



# Partner College Resource Guide

*Fall 2021*

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## SCHOLAR PROGRAMMING BY THEDREAM.US

### **Virtual Scholar Hours:**

The purpose of the Virtual Open Office Hours is to help answer questions Scholars may have regarding their scholarship, college, career plans, etc.

- Thursday, September 16, 2021 - 1PM PT/3PM CT/ 4PM ET
- [Thursday, October 14, 2021 \(Parent Edition\) - 1PM PT/3PM CT/ 4PM ET](#)
- [Thursday, November 11, 2021 - 1PM PT/3PM CT/ 4PM ET](#)

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### **Immigration Q&A with Attorney Dan Berger:**

Dan Berger is a partner at the immigration law firm of Curran, Berger & Kludt in Northampton, MA. Dan has a particular focus on DACA and undocumented students, providing advice and evaluating options for longer-term status. He has done sessions for Scholars answering their questions regarding DACA, Advance Parole, and more!

- [Thursday, September 30, 2021, 5 pm PT/7 pm CT/8 pm ET](#)
- [Thursday, October 28, 2021, 5 pm PT/7 pm CT/8 pm ET](#)

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### **Advance Parole Info Session**

Session to inform Scholars about their options to travel abroad with Advance Parole.

- Thursday, September 23, 2021 - 3 pm PT/5 pm CT/6 pm ET

([Link](#) to recording on TheDream.US YouTube Channel)

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### **Teach for America Info Session:**

- [Thursday, November 4, 2021, 4 pm PT/6 pm CT/7pm ET](#)

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## THEDREAM.US SCHOLAR RESOURCES

### **PROGRAM GUIDE(S)**

The program guide helps Scholars understand how to receive and manage their scholarship award. Please note, this guide is subject to change. Check the Scholar Hub in TheDream.US website for the most recent version.

- [National Scholarship Program Guide](#)
- [Opportunity Scholarship Program Guide](#)

## ISTS SCHOLAR PORTAL

Link: <https://dream.applyists.net>

Use your Portal to:

- Update Scholar email address and cell phone number
- See Scholar status and application ID
- See Maximum Award
- Track total amount used so far and the amount remaining
- See date and amount of last payments
- Access the Exception Request Form
- Get help with the acceptance or renewal form
- Etc.

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Wellness Advocate, Elizabeth Hernandez, is available to Scholars for FREE. Dr. Hernandez is available via text, call or video call.

Call or Text: (818) 939-3071

Mon, Weds, & Thurs:  
8pm to 11pm EST, 7pm to 10pm CST,  
5pm to 8pm PST

Friday and Sunday:  
12pm to 3pm EST, 11am to 2pm CST,  
9am to 12pm PST

I was born and raised in Los Angeles to Mexican immigrant parents and come from three generations of migrant farmworkers. As a first-generation college student, I am the first in my large extended family to receive a doctoral degree. I am a psychologist serving undocumented students.

Despite the odds that come with immigration and working-class status, my eldest cousins graduated from UCLA, and my aunt received a Master's Degree, becoming my very first mentors. I could not imagine reaching my educational and career aspirations without them.

I hope that you, too, will seek support throughout your educational journey and consider me as a resource.

I can help:

- If you feel depressed, anxious, worried, overwhelmed, hopeless;
- If you need a referral to a mental health provider;
- If you want to create a self-care plan;
- If you are struggling with any other mental health issues.

## MODERN STATES

[Modern States](#) offers over 30 tuition-free online courses which prepare students for the College Board (CLEP) exams. If you pass the exam, you may get credits at your college in place of paying for the same class on campus.

In addition, as TheDream.US Scholar you can get paid up to \$150 per eligible Modern States course you take and the CLEP exam you pass! That's right – Modern States will offer you a free class and pay you to take it! *This cash incentive is only for TheDream.US Scholars. [Click for more info.](#)*

## EMERGENCY FUNDS

### DACA RENEWAL FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CURRENT SCHOLARS

TheDream.US has partnered with Mission Asset Fund (MAF) to provide Scholars with DACA renewal fee assistance. This [presentation recording](#) tells you how you can receive the \$495 fee to renew your DACA.

Scholars in need of this assistance can go [here for instructions to apply](#). Questions can be directed to Gaby Pacheco, [gaby.pacheco@thedream.us](mailto:gaby.pacheco@thedream.us).

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## CAREER SUCCESS

### PARKER DEWEY

Parker Dewey connects Scholars to employers who offer paid Micro-Internships – small work projects where Scholars and Graduates can demonstrate skills, explore career paths, develop a professional network and build your resume. Unlike a traditional internship, these projects typically range from 5 to 40 hours of work, and many can be completed remotely/virtually. As an example, the average salary for a 20-hr project is around \$360.

Scholars may use their work authorization or a [valid ITIN](#) to be paid by Parker Dewey as an Independent contractor. To learn more and apply to projects, visit [TheDream.US-Parker Dewey page](#) and create a profile. For tips on how to apply and have successful micro-internships [go here](#).

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### YOUSCIENCE

YouScience takes Scholars through a series of fun brain games to identify aptitudes (abilities most important to career success). Results include a review of natural strengths and interests with personalized matches to majors and careers (with information like salary, education required, job prospects, etc.).

[Register here](#). Once registered, Scholars will receive an email from YouScience to activate their account and begin playing the games. Check spam/junk folder. Once you complete the games you will get your results.

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### TFA

[Teach for America](#) recruits outstanding and diverse leaders to careers of service. TheDream.US and TFA work together to promote TFA career opportunities to Scholars with DACA, including their:

- [IGNITE Fellowship](#): Semester long, part-time, paid, remote internships where Fellows lead learning experiences for K-12 students.
- [TFA Corp members](#): Full-time teaching positions in low-income communities. Corp members are employed by school districts as teachers and professionally supported by TFA.

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### Breakthrough Collaborative

[Breakthrough Collaborative](#) provides a teaching fellowship residency that offers relevant, real-world training to a diverse group of college undergraduates, inspiring many to develop an interest in education careers.

BTC is looking for a diverse group of teaching fellows from all academic majors, backgrounds, and with all professional interests to teach in their summer programs. Fellowships have stipends and DACA or TPS is not required. [Learn more and apply](#).

## THEDREAM.US GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

1. Dreamer Loan Program: Loan for graduate school (open to TheDream.US Alumni only), contact Gaby Pacheco ([gaby.pacheco@thedream.us](mailto:gaby.pacheco@thedream.us)) for details.
2. [Graduate School Mini-Conference Resource List Created by: TheDream.US & Carolina Valdivia.](#)
3. **GRE Discount Code** - The GRE is providing a 50% discount for the total cost of general and subject tests to TheDream.US Scholars and Alumni only, [request here](#).
4. **KAPLAN PREP COURSES**  
[Kaplan Test Prep](#) is providing our Scholars FREE prep courses for admissions tests for law school (LSAT), medical school (MCAT), business school (GMAT) and graduate school (GRE). To enroll, please fill out this [Enrollment Form](#).

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## PARTNER COLLEGE RESOURCES

- PC Weekly - A weekly newsletter sent to PC staff with any actions required, Scholar Programming, In Case You Missed It, and FYI Emails Sent to Scholars. You can find all PC Weeklys sent [here](#).
- [PC Facebook Page](#) - All members of this community are Partner College staff committed to helping undocumented students graduate from college and move on to successful careers. This is a private and safe space to share ideas, effective practices, resources, ask questions and get help from your professional peers
- [Partner College Hub](#) - Partner Colleges go-to for:
  - Latest News
  - Partnership Toolkit
  - Promotion Toolkit
  - Effective Practices Toolkit

If you are not receiving the Weekly please contact Sadhana, [Sadhana.Singh@thedream.us](mailto:Sadhana.Singh@thedream.us).

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