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Serving Undocumented & DACA-mented Students at UNM

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Who [Not What] Are Undocumented students?

- Illegals Aliens Vs. Undocumented
- High school graduates ...not criminals
 - Estimated 65,000 Students a year (MALDEF, 2012).
- Regular citizens trying to get an education
- Some didn't have a choice to be undocumented
- They are part of the campus community...whether you know it or not.
- Federally guaranteed an American K-12 education but not higher education(Plyler v. Doe, 1982).

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

What DACA IS and ISN'T

- IS a 2 year deferral of deportation
- IS a mean for applying for a work permit
- IS a way for recipients to request to leave the US for educational, employment, or humanitarian purposes
- IS NOT a lawful immigration status
- IS NOT a pathway to legal permanent residency or citizenship
- IS NOT a right to apply for federal financial aid
- IS NOT the DREAM ACT

Senate Bill 582 (2005) & UNM

Allows students in-state tuition & state funding regardless of their documentation status if:

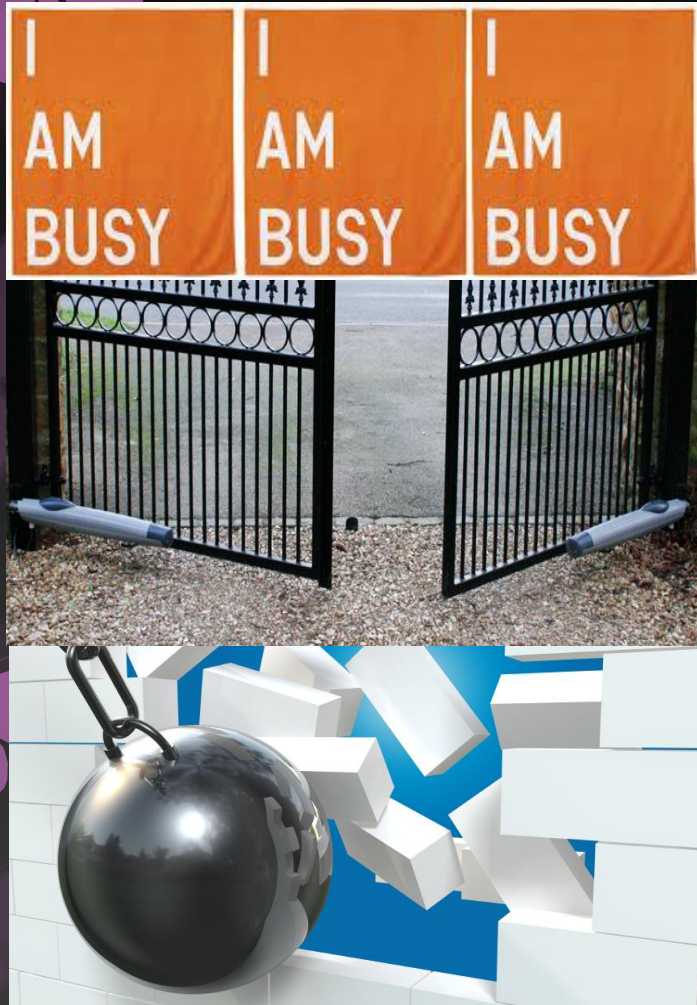
- 1.) Attended at least one year of secondary education in New Mexico and
- 2.) Graduated from a New Mexico high school or received their (GED) certificate in New Mexico

UNM does not discriminate in the admissions process based on immigration status.

Students have to fill a paper application for admittance to UNM and not provide a social security number

UNM accepts paper FAFSA to provide institutional funding

Gatekeepers & Undocumented Students



Bad Gatekeepers – Have information and keep others out or doesn't want to gain the information.

Good Gatekeepers – Have information and helps out on an individual level follows the rules.

Allies – Has information and shares it openly as well as advocating for policy changes within and outside institutions.

NO HUMAN BEING IS "ILLEGAL"

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Our Goal at El Centro

- Be allies
- Educate others about DACA/undocumented student rights
 - Drop the I word
https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL4ruTyc9FH0XIiw7XW1kF424I4wRPGRo8&time_continue=69&v=K4KObY2tqe4
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6GcPft7mqU&list=PL4ruTyc9FH0XIiw7XW1kF424I4wRPGRo8>
- Provide access to all student regardless of documentation status

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