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City College of San Francisco Celebrates Undocumented Students Statewide "Week of Action" Raises Awareness for Available Services and Support

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - City College of San Francisco (CCSF) is proud to celebrate <u>Undocumented Student Action Week</u>, an initiative launched by the California Community College system to raise awareness for the resources and support available to undocumented students. Through a diverse set of educational offerings and supportive services, CCSF is proud to make serving undocumented and immigrant students a priority.

The College's <u>Puente Program</u> - which provides Latinx students with sustained, in-depth career and academic guidance regardless of a student's immigration status - transfers more students to the University of California system than any other Puente program in the state. <u>City DREAM</u>, the center organizing the upcoming Action Week, was founded in 2019 as a support hub specifically for undocumented students, students from mixed status families, and any student affected by immigration or citizenship issues. And earlier this year, at the conclusion of a highly competitive screening process, CCSF was selected as a host site for a regional center for free immigrant legal services.

"Undocumented students, Latinx students, and first-generation students have all shaped CCSF for years," said Vinicio López, Dean of the School of ESL and International Education, and a Puente mentor. "The current challenges related to COVID-19 further demonstrates how important mentorship, peer support, and targeted resources are for these student communities."

This year's action week, while virtual, serves as an opportunity to highlight the challenges our undocumented students face in today's political climate and amid the pandemic. This week further serves as a vehicle to advocate for the financial and moral actions needed to ensure the security of undocumented students.

"CCSF is a place where I feel safe, and a place that brings me a feeling of belonging in this country," said Daniel Ulloa, a Latinx student at CCSF. "The Puente Program and the College brought me the opportunity to be not only a part of a community, but also a family."

Undocumented students, allies, faculty, staff and community members are welcome to join CCSF at all upcoming events. For more information visit and a schedule of events, please visit the City DREAM <u>website</u>.

About City College of San Francisco

For 85 years, City College of San Francisco (CCSF) has been the region's premiere public, two-year community college. The college is now one of the first in the nation to offer free tuition, providing San Franciscans with the opportunity to access a quality college education and workforce training that leads to university transfer and good jobs. Since its founding in 1935, City College has evolved into a multicultural, multi-campus community college that is one of the largest in the country. CCSF offers more than 250 degrees and certificates and features an award-winning athletics program. For more about City College of San Francisco, please visit https://www.ccsf.edu/