# PRESIDENTS' ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION





ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2021

When immigrant-origin students succeed, colleges, universities, local communities, and the economy succeed alongside them."

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# MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS' ALLIANCE CO-CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Greetings! It has been another active and impactful year at the Presidents' Alliance. Our Alliance continues to be a critical resource that activates the collective voice of over 500 college and university presidents and chancellors on the immigration issues impacting our students, campuses, and communities. Over the past year, we have developed closer working relationships with key offices and staff members in the White House and in the departments of Homeland Security, State and Education, which now look to the Alliance for policy expertise, advocacy and messaging support. We have also established closer ties with business and immigrant and refugee serving organizations and charitable funders who share our goal of enacting sensible, welcoming immigration policies, including the ability of Dreamers and others already present in our country to gain lawful status.

We have much to celebrate, even as we look forward to the challenging work ahead. Listed below are just some of the ways we have made noteworthy progress this past year in bringing together a range of partners with higher education leaders to advocate for our collective goals.

- Staunchly defended DACA and undocumented students <u>in the courts</u>, and through <u>engagement in the rule-making process</u> with the Biden Administration.
- Advocated for a <u>pathway to citizenship</u> for Dreamers and other undocumented youth and community members with Congress.
- Successfully engaged the Administration to <u>implement many of our recommendations</u> to welcome and support undocumented, international, refugee and other immigrant students and scholars on our campuses.
- Affirmed the <u>value of international students</u> and worked with partners and the Administration to improve visa policy and processing.
- Launched a <u>new initiative</u> to increase refugee students' access to U.S. higher education.
- Collaborated with other higher education organizations on sign-on letters, resources, and events.
- Highlighted the intersections of <u>immigration status and racial equity</u> for immigrant students in the <u>Higher Ed Immigration Portal</u>, and continued to <u>advocate for better policies</u> for Black, Asian, Brown and other immigrants who are disproportionately affected by our broken immigration system.

We know that reforming our nation's immigration laws will not be easily achieved, but we are optimistic that working in partnership with others to marshall the facts, arguments and personal stories about how our students and alumni are strengthening our country is making a difference. Looking ahead, we see possible if narrow pathways for federal reform, including for lawful status for Dreamers and other undocumented individuals, for policies to recruit and retain international students, and for an increase in refugee admissions.

We will be working to capitalize on these opportunities. We also are documenting how higher education access and equity for immigrant students varies by state, and are bringing attention to the best practices and policies for supporting such students.

Our work would not be possible without the support and engagement of our members and the generosity of our funders and partners.

With your continued support, the Presidents' Alliance will work relentlessly to inform stakeholders about immigration priorities, organize members and coalitional partners around the issues that matter, and mobilize resources to advocate with and alongside our undocumented, international, refugee, and other immigrant students.

Thank you for being a part of our Alliance!

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#### **PRIORITY POPULATIONS**

# OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE







#### **INFORM**

We provided technical assistance to 60+ campuses, state policy makers, nonprofits, and other organizations and delivered webinars, trainings, FAQs, and toolkits, including *legal FAQs for campuses* on experiential and funding opportunities for undocumented students and our updated report with New American Economy, *Undocumented Students in Higher Education*. We held specialized trainings for colleges and universities on issues related to undocumented students and their higher education and career access and equity.



6,000+ registrants for our 31 members-only conversations, rapid response briefings and webinars on critical issues – all with specialized resources.



The Higher Ed Immigration
Portal had 73,400 page
views and 27,400 users
across all 50 states and
D.C. and about 120
countries in nine months.



979 registrants and 703 institutions and organizations represented in our briefing, <u>Will International Students Return in</u>
Fall 2021? A Vital Resource at Risk.



**80** *media hits* for the Presidents' Alliance and 15 *press releases* on our major issue areas.



Presidents' Alliance Steering Committee member and Antioch President Jane Fernandes at July 2021 Capitol Hill Press Conference calling for the passage of Dream legislation.

#### **ORGANIZE**

We collaborated closely with our members and partners, our advisory groups, and directly impacted students and practitioners, along with 30+ higher education organizations, business groups, advocacy organizations, and nonprofits whose interests overlap with ours. We organized dedicated meetings with other higher ed organizations and the incoming administration on higher ed immigration priorities and held a special briefing involving presidents and chancellors and the new administration. Many of the recommendations we made then have already been implemented by the Biden administration.



Organized over 60 organizations and institutions in support of college and university sponsorship of refugee students.



In less than 24 hours, 60 institutions joined the Presidents' Alliance and signed onto an amicus brief, led by United We Dream, in support of DACA.



Coordinated more than
150 higher education institutions
to support amicus brief in support
of Optional Practical Training
(OPT) for international students.



Facilitated monthly meetings since August to discuss <u>resources</u> and share initiatives to support Afghan parolees on campuses.

#### **REASONS TO CELEBRATE:**

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVOCACY SUCCESSES

# We achieved positive visa policy and processing changes:

- ✓ Priority visa processing for students in advance of the fall 2021 academic term.
- ✓ Waiving visa interviews where practical.
- ✓ Restoring consular guidance to help students acquire visas without being subjected to speculative determinations about their future intent.

# Stopped the threat of pending regulations that would have deterred prospective international students, including:

- √ Changes for duration of status proposed by the Trump administration.
- √ H-1B wage prioritization requirements that would have made it more difficult for recent international graduates to work in the U.S.
- ✓ Attempts to eliminate optional practical training.

#### **MOBILIZE**

In 2021, we accelerated our <u>advocacy efforts</u> on behalf of Dreamers, international students, other immigrant students, and refugees.

We developed comprehensive <u>legislative</u>
<u>recommendations</u> for the new Congress and Administration regarding immigrant students in higher education and published <u>legislative</u> and <u>agency</u> recommendations for restoring U.S. competitiveness for international students.



39 Presidents' Alliance letters, comments, and templates/ toolkits advocating for DACA, OPT, Dream legislation, and other issues.



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



Coordinated comments and resources to the Proposed Rule to Fortify DACA and 38 colleges, universities, and systems submitted comments.



Numerous engagements with congressional offices and agency staff.



Legal victories in the H-1B and OPT cases.

# SPOTLIGHT: HIGHER ED IMMIGRATION PORTAL



The *Higher Ed Immigration Portal*, launched in March 2021, brings together a coalition of national, state, and local partners to better support immigrant and international students. A dynamic and living resource, the Portal integrates data, policy analysis, and resources about DACA and undocumented, refugee, other immigrant, and international students to:

- Fuel change at the state and campus level
- Support federal immigration reform
- Build a diverse coalition of partners and stakeholders advocating alongside students

The Portal's Theory of Change identifies the key challenges addressed by the initiative, our guiding principles, the process to effect change, key stakeholders, and desired outcomes (see next page for Theory of Change).

The Portal's partners and contributors include leaders and experts in higher education and immigration fields, stakeholders representing campus leaders and impacted students, and national and local organizations.

#### **KEY DATA**

The Portal has proven to serve as an useful policy intervention tool, with higher education institutions and policymakers across the country relying on its analysis and resources, including:

- State scans of four key state policies for all 50 states and D.C.
  - Top 5 State Pages by Views:
    - Texas
    - Georgia
    - California
    - Virginia
    - North Carolina
- Data on undocumented, first and second-generation immigrant, international, and refugee students

#### **FEATURES**

- Number of Undocumented, International, and Immigrant-origin Students by State
- 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 for Undocumented Students
- Effective Practices for Colleges & Universities
- Student and Alumni Narratives

### THEORY OF CHANGE



The U.S. faces lower higher education enrollment due to slowing birth rates and shrinking college-age cohorts.



Fragmentation of stakeholders working at the intersection of immigration and higher education.



THE CHALLENGE

Decline in the global appeal of the U.S. as a destination for educational and professional advancement.



An outdated immigration system presents barriers for immigrants and needs to be updated.



Immigration laws present barriers for immigrants. Our immigration system needs to be updated.



#### THE SOLUTION

The HIGHER ED IMMIGRATION PORTAL is addressing gaps in awareness and building coalitions with relevant stakeholders to advance policy reform according to the following THEORY OF CHANGE:

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

#### **WE BELIEVE:**

**HIGHER EDUCATION IS A CRITICAL PATHWAY TO BUILDING** THE AMERICAN TALENT POOL.



Workforce

development linked to racial

and social equity.

IMMIGRATION IS INTERSECTIONAL.



NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL POLICY **ENVIRONMENTS ARE BEST WHEN** INCLUSIVE.



Collaborative state, local, and campus policies.





### THE PORTAL





Convenes partners and contributors that produce relevant resources, showcases their work, and sustains this network.

**CASE MAKING** THROUGH **EVIDENCE** 



Centralizes data, research, and storytelling on undocumented, international, refugee, and other immigrant students in one location.

COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH



Advances communication and engagement strategies to establish the Portal as a trusted source of information.

**POLICY CHANGE** 



Becomes one of the main policy intervention tools to advance immigration and higher ed reform.

#### **OUTCOMES**

**STATES AND CAMPUSES EXPAND ACCESS TO** HIGHER EDUCATION **REGARDLESS OF** A STUDENT'S

**IMMIGRATION STATUS.** 

**U.S. WELCOMES AND RETAINS** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

International Students Undocumented/ International Alumni Refugee and DACA Students ther Immigrant Students

HIGHER **EDUCATION IS A** RESETTLEMENT **PATHWAY FOR REFUGEE** STUDENTS.

**AWARENESS OF THE** POSITIVE IMPACT **OF IMMIGRANT AND** INTERNATIONAL **STUDENTS ON THE** ECONOMY AND SOCIETY.

#### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS**



Students | Colleges & Universities | Higher Ed Associations | Advocates | Multilateral Organizations U.S. Congress | Governor Offices | State Legislatures | Government Agencies | Public/Media | Philanthropy More than 16 National and State-level Portal Partners and Contributors

# SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE: RESPONSE CAMPAIGN

INCREASING REFUGEE
STUDENT ACCESS TO U.S.
HIGHER EDUCATION

#### **MEETING THE MOMENT**

In May 2021, the Presidents' Alliance, with partners, designed a college and university sponsorship program that would significantly increase refugee student entry into the U.S. to pursue higher education. The process brought together current and former refugee students, leaders of refugee resettlement, higher education institutions, philanthropic organizations, and experts in advocacy, international education, and student admissions to develop a robust policy framework and program model for university sponsorship of refugee students.

Forced displacement has reached historic levels. Among the displaced are hundreds of thousands of students dreaming about continuing their education, but while 39% of students are able to access higher education worldwide, only 5% of refugees ever enroll in higher education programs. As the global refugee crisis continues to grow, now is the moment for the U.S. to expand not only refugee admissions, but also to create a complementary education pathway through university sponsorship.

The report <u>University Sponsorship of Refugee</u>
Students: Initiative on Increasing U.S. Education
Pathways for Refugee Students, has been covered
by the <u>Chronicle of Higher Education</u>, <u>Inside Higher</u>
Ed, the <u>PIE News</u>, and other outlets.



#### **EXISTING PATHWAYS**

#### **PROPOSED NEW COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PATHWAY**

Existing pathways for refugee students are insufficient



The main type of student visa in the U.S. and current avenue for refugees to enter the U.S. as students.

#### F-1 VISA BARRIERS:

- Need to show financial support for length of program
- No a durable solution for protection sudent must show intention to return to their home country
- Limited access to permanent residences and work authorization



Refugees are admitted to the U.S. through existing refugee definitions, vulnerability based resettlement criteria and vetting.

Resettled refugees who arrive via these categories may seek to access higher education after they have arrived in

- P-1 (Priority 1): Individuals referred by the UNHCR, a U.S. embassy, or certain NGOs
- P-2 (Priority 2): Groups of special humanitarian parole
- P-3 (Priority 3): Family reunification cases

#### P1-P3 BARRIERS:

- Less than 1% of refugees worldwide are resettled
- · No immediate pathway to education focused on economic self-sufficiency via employment within 90 days of arrival

Refugee students would enter the U.S. through a UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Selection criteria would be based on academic qualifications and potential. To be eligible, students would need to meet the refugee definition.

#### **FEWER BARRIERS TO REFUGEE STUDENTS:**

- Durable solution students come in as refugees with a clear pathway to lawful permanent residence and citizenship
- · Educational access students can enroll as full time students and access higher education

The RESPONSE Campaign: College and University Sponsorship of Refugee Students

Learn more at www higheredimmigrationportal.org/response-campaign



If you're going to be a great institution of learning, you have to have an open and clear policy of tolerance, and of generosity. And to open your doors to refugees is... a moral imperative on the part of universities."

> Leon Botstein, **President of Bard College**

#### WHAT IS UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP?

<u>University or college sponsorship</u> of refugee students is an education pathway for refugee students to be admitted as a student into a U.S. higher education institution (HEI) and as a refugee into the U.S. with a path to permanent residence.

#### THE RESPONSE CAMPAIGN

The "RESPONSE" Campaign refers to "Refugee Sponsorship for Education," and is an effort to spread awareness and education about university sponsorship of refugee students. Our campaign responds to the challenge and engages colleges and universities to provide an education pathway for refugee students to study, resettle, and obtain legal permanent residence in the U.S. To learn more about how your institution can engage in the RESPONSE Campaign, check out this toolkit!

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNOUNCED ITS SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP AT OUR DECEMBER 2021 LAUNCH EVENT

Deputy Assistant Secretary Sarah Cross, State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), stated: "We strongly believe that a university-sponsorship program has great potential to expand refugee access to higher education in the U.S. and to meaningfully leverage the involvement of U.S. college and university communities in the welcome and integration of refugee students."



By not only giving refugees scholarships or finances, but also by making it easier for them to get documents, it will help refugees around the world. I am a strong believer in education because I know education not only opens doors for refugees, but gives them hope. It's no longer a time where refugees should be secluded from the rest of the world. It is time for all of us to take action.

-**Diing Manyang,** George Washington University, South Sudan and Kakuma refugee camp.



The proposed University sponsorship program is important. It will make it easier for refugees to achieve their dreams ...
The perspective refugee students bring to colleges, universities, and workplaces is unique. We bring our resilience, our positive outlook in life, and our thirst to learn and generally do better.

-Athiel Mading, Lehigh University, refugee from South Sudan

# 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 believe in the importance of the Alliance and in the promise of higher education leaders coming together to support undocumented, immigrant and international students.

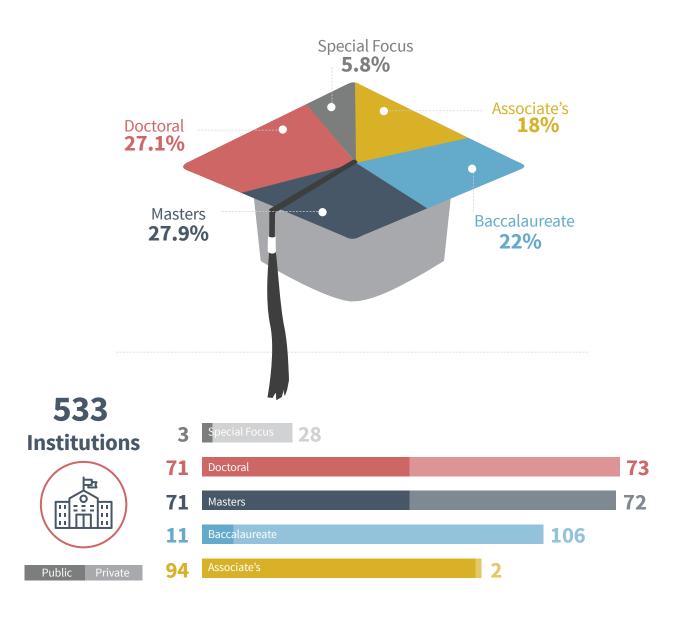
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# MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

# PRESIDENTS' ALLIANCE MEMBER INSTITUTIONS BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROL











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Brooklyn College

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**Broward College** 

**Brown University** 

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**Butler University** 



Cabrini University

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California Institute of the Arts

California Lutheran University

California Polytechnic State

Jniversity

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California State University

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Bakersfield

California State University,

Channel Islands

California State University, Chico

California State University,

Dominguez Hills

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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

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San Bernardino

California State University,

San Marcos

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**Calvin University** 

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Carleton College

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Centenary University

Central Arizona College

Central College, Houston Community

College System

Central Washington University

Chapman University

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Chatham University

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of Advanced Management)

City University of New York

Claremont Graduate University

Claremont McKenna College

Clark University

Cleveland State University

Clinton College

Clovis Community College

(California)

Clovis Community College

(New Mexico)

Coe College

Colby College

Colby-Sawyer College

**Colgate University** 

College of Mount Saint Vincent

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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

Colorado State University Pueblo

Colorado State University System

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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



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Dartmouth College

Davidson College

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Delaware State University

Denison University

DePaul University

DePauw University

Desert Research Institute

**Dewey University** 

Diablo Valley College

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Earlham College

Eastern Connecticut State University

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Eastern Oregon University

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Edmonds Community College

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El Paso Community College

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Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Erie County Community College
Essex County College
Everett Community College
Evergreen Valley College

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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

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Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goddard College
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Governors State University
Grambling State University
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Great Basin College
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Greenfield Community College
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Grinnell College
Guilford College

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Hartnell College
Hartwick College
Harvard
Haverford College
Hawai'i Community College
Heidelberg University
Hendrix College
Hillsborough Community College
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Holyoke Community College
Houghton College
Howard Community College

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Illinois Institute of Technology Imperial Valley College Ithaca College



Jackson College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Joliet Junior College
Juniata College

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Kalamazoo College Kenyon College Keuka College Kirkwood Community College Knox College

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Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Langston University
Lawrence University
Lebanon Valley College
Lees-McRae College
Lehigh University

Lenoir-Rhyne University
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
Life Pacific College
Linfield College
Loma Linda University
Los Angeles Mission College
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Macalester College Marietta College Marguette University Marshall University Maryland Institute College of Art Maryville College Community College Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Massachusetts Institute of Menlo College Metropolitan State University of Denver Miami Dade College Michigan State University Middlebury College Middlesex Community College Mills College & Technical College Minnesota State University

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Palm Beach State College
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Passaic County Community College
Paul Quinn College
Pima Community College
Pitzer College
Pomona College
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Portland State University
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Sonoma State University
South Carolina State University
South Central College

South Central College
South Texas College
Southeastern University
Southern Connecticut
State University

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Southwest Minnesota State University

Southwestern University

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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

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In 2021, the Presidents' Alliance launched an Affiliate Partners program for organizations that are aligned with our mission and interested in the benefits of a more formal connection with the Presidents' Alliance.

College Track
EnglishUSA
IES Abroad
Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Jesuit Refugee Services, USA
Refugee & Migrant Education Network
TheDream.US
World Education Services (WES)

# ADVISORY GROUPS

#### FEDERAL POLICY ADVISORY TABLE

The Federal Policy Advisory Table, composed primarily of federal relations officers of member institutions, provides early input, feedback, guidance, and advice on the 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, refugee, 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.

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### **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! If you would like more information about how to join as either a <u>member institution</u> or an <u>affiliate</u> <u>partner</u>, please contact <u>info@presidentsalliance.org</u>.

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.

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



The U.S. advances when we remain true to our heritage as a land of opportunity for those who dream of a better life for themselves and their children."

**Louis Caldera,** Co-Chair, Steering Committee Senior Advisor, Presidents' Alliance

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