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Undocumented Student Success Center & the Office of Graduate Studies

**#DreamingofGradSchool2019**  
**#CSUSBDreamers**



*"No DREAMer does it without help - Unknown"*

**"For DREAMers, going to school is an act of disobedience itself!"**  
**- Rev. James Lawson**



 CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO

# 3rd Annual Dreaming of Grad School Conference

California State University, San Bernardino

College of Education

Saturday, January 12th, 2019

8am - 2pm

RSVP by January 6th, 2019

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"A ONE DAY CONFERENCE INTENDED TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR  
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND UNDOCU-ALLIES WHO WISH TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL"

For more information or disability accommodations, please contact the USSC at (909) 597 - 5937 or via email at [dreamers@csusb.edu](mailto:dreamers@csusb.edu).

Dear Attendee,

The DREAMers-Grad Planning Committee welcomes you to the Third Annual Dreaming of Grad School Conference at California State University, San Bernardino.

This annual conference is an addition to the efforts of those organizations that have dedicated their time to provide resources for undocumented students pursuing higher education. Nonetheless, this conference has been formed in a way to help undocumented students in the Inland Empire and surrounding areas.

This year, the conference will continue to feature presentations from notable educators at California State University, San Bernardino, as well as prominent students and distinguished community members. Our goal is to ease your experience as you enter graduate school and the professional world.

Welcome to our beautiful campus and hope you enjoy your day!

Sincerely,

DREAMers-Grad Planning Committee

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**KARINA V. AGUSTUS**

Karina V. Augustus graduated with a Masters of Science in Higher Education at California State University, Fullerton. She has experience working with underrepresented students, division wide assessment and leadership programming. Her passion is working with underrepresented students and her mission is to continue advocating for equitable resources to meet the needs of our diverse student populations. She graduated this Spring 2018 and is eager to continue growing and learning as a student affairs professional. Karina also served as the Graduate Student Intern for the Undocumented Student Success Center at CSUSB.



**MAYRA BARRAGAN-O'BRIEN**

Mayra Barragan-O'Brien is a self-identified undocumented woman. She is a transfer student from Mt. San Antonio College and received her B.A. degree in Psychology from California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). In fall 2018, Mayra was one of the 12 candidates accepted to the Clinical/ Counseling Psychology M.S. program at CSUSB. Mayra has also been selected to be part of a research team and will be conducting research throughout her program. As an undocumented individual, Mayra's goal is to work with and empower the undocumented and Latinx community.



**LAURA RAMIREZ**

Laura Ramirez was born in a small town in Oaxaca, Mexico and was raised in Mexico City. At the age of seven, her mom, brother, and her immigrated to the Coachella Valley, California to pursue the "American Dream." Laura's parents define the "American Dream" as providing their family with higher education and being able to support her brother and her economically. Laura was raised with the idea that she needed to attend university and become a professional one day. Laura's parents did not know the process or how to guide her to get there, but they expected her to figure it out and to learn the strategies to achieve it. Her parents' high expectations resulted in Laura becoming a college student. She graduated from CSUSB with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a minor in Spanish in 2017. During her last few months as an undergraduate student, Laura realized that she wanted to go into the education field. Laura applied to the Teaching Credential program and Master in Education in Teaching English as a Second Language. She is pursuing becoming a high school Spanish and English Development teacher. Her educational philosophy is to have students explore different cultures through the Hispanic/ Latin cultures. As well as to guide and support students in their process of learning English. Laura's scheduled date to receive her teaching credential is in June 2019 and her Master's Degree in June 2020.



## STUDENT PANEL

1:10pm—1:50pm



**ERIKA RAMOS**

Erika Ramos, is a DACA recipient and a current graduate student of Educational Counseling at the University of La Verne. She attended Moreno Valley Community College and then transferred to Cal State San Bernardino where she graduated with a Bachelors degree in Psychology in the year 2015. She currently works at the University of La Verne as a Research Assistant and for the Moreno Valley school district. Erika wishes to get her Masters degree in 2020 and be able to continue helping the underrepresented students. As a dreamer, she has lived through the struggles as an immigrant to make her wishes come true, therefore, she hopes to be able to help others follow their dreams in their educational journey.



**BEVERLY ABADINES**

Beverly Abadines graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelors of Science in computer engineering with a concentration in high performance embedded systems and a minor in applied physics from CSU San Bernardino (CSUSB). As an undergraduate, she lead as treasurer for the Computer Science and Engineering Club, attended the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (2016), and conducted research for the Center of Advanced Functional Materials and Office of Student Research.

She is currently a PhD student at UC Irvine and is focusing on improving fault tolerance with parallel systems, and classical and quantum computer architectures. She endeavors to establish a relationship between data flow execution models, machine learning, and quantum computing. She is excited about her research and plans to gain industry and R&D experience before reaching her long term goal of being a professor. She hopes to teach for a university similar to CSUSB because at CSUSB she flourished in an environment that welcomed diversity and understood the importance of leveraging under-represented groups.

## ABOUT US...

### UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

The Undocumented Student Success Center (USSC) opened its doors on November 5th, 2015, becoming the 4th in the CSU system to establish such a center. The USSC was established with the objective to serve the undocumented student population on the CSUSB campus. The center serves as a common space for students and allies to connect with each other about issues regarding immigration, AB 540, employment opportunities, and much more. The center was created as a centered location where resources and assistance can be easily accessible to the undocumented community. The center has also hosted multiple informational workshops related to our undocumented students for our on and off campus community. Our mission is to empower prospective and current students as well as their families to navigate the college process and their academic aspirations by providing a safe space, mentorship and support through educational workshops, engagement opportunities and community service.

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<https://www.csusb.edu/undocumented-student-success-center>

### THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Office of Graduate Studies currently serves more than 1,800 graduate students and is the university's first point of contact for information on graduate programs, providing services that span the entire graduate student experience, from the initial application to graduation. Services include evaluating and processing graduate and post baccalaureate applications, assisting applicants, new student recruitment, assisting students and faculty with university policies and procedures, organizing opportunities for financial support, reviewing and publishing theses projects and dissertations, and organizing graduate student workshops and events.

As of 2013, the Office of Student Research (OSR) joined Graduate Studies and is now housed in the same office. The OSR provides students with a wide range of opportunities for involvement in research and creative activities, as well as a university-wide research symposium and research journal. Graduate Studies and OSR are located in Chaparral Hall, room 123. Call us at (909) 537-5058 or visit our websites for more information:

[Gradstudies.csusb.edu](http://Gradstudies.csusb.edu) , [osr.csusb.edu](http://osr.csusb.edu).

**"The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts and the stupid ones are full of confidence." - Charles Bukowski**

**"They call us DREAMers, but we're the ones who don't sleep."  
-Unknown**

# AGENDA

7:30 am - 8:00am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00am– 8:30am	Welcome Remarks Olivia Rosas, AVP Student Success and Educational Equity Harry Le Grande, VP Student Affairs Dr. Tomás D. Morales, CSUSB President
8:30am – 9:00am	Keynote Speaker
9:00am - 9:10am	Transition to Session One
9:10am - 10:00am	Session One
10:00am - 10:10am	Transition to Session Two
10:10am - 11:00am	Session Two
11:00am - 12:00pm	Lunch and Resource Fair
12:00pm - 12:10pm	Transition to Session Three
12:10pm - 1:00pm	Session Three
1:00pm - 1:10pm	Transition to Student Panel
1:10pm - 1:50pm	Student Panel
1:50pm - 2:00pm	Closing Remarks

## Know Your Rights Room 108

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Lorena Rosas Garcia Academic Coordinator, USSC <a href="mailto:Lorena.RosasGarcia@csusb.edu">Lorena.RosasGarcia@csusb.edu</a>	During this workshop you will learn your rights when encountering ICE, CBP, and the Police. This workshop will also cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the 100-mile Border Zone.</li> <li>Medical and Legalized Marijuana</li> <li>Public Charges</li> </ul>

## Out of the Shadows, Into the Work Field Room 104

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Rubi Becerril Gonzalez Outreach Specialist, College of the Desert & Community Impact/ Alignment Project Coordinator, One-Future Coachella Valley <a href="mailto:rbecerrilgonzalez@collegeofthedesert.edu">rbecerrilgonzalez@collegeofthedesert.edu</a>	During this workshop you will learn what is most wanted by employers in today's society and how to locate job opportunities in your field of interest. We will also provide an open dialogue about how your immigration status may be discussed with your employer and colleagues.

**TRANSITION TO STUDENT PANEL**  
**1:00pm—1:10pm**

## Session 3

### 12:10pm - 1:00pm

#### Success Without DACA Room 101

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Maritza Gomez Founder, MG Custom Printing <a href="mailto:gomezmaritzar@gmail.com">gomezmaritzar@gmail.com</a>	Get information on how it is possible to have a career and/or how to be your own boss even if you don't have DACA.

#### Community Organizing Room 103

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Luis Suarez Policy and Campaigns Coordinator Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice <a href="mailto:lsuarez@ic4ij.org">lsuarez@ic4ij.org</a>	During this presentation, the presenter, will discuss what organizing in the community means and how your degree can help create change. Many undocumented students fear that they will be unable to get a job after they finish their degree; however, their degrees can often times be beneficial to create and implement new policies. It is important that undocumented individuals use the power of education and organizing to create positive change in their communities.

## Keynote Speaker: Fatima Cristerna-Adame

### CE - 105

### 8:30am - 9:00am



Fatima Cristerna-Adame, originally from Zacatecas, Mexico was brought to the US at age 7 and has called San Bernardino home since. She has been working with Inland Empire youth for over 20 years in various capacities.

A proud graduate of San Bernardino Valley College and California State University, San Bernardino where she holds a BA in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Communication Studies with an emphasis in Political Communications. Degrees she received as an undocumented student.

Currently she is the Southern California Managing Regional Director for the California Charter Schools Association where she helps over 225 charter schools and over 14,000 students between five counties.

# Session 1

## 9:10am - 10:00am

### How to Pay Room 105

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Gloria Itzel Montiel Grant Writer, AltaMed Health Services; Adjunct, Claremont Graduate University, and; Partner, A-Z Techs LLC. <a href="mailto:gmontiel@post.harvard.edu">gmontiel@post.harvard.edu</a>	This session will provide an overview of the multiple grants, fellowships, and loans that undocumented students may apply to in order to fund their graduate education. Fundraising ideas along with other means of paying for grad school will also be shared.

### Considering a Health Care Profession as an Undocumented Person Room 101

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Veronica Velasquez , Doctor of Physical Therapy Student Western University of Health Sciences <a href="mailto:veronica.velasquez@westernu.edu">veronica.velasquez@westernu.edu</a>	Undocumented students interested in health care professions continuously struggle to find institutions that are undocu-friendly. This workshop will introduce the policies (i.e. SB1159) which affect undocumented students in the medical field, the process of applying, and the unique qualities that undocumented students bring to the health care professions.

### Intro to Grad School Room 103

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Iveth Diaz EOP Admissions Counselor, CSUSB <a href="mailto:Iveth.Diaz@csusb.edu">Iveth.Diaz@csusb.edu</a>	This workshop will talk about the benefits of grad school, such as: higher income, competitive in today's economy, pursue career, and more. Also, we will discuss what grad school means for the undocumented community (defeating the odds, pursuing the American dream & paving the way for others). We will also cover how to prepare and how to talk with our parents about the idea of going back and/or continuing school.
Erika Ramos Counseling Graduate Student University of La Verne	

Notes:

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"I want to live in a city where immigration is seen as a new source of strength." - Martin Firrell

"My existence is my resistance" - Jennicet Gutierrez

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Ally Conversations  
Room 104

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Fernando Villalpando EOP Counselor , CSUSB <a href="mailto:Fernando.Villalpando@csusb.edu">Fernando.Villalpando@csusb.edu</a>	A conversation to learn about the best practices for educators and allies to serve undocumented individuals pursuing higher education.
Stephanie Ochoa-Lopez EOP Counselor, CSUSB <a href="mailto:Stephanie.OchoaLopez@csusb.edu">Stephanie.OchoaLopez@csusb.edu</a>	

Considering the PhDREAM in the U.S. and abroad  
Room 107

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Dr. Paloma Villegas Assistant Professor of Sociology, CSUSB <a href="mailto:Paloma.Villegas@csusb.edu">Paloma.Villegas@csusb.edu</a>	This workshop will explore the process of applying to PhD programs and provide a personal example of someone who completed her PhD abroad.

TRANSITION TO SESSION 2:  
10:00am - 10:10am

## Session 2

### 10:10am - 11:00am

#### How to Pay Room 105

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Gloria Itzel Montiel Grant Writer, AltaMed Health Services; Adjunct, Claremont Graduate University, and; Partner, A-Z Techs LLC. <a href="mailto:gmontiel@post.harvard.edu">gmontiel@post.harvard.edu</a>	This session will provide an overview of the multiple grants, fellowships, and loans that undocumented students may apply to in order to fund their graduate education. Fundraising ideas along with other means of paying for grad school will also be shared.

#### Research Opportunities Room 109

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Danielle White Administrative Support Coordinator, CSUSB Office of Student Research <a href="mailto:dnwhite@csusb.edu">dnwhite@csusb.edu</a>	This workshop will overview the multiple programs that are offered through the Office of Student Research and will explain how research is conducted.

#### How to Survive Grad School Room 107

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Dennis McLin Resource Family Approval Social Worker, Los Angeles County <a href="mailto:Mclind@dcfs.lacounty.gov">Mclind@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>	This workshop will outline skills and resources that are needed in order to have a successful graduate experience. Attendees will cultivate self-care skills that will guide and empower them to survive this journey.
Evelyn Real Program Manager for International Students and Scholars, Harvey Mudd College <a href="mailto:Ereal@hmc.edu">Ereal@hmc.edu</a>	

#### Resume/Cover Letter Room 108

Presenter(s):	About Workshop:
Crystal Wilson Career Counselor, CSUSB Career Center <a href="mailto:Crystal.wilson@csusb.edu">Crystal.wilson@csusb.edu</a>	Learn to build a Resume and Cover Letter that will lead you to finding a career after graduation. This workshop would help with skills to customize and organize your resume and cover letters. Tools to prepare for an interview and how to ask for letters of recommendations will be discussed and put to the test of your knowledge.
Derick Prince Peer Career Educator <a href="mailto:Prind302@coyote.csusb.edu">Prind302@coyote.csusb.edu</a>	

**LUNCH & RESOURCE FAIR: 11:00AM—12:00PM**

**TRANSITION TO SESSION 3:  
12:00pm—12:10pm**