

Supporting and Advocating for Undocumented, International and Refugee Students in Higher Education

The Opportunity

Our economy and society advance when we remain true to our aspirations to be a land of opportunity for those who dream of a better life. Yet, today's undocumented, refugee, and international students face daunting obstacles in pursuing higher education in the U.S., launching careers, and building stable lives. This is an enormous loss for all involved — students and their families, colleges and universities — and for our nation's future prosperity, economy and society.

Who We Are

The Presidents' Alliance is a nonpartisan, nonprofit education and advocacy organization. As the only national organization exclusively focused on the intersection of higher education and immigration, we engage higher education leaders to support forward-looking immigration policies and practices.

What We're Working Toward

Our Alliance seeks to expand efforts to increase access and equity for immigrant and refugee students and attract and retain international students.

NEAR TERM PRIORITIES

- Develop a national strategy to recruit and retain international students from around the globe
- Advocate for a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and other Dreamers
- Increase refugee student access to higher education in the U.S.
- Expand higher education accessibility and affordability and workplace eligibility to undocumented and other immigrant students
- Strengthen the capacity of colleges and universities to improve campus services, policies, and practices

IMPACT

- Meet critical workforce and labor market needs in our communities and states
- Nurture talent and innovation
- Increase equity and diversity at higher education institutions
- Address the global demand for high quality education

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Bringing together diverse colleges and universities in collective action on immigration policy is essential for the health of American higher education and for our democracy.

NANCY CANTOR, CHANCELLOR,
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEWARK

550+

presidents and
chancellors

43

states, D.C., and
Puerto Rico

5M+

students enrolled in our
member institutions



This is an urgent time for us to support our students. The Presidents' Alliance plays an important role convening institutions who are dedicated to this work and advocating for important issues.

JOHN J. DEGIOIA, PRESIDENT, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

How We Do It

EDUCATE

Evidence based resources to support change. Technical assistance for campuses.

COLLABORATE

Enlarge the community of support for immigration reform. Partnerships with immigration, education, business, faith-based and non-profit organizations.

ACTIVATE

Opportunities for members and partners to take collective action and implement effective practices

ADVOCATE

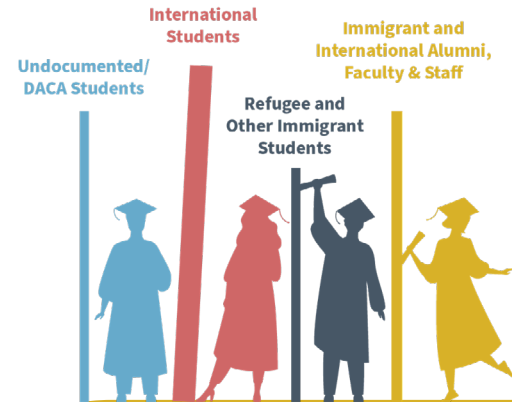
Legislative and administrative advocacy that champions forward-looking immigration policies and practices.

Our Track Record

Founded in 2017 by a small group of college and university leaders, our track record of accomplishments shows that our model works:

- Mobilized hundreds of campuses to robustly defend DACA and advocate for Dream legislation
- Successfully defended Optional Practical Training (OPT) for international students
- Brought together college and university leaders to join our amicus briefs, utilize our letter templates, and participate in our briefings and webinars
- Led the first of its kind national convening of students, practitioners, campus leaders, advocates, and experts to support undocumented students' college and career equity
- Launched the RESPONSE Campaign for university sponsorship of refugee students with 60+ partner organizations to increase refugee student access to U.S. higher education

PRIORITY POPULATIONS



I count on the Presidents' Alliance to bring opportunities and issues to our attention as we work to serve and support our students and fulfill our mission.

DENECE G. HUFTALIN, PRESIDENT,
SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

HIGHER ED IMMIGRATION PORTAL

The Higher Ed Immigration Portal provides higher education stakeholders with information and tools to inform immigration policies that expand access to higher education, degree completion, and post-graduate career success.

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



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