THE SCHOLAR SYLLABUS
A NEWSLETTER FOR THEDREAM.US SCHOLARS

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KEY RESOURCES + REMINDERS FOR SCHOLARS

*Welcome to the first edition of **The Scholar Syllabus** – a twice-per-semester newsletter for Scholars with key information you need to know.*

Dear Scholars,

Gaby Pacheco
President & CEO,
TheDream.US

You're now well into your Fall semester, moving another step closer toward your degree. Yet we know that for many of you, there are additional concerns outside of the classroom.

From questions about how legal challenges to in-state tuition will affect your education to anxieties about heightened immigration enforcement, there is a lot happening that is scary and confusing. We want you to keep a few things in mind:

- **TheDream.US is monitoring each of these developments closely and is working to keep you safe and moving toward your degree.**
- **We are here for you, we believe in you, and we want you to be able to focus on your education.**

Thanks for reading and please remember. While we don't know exactly what the coming months will bring, TheDream.US wants you to know you aren't facing the uncertainty alone.

Warmly,

Gaby

IN THIS ISSUE

In this first issue of our new newsletter, The Scholar Syllabus, please find a short overview of Key and Upcoming TheDream.US dates and activities followed by resources and essential links for you in the following categories:

- Key Info About Your Scholarship
- Internship and Career Resources for Dreamers
- Immigration Supports: Updates and Resources
- Notes of Inspiration and Using Your Voice for Advocacy

Key and Upcoming TheDream.US Dates

Thu, Sept. 24	**Did You Join Our First Fall Immigration Q&A Session?** This Fall, we are holding a series of Immigration Q&A sessions for Scholars and Alumni one Thursday each month with trusted immigration attorneys, policy experts, and mental health counselors. Whether you joined or missed our initial session on Thursday September 24, focused on travel risks and related guidance, be on the lookout for a recap email with key takeaways and resources coming your way shortly.
Wed, Sept. 30	**Deadline for Applying to Internships with TheDream.US.** Remember that interning directly with TheDream.US comes with a $4,000 stipend. Learn more details and how to apply **HERE**.
Middle of Your Semester	**Fall Tuition Payments and One-Time Grant.** Your Fall tuition payment will be sent directly to your Partner College in the middle of the semester, after they verify your enrollment, and will be posted online to your account by your college. Once your college has processed the funds, they will release the special one-time $500 grant to you. And remember to bookmark our **EVR Submission Tracking Sheet**, to track your scholarship payments every term.
Thu, Oct. 29	**Second Fall Immigration Q&A Session.** More details to come!
Sun, Nov. 1	**New Scholarship Application Round Opens for Future TheDream.US Scholars.** As always, YOU are our best ambassadors and recruiters, so be on the lookout in coming weeks for how you can support this year's scholarship promotion efforts.
Thu, Nov. 19	**Third Fall Immigration Q&A Session.** More details to come!
ASAP	**Reminder to National Scholars Who Are Not Enrolled or Who Transferred.** If you're not enrolled this Fall or have transferred Partner Colleges and have not filled out TheDream.US Request Form located in your **ISTS Scholar Portal** to let us know, we need you to take care of this ASAP. If we don't receive your Request Form, you risk losing your scholarship.

Key Info About Your Scholarship

Your Scholarship Program Guide: Be sure you've reviewed your 2026-2027 Scholarship Program Guide, to remind yourself of what the scholarship does and does not cover, your Scholar commitments, and the resources available to you throughout your college journey.

National Scholarship Program Guide

Opportunity Scholarship Program Guide

Along with the **Scholarship Tools** section of our website, your Scholarship Program Guide should answer a lot of your questions (you can email **AskUs@thedream.us** if you still have questions).

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Tuition Payments and Grants: Your Fall tuition payment will be sent directly to your Partner College in the middle of the semester, after they verify your enrollment, and will be posted online to your account by your college. Once your college has processed the funds, they will release the special one-time $500 grant to you. You can contact your **Scholar Advisor** (password: collegedream) after the funds have been sent to your college for updates.

EVR Tracking: And remember to bookmark our **EVR Submission Tracking Sheet**, to track your scholarship payments every term. We want you to stay informed and understand that it can take about a month from the time we receive your Partner College's Enrollment Verification Report (EVR) to ISTS sending the funds to your college. It will then take additional time for your campus to post the funds to your student account.

Immigration Supports: Updates and Resources

Immigration Q&A sessions: This Fall, starting with our just completed session on Thursday, September 24, we will be holding a series of Immigration Q&A sessions for Scholars and Alumni with trusted immigration attorneys, policy experts, and mental health counselors. Whether you joined Thursday or couldn't make it this time, be on the lookout in coming days for a recap email with key takeaways from our first session on travel guidance and mark your calendars for upcoming sessions on October 29 and November 19.

Additional Immigration Resources: We also offer **1-on-1 immigration screenings** with an expert immigration attorney, **immigration fee loans**, and other key resources that you can find on our **Immigration Resources page**. For any questions, please contact **Chris.Aviles@thedream.us**.

Travel Guidance: Many trusted immigration attorneys are now advising immigrants who aren't U.S. citizens or green card holders to avoid traveling when possible. And for our DACA Scholars considering international travel: no longer assume that an approved Advance Parole document means it is safe to leave the U.S. Before making travel plans, speak with a qualified immigration attorney.

Individual Immigration Cases: Ensure your emergency contact knows to reach out to your TheDream.US Campus Team if you are detained or face another type of immigration emergency. The Partner College contact should fill out **an emergency response form** to activate us and help us determine whether TheDream.US can assist in your immigration case, ideally collaborating with your attorney and family. For any questions, please reach out to **Susan.Collins@thedream.us**.

Updated DACA Renewal Guidance: Last week, TheDream.US published updated guidance on DACA renewals. To reduce the risk of a gap in protection or work authorization, we now recommend submitting your renewal as close as possible to USCIS's current average processing time before your DACA and Employment Authorization Document (EAD) expire. As of September 2026, this **means filing your renewal approximately 6 to 8 months** (180 to 240 days) before your expiration date. **Read the Updated Guide HERE**.

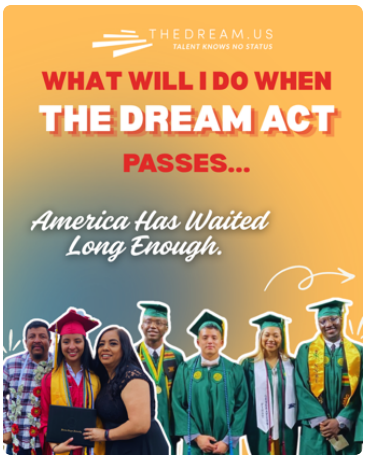
Internship and Career Resources for Dreamers

Paid Internships and Fellowships: Looking for a paid internship or fellowship this Fall and beyond? Check out our **Fall Paid Opportunities list**, which includes both TheDream.US-funded and externally-funded opportunities!

Want to Intern at TheDream.US? Internships with TheDream.US come with a $4,000 stipend – apply for a TheDream.US internship by the Wednesday, September 30 deadline. Learn more details and how to apply **HERE**.

Check out TheDream.US Summer Career Series resources, with details on accessing paid internships and fellowships and lessons from Alumni and Scholar guest speakers who have navigated Dreamer-friendly career pathways. Watch recordings from our Summer Career Series **HERE** (don't share the link publicly) and find additional info, such as presentation slides and speaker bios, **HERE**.

Notes of Inspiration and Using Your Voice for Advocacy



New Scholar Welcome: Watch a highlight video from our 2026 New Scholar Welcome for a reminder about the community you are a part of! Watch video **HERE**.

Mock Graduation: Watch an inspiring highlight video **HERE** from our mock graduation event in Washington, DC in late July, to call on our nation's leaders to pass the Dream Act.

Use Your Voice for Advocacy: Join our new "What Will I Do When the Dream Act Passes?" campaign, where Dreamers like you will share their stories and answer the question: "When the Dream Act passes, I will…" Learn more in our campaign launch video **HERE** and learn how to submit a story and join the campaign **HERE**.

Thanks for reading the first edition of The Scholar Syllabus – drop a line to let us know any feedback to **Michael.Earls@thedream.us**.

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