

# PRESIDENTS' ALLIANCE | ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION

## About

Launched in December 2017, the Presidents' Alliance founding group of 29 members has grown to 500 presidents and chancellors of public and private colleges and universities, serving over five million students in 43 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

We are the only organization focused on the intersection of higher education and immigration, and have received frequent media coverage in outlets including *The New York Times*, *Politico*, *The Chronicle for Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Forbes*, *Law360.com*, and more.

## Our Supporters

In addition to voluntary institutional contributions from our members and generous donations from individuals, we thank the following organizations for their support:

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## Who We Are

The Presidents' Alliance is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational and advocacy organization that brings college and university presidents and chancellors together around the immigration issues that impact our students, campuses, communities and nation.

We work to advance just immigration policies and practices at the federal, state and institutional level that are consistent with our heritage as a 'nation of immigrants' and the academic values of equity and openness.

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*"There's power in numbers in creating and establishing change through policy. I'm grateful for the Presidents' Alliance because it works with higher education institutions to bring about this change for immigrant students."*

– Ewaoluwa Ogundana, '21, Trinity Washington University

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## Our Purpose

Our country benefits tremendously from the contributions that immigrants have made throughout our nation's history. Our economy and society advance when we remain true to our aspirations to be a land of opportunity for those who dream of a better life. Higher education leaders, having been at the forefront of social justice movements throughout history, are uniquely positioned to use their collective voice to create systemic change. Higher education leaders are committed to:

- Ensuring educational access and equity for students from all backgrounds.
- Meeting the educational and workforce needs of the communities we serve.
- Offering all students an education that prepares them to be global citizens.
- Offering international students and scholars opportunities to come study, work and contribute to our nation.

## Priority Populations

Undocumented/DACA Students  
Refugee and Other Immigrant Students  
International Students  
Immigrant and International Alumni,  
Faculty & Staff

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*"The Presidents' Alliance has always been a value-add. It is a partnership we treasure."*

– José Cárdenas, General Counsel, Arizona State University

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## What We Do

### EDUCATE

Through research, programs and outreach, we educate policymakers, the public and the press about immigration policies that are consistent with the missions, roles and values of higher education institutions.

### ADVOCATE

Through legislative outreach, testimony, letters and amicus briefs, we champion just immigration policies that support undocumented, other immigrant, and international students, scholars and staff.

### COLLABORATE

We work to enlarge the community of support for immigration reform through partnerships with immigration, education, business, faith-based and non-profit organizations.

### ACTIVATE

Through toolkits, publications and programs, we share opportunities for action and effective practices to better support undocumented, immigrant, and international students, staff and alumni.

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***“The Alliance is making such a difference for our students and is particularly important to small colleges that do not have the legal staff to independently think through these issues.”***

*-- Steven C. Bahls, President, Augustana College*

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## SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE



The Higher Ed Immigration Portal is a new digital platform that integrates data, policies, and resources about DACA and undocumented, other immigrant, and international students. The Portal leverages partnerships to maximize impact and achieve its vision of:

Supporting policymaking and advocacy at the federal level

Building a larger movement advocating for change

Fueling change at the state and institution levels

Serving as the go-to resource for higher education and immigration issues

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