wesleyan University
West Hills Community College District
West Virginia State University
Western Connecticut State University
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Western Oregon University
Western Washington University
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Whitman College
Whittier College
Whitworth University
Wilbur Wright College
William Jessup University
William Paterson University
William Rainey Harper College
Williams College
Winona State University
Yakima Valley College
Yale University
ADVISORY GROUPS AND STAFF

FEDERAL POLICY ADVISORY TABLE

The Federal Policy Advisory Table, composed primarily of federal relations officers of members’ institutions, provides early input, feedback, guidance, and advice on the President Alliance’s federal policy priorities and advocacy. Membership in the Federal Policy Advisory Table does not indicate endorsement of the Presidents’ Alliance advocacy, positions, or statements.

LEGAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Council provides input, insights and recommendations on all types of legal issues and litigation actions that the Presidents’ Alliance should pursue and support as part of its mission to support undocumented, other immigrant and international students and scholars in higher education. Membership in the Legal Advisory Council does not indicate endorsement of the Presidents’ Alliance advocacy, positions, or statements.

STUDENT STRATEGY TABLE

The Student Strategy Table, a group of student leaders from undocumented, refugee, other immigrant, and international student communities, helps the Presidents’ Alliance by ensuring our work and objectives are informed by and responsive to the priorities, needs, experiences, and expertise of those who are directly impacted by immigration policies. Membership in the Student Strategy Table does not indicate endorsement of the Presidents’ Alliance advocacy, positions, or statements.

PRESIDENTS’ ALLIANCE STAFF

Miriam Feldblum, Executive Director
Emily Fine, Membership and Operations Manager
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Ronnie Rios, Immigration Policy Communications Fellow (part time)
JOIN OUR MOVEMENT

What began as a founding group of 29 members in December 2017 has grown to more than 500 presidents and chancellors across 43 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. And we’re still growing! In 2021, we are launching an affiliate partners program for organizations who are aligned with our mission. If you would like more information about how to join as either a member institution or an affiliate partner, please contact info@presidentsalliance.org.

The Presidents’ Alliance is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational and advocacy organization that brings college and university presidents and chancellors together around the immigration issues that impact our students, campuses, communities, and nation. We work to advance just immigration policies and practices at the federal, state and institutional level that are consistent with our heritage as a ‘nation of immigrants’ and the academic values of equity and openness.
The Alliance is making such a difference for our students and is particularly important to small colleges that do not have the legal staff to independently think through these issues.”

Steven C. Bahls, President, Augustana College