

Presidents' Alliance Overview

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The Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational and advocacy organization that brings college and university presidents and chancellors together on the immigration issues that impact higher education, our students, campuses, communities and nation. We work to advance just immigration policies and practices at the federal, state and campus level that are consistent with our heritage as a 'nation of immigrants' and the academic values of equity and openness.

Launched in December 2017, the Alliance is composed of [presidents and chancellors](#) of public and private colleges and universities. Our founding group of 29 members has grown to approximately 500 members, serving over five million students in 43 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

With a singular focus on the intersection of higher education and immigration, we leverage expertise and act nimbly and proactively. We are leader-driven and inclusive, amplifying the influence of college and university leaders and supporting community-level advocacy. We address immigration issues related to higher education at all levels – campus, state, and federal – and in multiple spheres – legislative, legal, strategic messaging, and programmatic.

Through advocacy, education, and the development of best practices, we:

- Communicate with policy makers and the public about what is at stake when immigration policies are inconsistent with the missions, roles and values of higher education institutions
- Improve how international, immigrant, and undocumented students are supported on campus, including by developing and sharing best practices.
- Support the consideration and adoption of federal and state immigration policies that honor our values and commitments as educational institutions and press for re-examination of those policies that do not.
- Work in partnership with other organizations concerned about these matters to influence legislative and policy choices.

We Support Members Through:

- Letters and statements to Congress and the administration, calls and visits to legislative offices, national call-in days, opinion pieces, submission and coordination of comment letters, and social media outreach.
- Advocacy actions, statements, media coverage, opinion pieces.
- Regular member updates on all immigration matters that intersect with higher education, including opportunities for members to join and participate in days of action and other national campaigns.

- Briefings and webinars to analyze current policy and litigation developments, hear from members, and address whether and how to respond to emerging immigration issues.
- Opportunities to join court cases as plaintiffs and as amici curiae in support of undocumented or international students.
- Policy and communications tools and resources, including sample scripts, social media templates, and specialized briefings.
- Personalized and technical assistance on specific questions and needs.

Join Us

To join as a member, go to: <https://www.presidentsalliance.org/join/>.

There is a voluntary annual institutional membership contribution, with the suggested contribution ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. To learn more, visit our website: <https://www.presidentsalliance.org/membership-contribution/>.

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