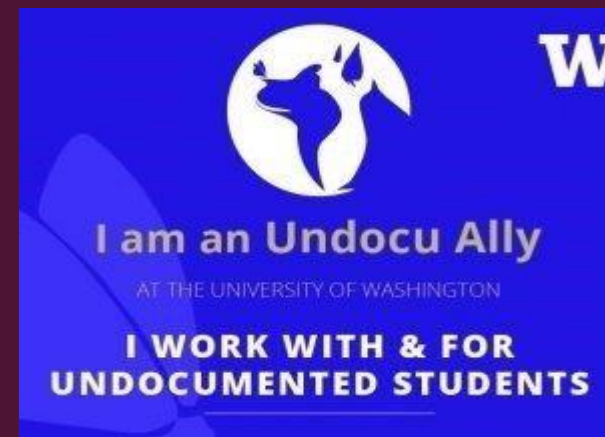




SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES



**Tanya Fekri, Co-Director and
Staff Attorney of UW SLS**

Tanya has been the Student Legal Services Co-Director and Staff Attorney since December of 2018. Tanya was born in Tehran, Iran and she and her family emigrated to the United States in hopes to pursue the American dream. Tanya personally experienced the immigration process first-hand and that is why she became interested in immigration law. She attended UW as an undergraduate student receiving a double degree in Political Science and Law, Societies, and Justice; and a minor in Diversity studies. She went on to become an ESL teacher and citizenship instructor for the Refugee Resettlement Office in Seattle.

Tanya attended Seattle University School of Law where she served as a summer law clerk with the Attorney General's Office; she also completed externships with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Catholic Community Services, and Unemployment Law Project.

After graduation she traveled to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala to complete a Spanish immersion program in order to provide language access and legal services to the Spanish-speaking community. Tanya worked as an immigration attorney for Catholic Community Services for four years where she represented low-income immigrants and refugees. Tanya has organized and hosted several free citizenship and DACA workshops with community organizations and the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

MY IMMIGRATION HISTORY



WHAT IS STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES (SLS)?

- SLS provides FREE 40-minute consultations and low-cost ongoing representation
- SLS provides a safe and confidential space for all UW-Seattle or Bothell students who have legal questions or concerns
- SLS is the only law firm on campus



WHO WE SERVE

- Currently enrolled UW-Seattle or Bothell undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.
- 411 students in calendar year 2018
- 700 students in calendar year 2019
- 39 immigration cases in 2018
- 249 immigration cases in 2019
- 2019, saved students more than \$60,000 in legal fees



HOW WE SERVE

- Free 40 minute consultations

→ *Unlimited consultations as long as issues are unrelated*

- Need further help?

- Hire SLS for low-cost ongoing representation

→ *Majority of matters are only \$20/hour*

LIMITATIONS

- Can only represent UW-Seattle and Bothell students
- Can only provide resource-based consultations
 - When opposing party is the UW
 - When opposing party is a UW-Seattle student



WHAT WE OFFER

- Immigration
- Protection Orders
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Wills and Powers of Attorney
- Name and Gender Marker Changes
- Criminal Cases
- Debt Collection
- Discrimination
- And many other cases



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

1. Legal Services
2. Academic/ Admissions
3. Financial Aid Services
4. Mental Health Services
5. Community Building



SLS ROLE IN SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- Legal Services for Undocumented Students:
 - Full Evaluation of Common Remedies Observed for Undocumented Students and DACA Recipients
 - Legal Consultations and Full-on Legal Representation
 - Rapid Response and Know Your Rights



ACADEMIC/ ADMISSIONS ADVISING FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- Admissions Counselor: Jaime A. Soto
 - Advises undocumented students on:
 - Application process for admission
 - Qualification requirements under HB 1079
 - Reviewing eligibility requirements for other State Need Grants



Jaime Soto, Director,
Multicultural Outreach &
Recruitment

FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- Staff members who have specialized knowledge of funding options for undocumented students, such as:
 - HB 1079
 - WASFA
 - Private scholarships
 - Ready Set Grad
 - College Board
 - College-Bound Hispanic, Latino High School Seniors – Scholarships
 - Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund
 - Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide
 - UW Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards (Incoming Student Scholarships)
 - Washington State Scholarship Foundation
 - Find additional resources –Undocumented Student Center

FINANCIAL AID FOR
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OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- **The DREAM Bar Association (DBA)** is a nonprofit legal organization led by undocumented law students and practitioners that provides a network for undocumented immigrants who are interested in pursuing a career in law.
- **The Law School Admissions Council (LSAC)** also offers a fee waiver for the LSAT for candidates who are unable to pay for the test. If you have DACA or have applied for DACA you can apply for the fee waiver.
- **Medicine**
Pre-Health Dreamers (PHD) is a national network that provides support to undocumented students who are pursuing careers in health and science. You'll find much more, including a list of internships available to undocumented students, on **the PHD website**.
- The **Latino Medical Student Association** has a scholarship for pre-medical students interested in advancing healthcare and education for Latino and underserved communities. Students are eligible to apply regardless of immigration status.
- **Georgetown University's Undocumented Students page** connects all the various forms of support available to students throughout the community, including: admissions, financial aid, legal aid, health insurance, and academic advising.
- **Educators for Fair Consideration** – E4FC provides robust resources for undocumented youth and educators in order to empower students to reach their goals.
- **My (Un) Documented Life** – This website provides up-to-date information, resources, and a community for undocumented immigrants, including scholarship opportunities, strategies for navigating the educational system, and information on how to apply for DACA.
- **Harvard Act on a Dream** – Harvard College Act on a Dream is a student-led, student-run organization at Harvard College dedicated to eradicating the barriers that immigrant students face in realizing their full potential. The website includes student stories, a scholarship database, and additional resources for undocumented students and others looking to learn more.



COMMUNITY BUILDING AND CAMPUS RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- The Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC)
- On-Campus Housing
- Off-Campus Housing
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Academic Counseling
- The Instructional Center
- UW Counseling Center



LEADERSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS (LWB)

- Devoted to offering resources, support and guidance to undocumented students at the UW.
- Some of LWB services include:
 - Husky Dream Lending Library
 - Access to College Success Foundation Navigators
 - Leadership workshops and resources
 - Community building and connections



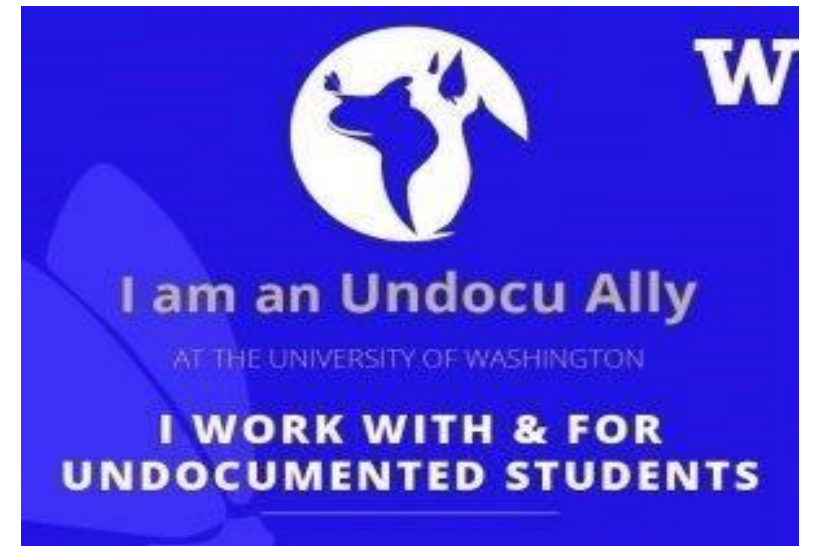
PURPLE GROUP

- Registered Student Organization since 2008
- Meet weekly to foster community building, connect with allies, share resources, participate in workshops, and discuss issues affecting immigrant communities



UNDOCU ALLY TRAININGS ON CAMPUS

- Must complete an Undocu Ally Training
- 389 allies across campus including but not limited to:
 - Assistant Dean for Student & Career Services from UW School of Law
 - CAMP Recruiters/ Academic Advisors
 - Professors from various departments
 - Senior Financial Aid Counselors
 - Librarians
 - Mental Health Therapists
 - Program Managers for First Years Program



DACA RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services:** A subset of the Department of Homeland Security, USCIS provides all of the necessary forms for initial application to or renewal of DACA. The site also features helpful videos, filing tips, and articles about avoiding immigration scams.
- **UC Berkeley:** As part of its Undocumented Student Program, Berkeley provides detailed information on DACA requirements and the renewal process. Additionally, the site offers updates on the state of DACA under the Trump administration.
- **CitizenPath's DACA Resource Center:** Featuring the latest news on DACA and other issues concerning undocumented immigrants, CitizenPath's site also provides helpful tips on the application process as well as guidance for successful enrollees.



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1. Legal Services
2. Specialized staff that will answer questions about student visa requirements, admissions, and financial aid
3. English Courses
4. Community Building
5. Mental Health Services
6. Student Health Insurance Plans



STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

- UW is home to over 8,000 international students representing more than 100 countries
- Countries with the largest on-campus communities are: China, India, and South Korea
- International students make up about 16% of the student body



SLS ROLE IN SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Legal Services for International Students:
 - Discussing the specifics of various nonimmigrant visa categories that allow for international students to study in the United States and helping international students decide which visa type is best for them.
 - Advising international students with the process of applying for CPT/ OPT.
 - Advising international students on factors that may affect their immigration status while studying at the University of Washington.
 - Advising international students on the most common Post-Graduation work visa options.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES (ISS)

- ISS staff advises international students with F-1 or J-1 visas who are enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs on the Seattle campus of the University of Washington
- Resources and support provided include:
 - Helping students maintain F-1 or J-1 immigration status while attending the UW
 - Process F-1 and J-1 immigration benefits
 - Navigate university policy and understand F-1 and J-1 visa restrictions
 - Ensure university and student compliance with immigration policies
 - Provide educational tools, including workshops and tutorials



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS OFFICE (ISO)

- The University of Washington has a long tradition of hosting faculty and other academic personnel from around the world.
- International Scholars Operations (ISO) enables the University of Washington to recruit and retain international scholars in support of the institution's teaching and research mission.
- ISO advisors assist international scholars who are coming to the U.S. understand the J-1 visa process, healthcare, and maintaining legal status during their stay.



ISO Manager: Ursula Owen

INTERNATIONAL & ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

- University Preparation
- Business Certificates
 - Global Business Certificate
 - Business English Program
- Short Programs
 - Language & Culture STEP
 - Business STEP
 - Academic Skills STEP
 - Science, Technology & Engineering STEP
 - Intensive Faculty Development Program
- Study Abroad at the UW
 - Global Connections (3 to 9 months improving English and learning about current global challenges)
 - Global Electrical & Computer Engineering Program (six-week program in learning about fundamentals of electrical engineering and advancing English language skills)

INTERNATIONAL & ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



CIRCLE (THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE)

- CIRCLE helps to streamline UW's mosaic of international student support services and amplify cross-cultural programming for domestic and international student engagement, to provide a unified "front door" for the global Husky Experience.
- "I perceived the academic competition to be my biggest challenge before coming to college, but actually for me it was finding a community within our massive campus that became a focal point of all my issues," said Baljaa Tovvudorj, a UW student from Mongolia.
- "In the words of one of our students, 'It's a home away from home, a portal to the world.'" –Felipe Martinez



- Executive Director: Felipe Martinez
- Assistant Director: Dan Zhu
- UW Vice President for Student Life: Denzil Suite

FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH STUDENTS (FIUTS)

- Advances international understanding through cross-cultural experiences, student leadership, and community connections.
- 2018-2019 Annual Report:
 - 1,170 students connected with new and old friends for a free meal at Wednesday lunch
 - FIUTS staff trained 171 new Facilitators to be more effective leaders
 - 187 FIUTS Facilitators volunteered for 757 volunteer shifts, serving 3,067 hours
 - Connected 128 income international students with local hosts
 - 140 UW students wrote to 191 4th & 5th grade pen pals to share their unique perspectives on culture and friendship
 - FIUTS CulturalFest Performance Showcase welcomed 763 guests



UW CHINESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- CSA UW dedicated to encourage a greater awareness of Chinese culture and the Chinese community on campus and providing a social community for our members to connect with each other.



UW INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- Student organization that aims to spread awareness about Indian culture as well as create a supportive community for our Huskies.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND CULTURAL SHOCK

- UW Counseling Center:
 - Assists international students who struggle with the stress of cultural adjustment and would like to learn strategies for coping more effectively with their transition and learn how to navigate the differences between their home country and that of the UW campus.



STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

- International Students must have health insurance
 - This requirement may be waived only if the student meets certain eligibility criteria and the student has comparable insurance that is valid in the U.S.
 - ISS will assist students apply for this waiver and discuss other insurance plans
- UW International Student Health Insurance Plan
 - ISS staff advises international students to purchase this insurance plan for the entire year
- Hall Health Center (conveniently located on-campus)



HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO ADVANCE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

- Hire immigration attorneys
- Be careful of the language you use and the assumptions you make
- Attend Undocu Ally Trainings
- Support undocumented students in achieving their academic and career objectives
- Become a member of an organization
- Contact Representatives
- Volunteer at legal clinics and workshops
- Protest and stand in solidarity
- Donate



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

