

## **Supporting Undocumented Students at Hartnell College**

### **Privacy and Protection of Student Records**

Hartnell College offers an inclusive campus environment for its students. For undocumented students, we strive to provide access to resources and support needed to succeed and achieve their educational goals. The safety and security of undocumented students, is a priority for Hartnell College. Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) institutions may release information designed as Personal Identifiable Information (PII). Although this information may be released, the college can decline those requests. The college has designated the following items as directory information:

- Name
- Major field of study
- Full or part-time enrollment status
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received including honors, scholarship awards, athletic awards and Dean's list recognition

For a complete list of PII refer to [AP 5040](#).

Judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas are referred to the VP of Student Affairs or the Dean of Enrollment Services. The VP or Dean will notify legal council to determine options, and if the information must be complied, the District shall make a reasonable effort to notify the student in advance of compliance of the lawfully issued subpoena or court order.

### **Services to Support Undocumented Student Success**

Hartnell College continues to strive to increase undocumented student enrollment, success and completion through the services and information provided through the Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) Dreamer Resource Center. Students utilize the Mi CASA Center for academic counseling, immigration legal services, financial aid assistance, and for access to food, computers, and social activities. In total, there were 1,860 visits to the Center in 2018-19 (includes duplicated users). In addition, there were 478 counseling appointments attended. Of those, 229 unduplicated students received individual counseling services. More information about services for undocumented students and families can be found on our [website](#).

### **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**

In response to recent political shifts and new immigration enforcement practices, Mi CASA has partnered with non-profit immigration legal service providers and local immigration attorneys to address the legal concerns of students. In 2018-19, 61 unduplicated students received immigration legal services including DACA renewal support and naturalization consultations. In early 2019, in collaboration with the United Farm Workers (UFW) Foundation, Hartnell

established monthly drop-in immigration legal services clinics at Hartnell College in the Mi CASA Dreamer Center. These clinics are open to the public. Due to increasing demand, we expanded services to the King City Center in South Monterey County, beginning bi-weekly clinics in May 2019. In addition, Hartnell collaborates with the UFW Foundation for free DACA renewal application completion on an ongoing basis. All Hartnell students whose DACA expires within six months are eligible for this free service. In total, nearly 100 DACA renewals completed since 2018. To support the renewal process Hartnell provides partial and full scholarships to cover the \$495 filing fee to all low- income Hartnell students renewing their DACA made possible by the Employee Giving Campaign Dreamer Fund.

In order to support current DACA recipients who are concerned about losing their work authorization under the existing threat, as well as for other undocumented students who do not possess any work authorization, Mi CASA is exploring strategies for providing access to meaningful professional growth opportunities and sources of economic support for students and families. Through our work with Immigrant's Rising, we have obtained the resources and technical knowledge to develop and implement an inclusive fellowship model at Hartnell College that will support students in achieving their professional learning goals while earning a stipend, regardless of citizenship status.