

Dream Center

Impact Insights

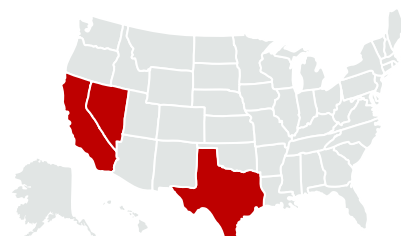


The Dream Center leads innovative policy and practice initiatives that advance graduation and post-college success of students impacted by immigration at the state, regional and national levels. The center is a key consultant to the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), Utah Board of Education and postsecondary institutions across the country. The center advances the University of Utah's mission of student success and unsurpassed societal impact by focusing on policy advising, exploration of practice, accessible services, programs and resources.

National Footprint

- Consulted with Immigrants Rising to elevate the experiences of undocumented students
- The Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration member
- Keeping the Dream Alive Conference planning committee member

Conference Presentation Locations



Nevada State College, NV
San Antonio College, CA
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), CA
Rice University, TX

Regional & Local Footprint

75

High School Counselors

20

UT Higher Ed. Staff & Faculty

10

Fellowships Awarded*

5

Campus Fellowships

The center developed several internship and fellowships for TheDream.US Scholarship recipients.

**In AY23*

Strategic Fundraising

(July 2021 - March 2024)

\$104,137

Philanthropic Dollars

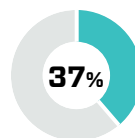
Partnership with
The Dream.US

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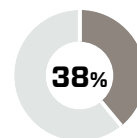
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Student Engagement Snapshot

Fall 2023, (N=79)



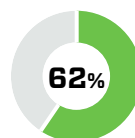
Male



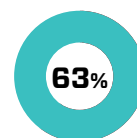
International Students



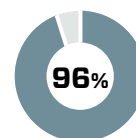
Hispanic or Latine(x)



Historically Marginalized



Female



Undergrads (4% Graduate)

Academic Metrics

Undergraduate students who engaged with the Dream Center during Fall 2023 have a slightly lower average GPA (.19 points GPA difference) when compared to the U of U students entering Fall 2023 GPA (2.52). Regardless of the Dream Center students' slightly lower GPA than their U of U peers who do not engage with the center, the Dream Center provides the support students need to maintain a healthy GPA and the resources needed for students to navigate the U of U's environment.

Incoming GPA

Fall 2023 Undergraduates

3.66 vs 3.64

Students who engaged with the center have an average high school GPA .02 points higher than their peers who did not.

Three Key Initiatives

Life After College

Life After College increases students' post-graduation knowledge with an emphasis on undocumented and immigrant students. The program consists of three cohorts that focus on income generating opportunities, graduate school, and general exploration. Sessions are hosted in collaboration with various campus and community partners.

As a result of participating in the program, students reported an increase of awareness in the following areas:

Resume & CV Development	+80%
Personal Development Opportunities	+80%
Graduate School Resources	+60%
Professional Development Opportunities	+29%
Income Generating Opportunities	+20%

Visionary Scholars Program

The Visionary Scholars Program increases undergraduate undocumented students' belonging at the University of Utah by connecting students with resources, services and support available to them both on and off campus despite immigration status. By the end of the program, students will have learned how to utilize their status to be successful at the university and beyond.

ASPIRE Fellowship

The ASPIRE Fellowship provides pathways for professional development and experiential learning opportunities, fellows are appointed to an experiential learning opportunity at the Dream Center or another office on campus vetted by the Dream Center.



The Life After College program was a life-changing experience. As a first-generation, undocumented college student, I had no idea what life would be like after graduation. This program taught me a lot about the different paths I could take, such as graduate school, independent contracting, and entrepreneurship. I also learned about the obstacles I might face as an undocumented student and how to overcome them. The program gave me confidence and preparedness for whatever comes next, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have taken part.

Initiative Participants

Spring 2023 - Spring 2024

31

Life After College

16

Visionary Scholars

7

ASPIRE Fellowship*

*Since Fall 2023