

SYMBOLISM



Why the butterfly?

WVC DREAMers Task Force adopted the image of the butterfly because it is widely viewed as a positive symbol of personal transformation, freedom from previous struggles, renewal, and hope. Like butterflies, undocumented students want to break free and soar.

Lastly, the circle with "WVC Dreamers," is a reminder of the welcoming and safe place that is available to all students at WVC.

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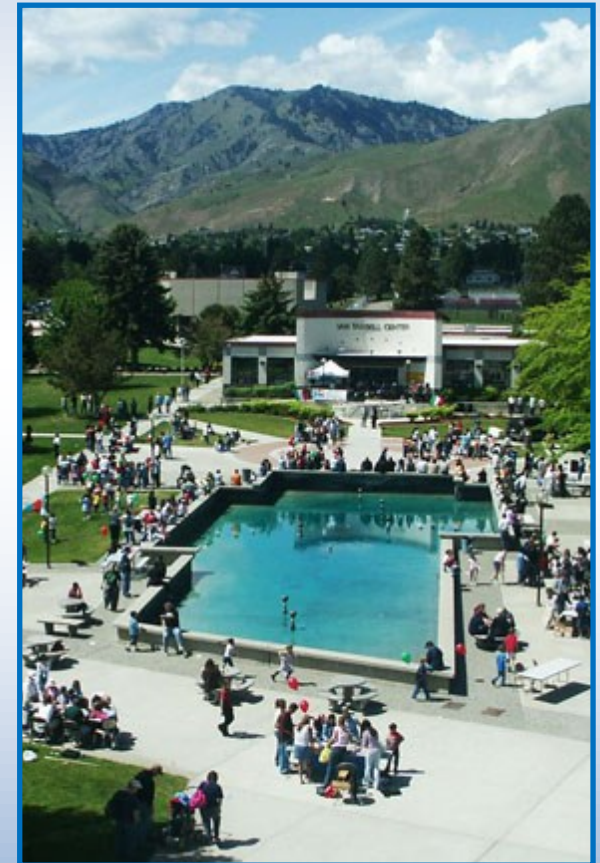
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DREAMers Task Force



**Helping ALL students reach
their full potential at WVC**

PURPOSE STATEMENT

To identify barriers within Wenatchee Valley College that hinder student recruitment, retention, and success as a result of DACA/ HB1079/ DREAMer status. This task force will provide training, resources, and needed support to our WVC community to best serve these students.

GOALS

- Provide access to higher education opportunities to undocumented high school, transfer, and graduate students; as well those with mixed-status families.
- Create a campus culture of knowledge and sensitivity to the issues faced by undocumented students and students with mixed-status families.
- Increase retention and graduation of undocumented students and students with mixed-status families by addressing their unique academic, personal, and professional needs in a supportive and safe environment.

SERVICES & RESOURCES

- Counseling
- Academic and financial guidance
- Informational workshops
- Ally training for staff and faculty
- Training for students “know your rights”
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Center

WHO ARE DREAMers?

DREAMers are students who

- were born outside of the U.S.
- are not legal permanent residents or possess any other legal documentation.
- are often brought to the U.S. as children, not by choice.
- have lived in the U.S. for a significant portion of their lives.
- have been in, or have graduated from, the K-12 education system.

CREATING SAFE PLACES AT WVC

- The DREAMers Task Force is working to educate staff and faculty on the unique needs of DACA and undocumented students.
- Faculty are encouraged to include a statement in their syllabus supporting undocumented students.
- If a student feels threatened on campus, contact Erin Tofte-Nordvik at 509.846.4950 or Bertha Sanchez at 509.682.6850 for immediate assistance. WVC takes any threats or discrimination seriously and has policies which protect DREAMers at WVC.
- Please refer students to any members of the DREAMers Task Force for questions regarding financial and academic support.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What does DACA mean?**
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- **What does “Deferred Action” mean?**
Individuals who have deferred action status can apply for employment authorization and are in the U.S. under cover of law. However, there is no direct path from deferred action to lawful permanent residence or to citizenship. And, it can be revoked at any time.
- **Can DREAMers attend WVC?**
Yes. WVC welcomes all students regardless of their status. Contact the Counseling Office at 509.682.6850 for help getting started.
- **Can DREAMers receive resident/in-state tuition?**
DREAMers who have received a GED or high school diploma in Washington state and have resided in Washington for at least three years are eligible to receive resident/in-state tuition. Contact the Registrar at 509.682.6835 for more information.
- **Are DREAMers eligible for financial aid?**
DREAMers are eligible for in-state tuition and scholarships. To apply, fill out the WASFA online at readysetgrad.org/wasfa.