

Dear Campus Community,

The Association of Latinos and Allies for Student Success (ALASS) strives to promote and celebrate the success of our Latino/a students at Palomar College and throughout our community. Our mission is to bring students, faculty, and staff together to raise awareness and advocate for the needs of our Latino/a students. It is our goal to foster a campus environment of belongingness and inclusion for *all* students.

Our undocumented students, many of whom have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA, may be currently experiencing uncertainty, fear, and apprehension as they approach the classroom each day as a result of possible immigration policy irresolution. As we embrace the diversity of our college, we will support our undocumented and mixed status students as well as any other groups whose educational experience may be impacted at this time.

In the spirit of incoming [California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley's statement of support for DACA](#), ALASS invites you, our campus community, to join us in the following:

- ALASS supports all of our students regardless of immigration status.
- ALASS stands in solidarity with any other groups who may be target of hate and discrimination.
- ALASS supports any individuals who may be feeling vulnerable and unsafe in these times of uncertainty.

We invite you to participate and dialogue in the upcoming events:

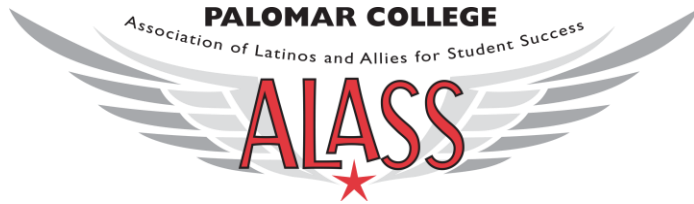
- **December 8th:** AB 540/Undocumented/Mixed Status Student Committee in SU-203 from 3pm - 4pm. This committee meets monthly and its goal is to advocate, provide support and collaborate with faculty and staff to provide a safe and welcoming learning environment for our undocumented/mixed status students.
- **December 9th:** San Marcos Elementary School's Student Art Show: La Frontera. Old California Coffee House, Room 212 from 5pm - 8pm.
- **December 10th:** 1st Annual UndocuYouth Conference: Moving Forward: What's Next for Immigrant Communities? at SDSU. Please [click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.
- **Ongoing:** Community Forums (see attached).

If you are a student and would like to form a student club to support and advocate for undocumented students, please contact Luis Alfaro at lalfaromolina@palomar.edu/760-744-1150 ext. 2370 or Gary Soza gsosa@palomar.edu/ ext. 2166.

If you would like more information about the AB5 540/Mixed Status/Undocumented Student Committee or would like to join our List-Serv to receive information and additional resources, you may contact Yvette Myers at ymyers@palomar.edu/ ext. 3119.

To learn more about ALASS and how you can get involved, please visit www.palomar.edu/alass or contact Co-Presidents Nancy Moreno at nmoreno@palomar.edu ext. 3768 and Carmelino Cruz at ccruz@palomar.edu ext. 2262.

In solidarity,



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