

January 2021 Events and Opportunities

List compiled for the DreamND Community

Please contact Leonor at lwangens@nd.edu with any questions.

Notes from Juan Rangel's UndocuTalk on post-graduation and career advice:

This past December 10th, some students and administrators enjoyed chatting with ND alum, Juan Rangel '15, who currently works as a Senior Associate for D&P Creative Strategies, LLC. Juan shared stories about his personal upbringing in a Mexican immigrant family in California and his journey through Notre Dame. He studies Political Science at ND and he founded the student club called [SCIA](#) (Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy) that is still active today. Juan also shared some insights and tips on how he navigated his career track, and provided these 5 tips for students:

1. **Use the [Undergraduate Career Services](#).** Undocu students can reach out directly to [LoriAnn Edinborough](#) with specific questions.
2. **Update your resume often.** Juan says he made sure his was updated at the start of each semester. You never know when an opportunity may arise and it is very convenient to have this ready to go. Also, career services can help you create and improve your resume.
3. **Create a profile on LinkedIn and Handshake.** Making these connections early on may improve your chances for more robust networking when the time is right.
4. **Take advantage of mentorship programs.** Some Notre Dame mentorship programs include [Building Bridges](#) (through MSPS office), DreamND Community Bios and Mentorship through IrishCompass, and the [President's Circle Mentor Program](#) (through Career Center). At the national level, check out the [UndocuProfessional's Network Mentor Program](#).
5. **Learn how to network.** Juan suggested ways to organize and take notes of your networking connections. He uses an excel sheet to track the names, contact information, and a brief summary of the conversations that he has had over the years. He can then check back with certain people in a personalized way and ask them for further information or a recommendation as he progresses in his career path. You can find very helpful resources on [how to network here](#).

Juan compiled [this list of contacts](#) that he recommends. He is happy to help make connections. Contact Juan at Jrangel@dpcreativestrategies.com.



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Advice on Seeking Internships and other Opportunities

Juan addressed many important questions that came up in the zoom chat. One of them had to do with **seeking internships**. He talked about his first internship through www.firstgenfellows.org. He mentioned that even with a ND education, he still started off at an entry level position as an administrative assistant in his internship and his first job at the NILC (National Immigration Law Center), a nonprofit advocacy resource and legal group. However, he said do not be discouraged by this since he learned so much from these opportunities and made many connections. For anyone interested in public policy and immigrant advocacy, he also recommended the Congressional Hispanic Caucus [programs and internships](#).

At Notre Dame, students can look into the Institute for Latino Studies' CCLP internships, a semester away through the Washington DC program, and the Center for Social Concerns' SSLP programs. If you find a non-paid internship, then you can seek supplemental funding through this [Summer Funding Program](#).

For students with limited documentation to be employed in the U.S., it is still possible to make a living through work in consulting, freelancing, tutoring, independent contracting and entrepreneurship. There are many ways to apply the skills and education you are gaining right now in internships and future work. Check out success stories and resources at www.undocuhustle.org. Immigrants Rising also has lists of [scholarships and fellowships](#) at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

UCLA Labor Center's Dream Resource Center (DRC) [More info here](#)

Are you interested in becoming a Dream Summer 2021 fellow?

Dream Summer 2021 is open to both experienced social justice leaders and those who wish to begin or strengthen their involvement in social justice. Dream Summer fellows receive a **\$5,000 fellowship award**, leadership and professional development training, and become part of a national alumni network of over 750 immigrant rights leaders.

What is the deadline to apply?

The deadline for fellows to apply is February 19, 2021 at 12 PM PST.

The deadline for host organizations to apply is February 5, 2021 at 12 PM PST.

Will Dream Summer 2021 be a virtual experience due to COVID-19?

Yes, as of now Dream Summer will happen virtually in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will notify participants immediately of any changes.

Check out the latest My Undocumented Life blog posts

What's Next After College for Non-DACA students By ALEJANDRA

Hello everyone! My name is Alejandra and I recently graduated from Tufts University this past May!! Yay! Although this is not my first time on this site (check out my first article where I talked about applying to college), A LOT has changed since I last wrote a post in 2017. In this post, [...] [Read more of this post](#)

Check out these Immigrants Rising resources



- ****NEW**2021 SCHOLARSHIP & FELLOWSHIP LISTS!!!!** Click on the boxes above to open.
- [Applying for Scholarships](#) resource will help you get started!
- [#UndocuHustle Learning Hub](#) offers vital learning support for immigrant entrepreneurs and freelancers; *Feeling stuck in your hustle? Get inspiration from other immigrant entrepreneurs who took their hustle or business to the next level. If they can do it, so can you!* UndocuHustle.org
- [Pre-Law Fund](#) provides financial support of up to \$2,500 and training to low-income undocumented students applying to law school; and
- [Mental Health](#) offers weekly wellness gatherings and pro bono 1:1 support from compassionate therapists
- [Life Outside the U.S.](#) shares stories and strategies of formerly undocumented people pursuing opportunities abroad

Join the UndocuProfessionals Network

Our belief is that an undocumented professional should have a clear pathway to achieving their career goals. We aim to do this by creating an environment of mentor-ship and community with a sustainability that allows for the next generations to have the possibility of choosing.

<https://www.undocuprofessionalsnetwork.com/join-the-network>

Define America 2021 Creative Fellowship

The world is moved by stories and storytellers. Culture is changed by compelling narratives. We proudly supported immigrant creatives through two fellowship cohorts in 2019 and 2020, and we are excited to announce that Define American is now accepting applications for the 2021 Creative Fellowship.

This fellowship supports immigrant creatives working in narrative art forms as they build their professional practice and network. Recognizing the unique hurdles that immigrant creatives in these fields may face, the six selected fellows will participate in workshops and conversations to further their network and impact, be connected with additional resources, and be supported in their community engagement efforts.

The Define American Creative Fellowship is open to creatives in narrative-oriented art forms (writing, filmmaking, visual storytelling, theater, illustration, spoken word, digital journalism, etc.) with at least some experience (professional or amateur) in their chosen medium.

For more information and to apply, visit www.defineamerican.com/fellowship. The **deadline for applications is January 18, 2021.**

For any questions, please contact Creative Programs Manager Bethany Wearden by email at bethany@defineamerican.com.

United We Dream launched a [“DACA is BACK” website](#) with these resources:

- [A five-step guide on applying for DACA for the first time](#)
- [A simple yet in-depth one-pager on affidavits](#)
- [Information on checking your DACA application status](#)
- [Tips for Finding Good Legal Help](#)
- [List of Organizations Providing Legal and Financial Resources](#)