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"They tried to bury us. They didn't know we were seeds."

Speaker Event: Diane Guerrero

Join Student Union and ALAS for a presentation by Diane Guerrero as part of the Trending Topics Series!



Diane Guerrero is an American actress. She is known for her roles as Maritza Ramos on *Orange Is the New Black* and Lina on *Jane the Virgin*.

Diane was born to immigrant Colombian parents and raised in Boston. As the only member of her immediate family with United States citizenship, she remained in the U.S. when her parents and older brother were deported back to Colombia when she was 14 after unsuccessfully pursuing legal citizenship. Diane has since become a strong advocate for immigration reform.

This event will take place on Wednesday, March 21st at 7pm in Graham Chapel. Doors will open at 6:30pm

Following her presentation, there will be a book signing in the Orchid Room of the Danforth University Center.

Media Spotlight: Butterfly Story Collective



The Butterfly Story Collective is a network of local storytelling projects and events produced by immigrants and about the immigrant experience in the United States. Each project is locally produced by its participants, and can take various forms, including oral history, videos, live events, story circles, music, art installations, blogs, and podcasts, among others. Whatever the form, the practice that guides the Collective is one of ethical storytelling, which puts people in control of how their story is told.

Their latest podcast talks with actor Bambadjian Bamba, from the Marvel film *Black Panther* and NBC's *The Good Place*. He shares his story of arriving from the Ivory Coast as a child, learning to "be American" by watching television, discovering that he was an undocumented immigrant, the positive impact on his life of having DACA, and the need for a real and permanent solution for Dreamers.

Link: <http://butterflystorycollective.libsyn.com/>

DACA Update

On Monday, February 26th, 2018, the Supreme Court of the United States turned down the administration's request for a quick ruling on the President's power to end DACA. The Court decided not to hear this immediately, which effectively continues DACA for the time being. Recipients may continue to apply for renewal for DACA, suspending the March 5th end of DACA.

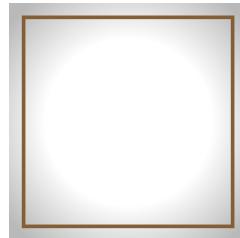
The court's decision not to immediately hear the administration's appeal could keep in place a legal shield for nearly 700,000 young immigrants for the rest of this year, and perhaps longer.

This doesn't mean DACA is now permanent. The case is now expected to move to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the normal appeals process, which could take several months. This will provide another 6 months to a year of relief for DACA recipients.

Right now, you can still apply to renew your DACA. This announcement today does not change USCIS's current policy to accept certain DACA renewals. If you qualify for renewal, it is recommended you apply.

Student Story now Online!

This semester, we are sharing student stories on the CDI website under "Undocumented Student Resources." We are happy to announce that Robert's story is online!



Robert is an Honduran immigrant who came to the United States at age 12. Currently a graduate student at the Brown School of Social Work and a strong advocate for immigration reform, Robert is one of the founding members of the Kansas/Missouri DREAM Alliance (KS/MODA).

Potential Name Change

It's been brought to our attention that often times, the narrative regarding undocumented and DACA individuals centers only individuals with Latin American roots.

We know based on research and shared narratives that undocumented individuals can be from an array of different places around the world, ranging from Asian countries to African and more.

As such, in order to try and best represent the different backgrounds this student population may have, we are considering a name change for this newsletter.

If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email Julia Macias (julia.macias@wustl.edu) or Alejandro Martinez (amartinezjr@wustl.edu).