Student Story now online!

This semester, we hope to begin sharing student stories (anonymous unless otherwise preferred) on the CDI website under “Undocumented Student Resources.”

Our second story is that of Luisa Castañeda-Cano. Luisa is a Colombian immigrant who came to the United States at age 3. Currently a junior, she is a member of Chimes Junior Honorary, Alpha Psi Lambda, and the Association of Latin American Students. Luisa researches the intersection of Chicana feminism, reproductive health, and immigration law.

*If you are interested in potentially sharing your story, please email me at amartinezjr@wustl.edu. We can talk about it in person or via email before taking any major steps to ensure comfortability and safety.*

Student Support Group

We are interested in starting a support group for undocumented and DACA students and allies. Students will have the opportunity to gain skills and resources to be successful in and out of the university setting while creating relationships with their peers. Info about meeting times/locations will be private.

If you’re interested in joining, please email Julia at julia.macias@wustl.edu or Alejandro at amartinezjr@wustl.edu.

Media Spotlight: Notifica

United We Dream is proud to officially announce the launch of Notifica, a mobile application designed to assist immigrant families who come in contact with immigration agents.

Notifica will serve as a key tool to assist immigrant families under the increasing threat of criminalization and deportation as the Trump administration pushes further to carry out a mass detention and deportation agenda.

With the push of a button, Notifica connects users with their relatives, lawyers and support networks in a fast and secure manner. Notifica is the next step for our communities to continue organizing and protecting each other. We have to prepare, defend, and fight back!

Text “Notifica” to 877877 to get a download link!

Rescheduled Speaker Event: Diane Guerrero

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Diane Guerrero’s talk for Trending Topics has been rescheduled. Don’t miss out!

Diane Guerrero is an American actress. She is known for her roles as Maritza Ramos on ‘Orange Is the New Black’ and Lina on ‘Jane the Virgin’.

Diane was born to immigrant Colombian parents and raised in Boston. As the only member of her immediate family with United States citizenship, she remained in the U.S. when her parents and older brother were deported back to Colombia when she was 14 after unsuccessfully pursuing legal citizenship. Diane has since become a strong advocate for immigration reform.

This event is rescheduled for **Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm in Graham Chapel**.

Following her presentation, there will be a book signing in the Orchid Room of the Danforth University Center.

Something I learned today: Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine has 32 DACA recipients who are studying to become physicians. It's about 40% (they say) of all DACA recipient med students in the country.