Mapping AB 540 Initiatives at UC Berkeley

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Defining Undocumented

- What is undocumented?
  - Entered the United States without inspection or with fraudulent documents
  - Entered legally as a nonimmigrant but then violated the terms of his or her status and remained in the United States without authorization

  *(As defined by the National Immigration Law Center)*

- College Bound Undocumented Students
  - Have lived in the United States most of their lives
  - Been brought to the U.S. by their parents at a young age
  - Attended elementary, middle, and high school in this country – excelled academically in high school and want to pursue a college education
  - Currently lack a way to become legal residents or citizens in the U.S.

  *(Cited from E4FC Undocumented Student Fact Sheet)*
7,000-13,000 Undocumented Students who are enrolled in college throughout the U.S

—California is the state with the largest number of undocumented students. With about 40% of undocumented immigrant students living in the state, an estimated 3,500 – 5,000 of these students are enrolled in California’s colleges and universities.

*Sources for these statistics from Pew Hispanic Center & Urban Institute*
What is AB540?
– Allows certain non-resident students (including undocumented students) to receive in-state tuition in CA
  o UC Berkeley Non-resident tuition: $18,669
  o AB540 Affidavit: $18,669 - $11,439 = $7,230

Eligibility for AB540?
– Must have attended a California high school for 3 years or more
– Must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent (GED)
– Register or currently be enrolled at a public California college or university
– File an affidavit stating that s/he has applied to legalize his or her legal status or will do so as soon as he or she is eligible to do so

* Sources from UC Berkeley Office of the Registrar
There are about 400 students who qualify for AB540 on the UC Berkeley campus.

Of that 400 it is estimated that 140 are undocumented:
- 63% Latino
- 31% Asian

90% of Undocumented AB540 students who applied for Dream Act Scholarship have the highest level of need – Annual Family Income of $24,000

*Estimates based on Financial Aid Office and Office of the Registrar
The Core: Student groups & Staff initiatives

- 2007: Off-campus AB540 student group
- Late 1980s, early 1990s: “Agenda” offices
- Early 2000: Staff volunteer initiative
- 2005: Undergraduate research opportunities for AB540 students
- 2006: UCB campus AB540 student group
- Aspire Chapter
  - Chicana Latino Student Development/Asian Pacific American Student Development (CLSD/APASD) – Multicultural Immigrant Student Program
  - Immigrant Student Issues Coalition (ISIC)
  - Marco Antonio Firebaugh Scholars Program (MAFSP)
  - Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education (RISE)
Next Layer: Community Groups

2008: Non-profit, financial aid and student support

1972: Legal services & civil rights organization

1982/Late 2000s: financial aid, sponsorship program

Late 2000s: Private scholarship via Liberty Hill Foundation

2006: Scholarship, legal services, professional training

Mid 2000s: professional development

1970s: Housing

Asian Law Caucus

The Achievement Trust – CLIC & Leticia A. Network

Chicano Latino Alumni Association (CLAA) – Entre Familia

Cal Dream

Casa Joaquin Murrieta

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)

Manny Garcia, LLC

Mexican Consulate

Aspire Chapter

Chicana Latino Student Development/Asian Pacific American Student Development (CLSD/APASD) – Multicultural Immigrant Student Program

Immigrant Student Issues Coalition (ISIC)

Marco Antonio Firebaugh Scholars Program (MAFSP)

Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education (RISE)
2011: Came from Research Initiative and ISIC

Student initiated fellowship

2012: Part of the Research Initiative

Spring 2011: AB540 Undocumented Students Research Initiative

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An Overview: Main Concerns for Undocumented Students
Student Campus Groups/Spaces Working On Undocumented Issues

- Student-Staff
  - AB540 Coalition
  - Chican@ Latin@ Student Development (CLSD)
  - Asian Pacific American Student Development (APASD)
  - Multicultural Immigrant Student Program (MISP)
  - Chancellor’s Standing Committee
  - AB540 Ally Sticker Project

- Advocacy/Activist Groups
  - Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education (RISE)

- Recruitment and Retention Centers (RRC)
  - Raza RRC
  - Pilipino Academic Student Services (PASS)
  - Asian/Pacific Islander RRC (REACH)

- Miscellaneous
  - Southeast Asian Student Coalition
  - {m}aganda magazine

- Housing
  - DREAM House
  - Casa Joaquin Murrieta
  - Casa Magdalena Mora Fellows Program
Institutional Campus Spaces/Programs

- Financial Aid Office
- Chican@ Latin@ Student Development (CLSD)
- Asian Pacific American Student Development (APASD)
- Multicultural Immigrant Student Program (MISP)
- Immigrant Student Issues Coalition (ISIC)
  - Chancellor’s Standing Committee/Taskforce
- Marco Antonio Firebaugh Scholars Program
  - Center for Latino Policy Research Center (CLPR)
- American Cultures Engaged Scholarship Program (ACES)
- Center for Race and Gender (CRG)
- Educational Opportunity Program/Student Life Advising Services (EOP/SLAS)
- Tang Center
- AB540 Ally Sticker Project