

STORIES OF **NEVADA** THE DREAM.US SCHOLARS

TheDream.US supports Nevada DREAMers in their pursuit of higher education and a meaningful career through partnership with Nevada State College.

Many of these TheDream.US Scholars have become leaders on campus and are pursuing meaningful careers. **It is in Nevada's interest to provide DREAMers with affordable access to colleges and opportunities to be a part of Nevada's revitalization after the pandemic.** Here are highlights from a few Nevada stories:

"ELIZABETH," a Nevada State College student and TheDream.US Scholar studying nursing stated, "I hope to graduate with a nursing degree, and use the healthcare experience I've gained through my internships and my coursework to continue to give back and help out disadvantaged populations of people. In addition to pursuing a nursing career, I plan to give back to my community by helping undocumented students and first-generation students apply to and attend college. I want to inspire these kids to not only make it a goal to go to college, but to graduate from college and pursue the career track of their dreams."

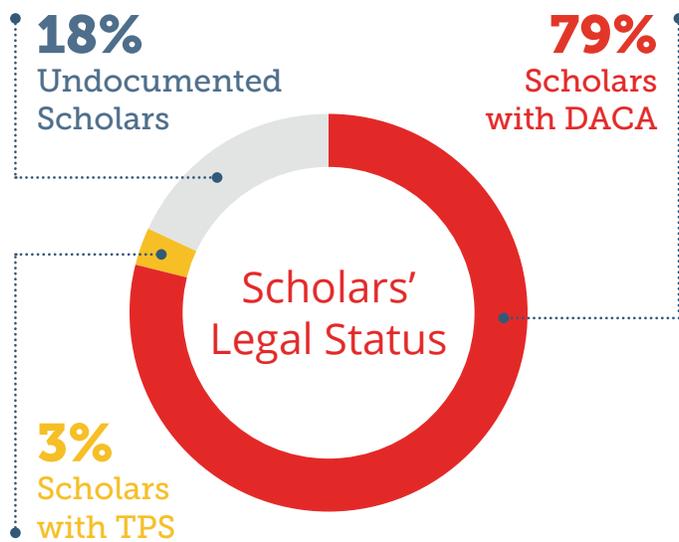
KEVIN ROTH is a former TheDream.US Scholar who now works as a Secondary Math Teacher for Clark County Public Schools through the Teach for America program. He recently stated, "I believe strongly in investing in upcoming generations. Children and young adults need to know that someone loves and cares for them. This message - together with an investment of time and care - can make a tremendous impact in the world. After all, when we shape people, we shape our future ... As an undocumented immigrant without access to the benefits of citizenship, I have learned to work harder. This enables me set an example for others by showing them that "if I can make it so can you."

BRIANA SALDIVAR is a TheDream.US Scholar at Nevada State College who serves as President of the Dreamers club at NSC. In 2021, she released a video in Spanish highlighting TheDream.US and making the case for why higher education opportunities for DREAMers is so important. The video was shared by the Mexican consulate of Las Vegas and is viewable [here](#).

NAYELLI RICO-LOPEZ told the *Las Vegas Sun* ahead of her first year as a **TheDream.US Scholar at Nevada State College** that her parents stressed the importance of higher education despite never having had the opportunity to attend college themselves. “They just knew it was what would open doors for me,” she said.

THOM REILLY, chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, told **Nevada Public Radio** in 2020, “we provide opportunities and support for all of our students regardless of immigration status ... Our goal is to provide access and ensure that we have an educated workforce...”

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4 years old

Average Age of Scholars' Arrival to the United States

86%

First in family to attend college

\$29,000

Average Household Income