

# Undocumented Community Centers

**San Mateo County Community College District**  
Cañada College - College of San Mateo - Skyline College



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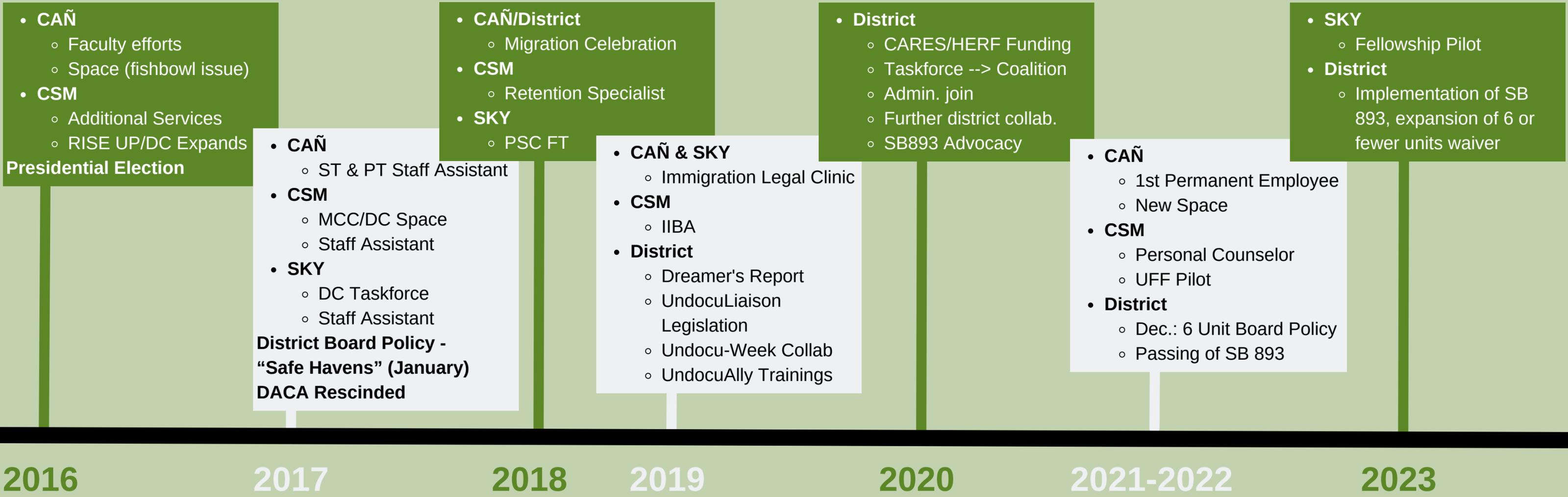
# MISSION

Our mission within the Undocumented Community Centers (UCC's) is to be dedicated to social justice and racial equity including anti-racism, and equity. We acknowledge the systems are broken, and we think expansively and transformatively to reimagine what our institutions could be and evolve towards that.

Our goals are to **support** the undocumented community and **advocate** to break down barriers within the three colleges at the San Mateo County Community College District and beyond to create equitable



# CONTEXT FOR SERVICES + DISTRICT COLLABORATIONS



# UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SUPPORT COALITION

- Successes

- Inception of the current coalition structure
- Emergency Relief for Undocumented Students (Higher Ed Emergency Relief Funds)
- District Policy & Administrative Procedures
  - 6 or Fewer
  - Cal Grant Disbursement Pilot at Cañada
- Leveraged Positionality

- Current Goals

- Student Leadership
- Outreach & Recruitment
  - Marketing Rebranding (Formerly Dream Centers)
  - Presentations to share our models
- Resource Realignment
  - Staffing, & Resource assessment based on campus needs

# OUR CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

# OUR CENTERS

## Services Offered

- 1:1 student support
  - New Student Support - Admissions, Application, and Referrals
  - AB540, residency reclassification processes, and non-resident fee waivers
  - Support with financial aid, including the Dream Act (CADAA) and accessible scholarships, legal support and resources
- Study space, computers, and free printing
- SparkPoint Food Pantry (Skyline College and Cañada College)
- Free immigration legal consultations

# OUR PROGRAMS

## **Unlocking Futures Fellowship (UFF) Program**

- Hands-on/experiential learning
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Mentorship with on campus mentor
- Monthly enrichment seminars to support growth as aspiring professionals.

## **Undocu-Student Action Week (USAW)**

- California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Statewide observation
- webinars, events, activities, and programs
- District Collaboration
- Student voices being the focus as well as main collaborators

## **Additional Events tailored to needs of students**



# LEGAL SERVICES

## Free Legal Clinics

- Partnership with Paralegal Instructor and Attorney, Maria Segarra.
- Weekly hours provided at Skyline College and Cañada College on Wednesdays.
- The clinic focuses on immigration consultations, reviewing documents, and referrals.
- All consultations are virtual, free, and confidential.
- They are also open to the community!

CSM - Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA)

# LEGAL SERVICES

## Free Legal Services offered through the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA)

- [findyourally.com](http://findyourally.com)
  - Free immigration legal services for ccc students, staff, and faculty
    - Legal consultations to screen for immigration relief
    - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewals
    - Family-based petitions
    - Naturalization/citizenship applications
    - Advance parole
    - removal of conditions (conditional LPR)
    - other forms of humanitarian relief

**Education Code 76140** allows **non-resident students taking 6 units (credits) or less** at a CA community college, to pay the **in-state tuition rate** for these credit courses (**\$46 per unit**) rather than the international student fee (\$395 per unit).

**Who is a non-resident student?** Students who do not meet the CA Residency for Tuition Purposes Requirements (Example: undocumented students, documented non-resident students that have demonstrated a financial need)

**EC 76140 expands access to eligibility of SB 68/AB 540:**

- Students can attain credits towards eligibility at a much lower cost saving thousands of dollars per semester!
- Increases enrollment of non-traditional dreamers who would have otherwise not been able to afford courses
- Fast track to completing SB 68/AB 540
- Students are encouraged to take courses required for their education plan

# 6 OR FEWER UNITS NON-RESIDENT TUITION FEE WAIVER

- Taking 6 units or less per semester
- Working towards eligibility for AB540 status
  - Not eligible for the AB540 Non-Resident Tuition Exemption!
- Physically reside in California and have a California address
- Do not have valid visas and/or an active I-20
- Not a high school student
- No length of time lived in CA requirement

# FREE COLLEGE INITIATIVE (SB 893)

**Purpose:** Expand affordable educational access for San Mateo County residents

**Eligibility:**

- Qualifying educational goal
- Demonstrated financial need



# FREE COLLEGE INITIATIVE (SB 893)

**Undocumented students can demonstrate financial need by...**

## **Route 1:**

1. Qualifying for the AB 540 Affidavit
2. Applying to California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
3. Qualifying for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)

## **Route 2:**

1. Qualifying for the 6 or Fewer units Non-Resident Tuition Fee Waiver
  - a. Able to enroll in 6+ units
  - b. Able to qualify for levels 1 & 2

# FREE COLLEGE INITIATIVE (SB 893)

**Level 1: Covers Enrollment Fees (\$46 / unit)**

**Level 2: Covers additional fees, transportation, technology, & textbooks**

- Additional Fees: student body, student rep, etc.
- Transportation: \$50 / month if enrolled in 6+ in person or hybrid units
- Technology: \$500 to purchase approved technology
- Textbooks: \$100-150 varying quantity per semester

# FREE COLLEGE INITIATIVE (SB 893) - EXAMPLE!

**Undocumented student, lives in San Mateo county,  
taking ESL 912 (5 units) + ESL 922 (5 units)**

Non-Resident Tuition =  $\$359 \times 10 = \$3,590$  (waived with 6 or fewer units waiver)

Enrollment Fees =  $\$46 \times 10 = \$460$  (covered with SB 893)

Additional Fees:  $\$2 + \$15 = \$17$  (covered with SB 893)

**TOTAL =  $\$4,067 = \$0$  with 6 or fewer units waiver + SB 893!**

# Q & A



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