Regis University
Undocumented Student Handbook

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“As a Jesuit, Catholic community that believes in the dignity of all people, no matter where they are born, our values lead us to stand in solidarity with the immigrant community. Regis University will openly and vigilantly stand with our students in the face of any executive order that serves to endanger their safety. We respectfully will work to ensure the safety of all DACA students at Regis and throughout our community during these uncertain times. We will stand firm with our commitment not to work with immigration officials to enforce immigration laws, without a written order from a court of law. As God does not abandon his people, neither will we abandon them. God’s people are our people. We stand with DACA students and the entire immigrant community.”

- Regis President, Father Fitzgibbons


At Regis University, we believe in experiences – multidimensional experiences that help shape people. When those experiences have the right blend of academics, community, culture, faith, and beauty – all working together – you can then truly appreciate that everything matters. We strive to mold the minds of our students to ensure their future success which is exercised in all forms of education—mind, body, and soul. The goal of this handbook is to answer any questions and cater to the needs of our fellow students and to make them feel more welcome on this campus. The diversity of thoughts, ideas, perspectives and experiences will help us to make a great university even better. For more information on Regis and to never miss an update, visit our social media accounts linked below!

https://www.youtube.com/user/RegisUniversity
https://www.instagram.com/regisuniversity/
https://twitter.com/RegisUniversity
All handles are @RegisUniversity
#JesuitEducated

The Class of 2021
Student Accounts:

As the current presidential administration treats the status of our DACA students without regard, Regis promises to maintain close relations with these pupils in order to guarantee safety and a sense of security within our school community. Tania Valenzuela, who completed her undergraduate degree at Regis describes how being a DACA student was a unique and positive experience. Getting into the Jesuit tradition, Tania saw an opportunity to promote inclusion at Regis for undocumented students. When DACA first came out, she teamed up with the Colorado Immigrants’ Rights Coalition to bring more awareness to our DACA students and the Regis community. Tania explains how her success in life came from these resources and information she was working with. In relation to her Regis career, she explained how comfortable she felt on campus knowing that there are other students like her and Regis accepts that with open arms. Regis gave her the tools she needed to be successful. Regis University will openly and vigilantly stand with our students in the face of any executive order that serves to endanger their safety.

Jesuit Values in Higher Education:

Built on the foundation of Jesuit values, Regis creates an environment of diversity, inclusion, and respect. Students are strongly encouraged to exercise the six pillars of Jesuit values in their own unique ways, regardless of religious affiliation. These principles are found at the core of our education. “These values guide us in seeking innovative
opportunities to collaborate and support Regis students, faculty, and staff in our shared goals of creating and maintaining an atmosphere of inclusive excellence that celebrates our diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and perspectives.” (handbook 126). The most important pillar is Cura Personalis. This Latin phrase meaning "care for the person," implies a dedication to promoting human dignity and care for the mind, body and spirit of the person. This is the attitude our students have with each other which creates space of comfort and understanding here at Regis. For more information on the pillars and how our students embrace this way of life click on the link below!

https://www.regis.edu/About-Regis-University/JesuitEducated/Key-Jesuit-Values.aspx

Resources at Regis:

Jesuit education is about educating the whole person. It seeks to build upon the diversity of God-given knowledge and talents that each person brings to the community, regardless of race, class, gender, religious background or any other form of human difference. Indeed, it our belief that our community is stronger not in spite of our diversity, but because of it.

- John J. Fitzgibbons, S.J.
  President

Regis has a plethora of on campus resources for students to take advantage of. If you are looking to get involved in student life, extracurriculars are a great way to be in community with your classmates. The many student organizations, as well as university run programs, seek to not only promote academic excellence, but to embrace cura personalis (care for the whole person).

Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Address: Coors Life Directions Center, Room 124. 3333 Regis Blvd., Denver, CO 80221

Email: diverse@regis.edu

The Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusive Excellence (ODEIE) is committed to cultivating an inclusive and just campus environment where diversity of expression and person are valued and celebrated within the Jesuit tradition.

The Regis Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence houses the Multicultural Awareness Committee, student affinity groups, and first generation student programs. All resources are open to any Regis student, and most groups welcome non-Regis students as well. Below, are the organizations based in ODEIE, along with their mission statement;
**SOMOS:**
SOMOS seeks to promote community awareness of issues important to the Hispanic, Chicano/a/x, and Latino/a/x community as well as create a welcoming environment for all students to network and create new life experiences. We hope to bring knowledge/awareness to Regis community about our culture to create tolerance in our ever-changing demographic. We also support the Jesuit mission of the search for truth, values, and a just experience.
SOMOS has been a part of events such as the Defend DACA Rally, Film Fest, El Grito, and the Latinx Student Summit.

[website](https://www.facebook.com/somos.regis/)
[somos.regis@gmail.com](mailto:somos.regis@gmail.com)

**Asian Student Alliance (ASA):**
The mission of the Asian Student Alliance (ASA) is to: build relationships among Asian students, increase diversity on campus by sharing a variety of Asian cultures, values and experiences, and to promote Asian awareness to the Regis community.
ASA puts on various activities throughout the year including Colorado Asian American Pacific Islander Leadership Conference, and the Lunar New Year Festival.

[website](https://www.facebook.com/groups/regisasianstudentalliance/about/)
[regisasianet@gmail.com](mailto:regisasianet@gmail.com)

**Black Student Alliance (BSA):**
The Black Student Alliance strives to bring diversity to the campus through African, Black-American, and Afro-Caribbean culture. The group seeks to provide a safe and family-oriented space for all of those open to diversity. BSA aims to spread a feeling of inclusion throughout the student body, and in the process breakdown stereotypes and prejudices. BSA meets weekly and has organized campus events such as a Black Lives Matter Rally, as well as off campus outings for student members.
[website](https://www.instagram.com/ru_bsa/)
[RegisBSA@gmail.com](mailto:RegisBSA@gmail.com)

**Queer Student Alliance (QSA):**
The Queer Student Alliance, is in accordance with the Regis University Jesuit Mission and the principles of social justice by:
1. Supporting those who are marginalized because of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity, as well as their allies.
2. Promoting a safe and inclusive campus environment for all members of the Regis University community.
3. Engaging the Regis University community in dialogue about the complexity of gender and sexuality.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/334826729324/about/
nakay081@regis.edu

**Multicultural Awareness Committee (MAC):**
This branch of the Regis University Student Government Association is responsible for the expansion of Regis University cultural diversity efforts through leadership and programming.

https://www.facebook.com/MulticulturalAffairsCommitteemacAtRegis/
scolungamontoya@regis.edu

**First Generation Programs**
Regis University defines a first-generation college student as a student whose parent(s)/legal guardians have not attended a college or university. This means that the student is the first in their immediate family to attend a college/university. Through several partnerships, Regis and the ODEIE can provide continuous academic and financial support to first generation and/or limited income students who are in the transition-to-college process. All this while fostering a sense of community and connecting students with resources across campus.

🔍 The Denver Scholarship Foundation:
➢ scolungamontoya@regis.edu
➢ https://denverscholarship.org

**Bias Incident Report Form:**
If you feel you've witnessed or experienced a biased incident or microaggression at Regis university, you may anonymously report it via the bias incident report form, located on the ODEIE website.

https://www.regis.edu/About-Regis-University/University-Offices-and-Services/Diversity.aspx

**Office of Counseling and Personal Development**
**Address:** Coors Life Directions Center, Room 114
**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*OCPD offers a safe and accepting environment to effectively develop awareness and strategies to handle crisis situations and persisting problems and to grow in self knowledge and understanding. A professional staff of licensed and qualified psychologists and counselors provide individual and group services which include short-term counseling, long-term counseling (no specific session limits), referral to consulting psychiatrist where appropriate, and assessment of more severe psychological concerns*

The Office of Counseling and Personal Development provides a multitude of services free of charge to full time students on the Lowell campus;

- Individual Counseling
- Couples Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Psychological Assessment
- Referrals
- Mandated Substance Abuse Educational Workshops
- Crisis Intervention

In addition to these resources, OCPD staff are confidential resources for students. The following faculty/staff are also confidential/privileged resources, meaning they have no duty/obligation (unless required by law) to report confidential information to the university and/or law enforcement.

- Campus mental health counselors and staff (when providing counseling services)
- Jesuits and those studying to become a Jesuit (when acting in the capacity as a Jesuit)
- University Ministry staff (excluding peer ministers)
- Violence Prevention Program Coordinator (complainants in sexual misconduct cases)
- Mental Performance Coach (for university varsity athletes only)
- Health Services Providers and staff

[https://www.regis.edu/About-Regis-University/University-Offices-and-Services/Campus-Safety/Title-IX/Reporting.aspx](https://www.regis.edu/About-Regis-University/University-Offices-and-Services/Campus-Safety/Title-IX/Reporting.aspx)
difficult barriers for obtaining a higher education is getting the right amount of financial aid. This following section is designed to help you see financial options available to you.

**Federal/State Policy:**

Federal Policy: Undocumented students, including DACA recipients are not eligible for financial loans, grants, or work-study funds. Undocumented students are not prohibited from attending an institution of post-secondary education and may be eligible for other forms of financial aid.

- **Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; SEC 484** states:
  
  *IN GENERAL.*—In order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under this title, a student must—be a citizen or national of the United States, a permanent resident of the United States, able to provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he or she is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident, a citizen of any one of the Freely Associated States.

State Policy: Senate Bill 13-033 (Colorado ASSET legislation) provides in-state, resident tuition rates at public institutions of higher education to students who meet the following criteria:

- attended high school in Colorado for at least three years immediately preceding graduation or attaining a general equivalency diploma (GED); and
- are admitted to a Colorado institution of higher education within one academic year following graduation, or the attainment of a GED.

A student who is lacking lawful immigration status, but who meets the criteria above may be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes. Such a student must submit an affidavit to the admitting institution stating that he or she has applied for lawful presence or will apply as soon as he or she is eligible to do so. A high school graduate who has not been admitted to college within one year following graduation, but who otherwise satisfies the requirements in the bill, may be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes so long as the student has been physically present in Colorado for at least 18 months prior to enrolling. Once classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes, each student is also eligible for College Opportunity Fund stipends.
Regis Financial Aid:

Although Regis cannot grant in-state tuition to eligible undocumented students they do provide some financial assistance: Regis University provides institutional funds to undocumented students by awarding academic and other talent-based scholarships. The majority of these scholarships are awarded at the time of admission and notice is included in the admissions letter. Other financial resources are available through private providers.

Other Financial Resources:

Private Loans: private loans are given to students by different organizations and institutions: state agency, school, bank, credit union, company or individual. Banks and private lenders often require that an undocumented immigrant find a citizen or legal resident to cosign for a loan. Additional information on private loans can be found at: [http://studentcaffe.com/afford/nonfederal-financial-aid/private-loans](http://studentcaffe.com/afford/nonfederal-financial-aid/private-loans).

Private loans available to Regis University students:

PNC Solution Loan:

Ascent:
Student loan options that can cover up to 100% of tuition and eligible living expenses Apply online at AscentStudentLoans.com or call 877-216-0876.

Scholarships: scholarships are financial aid awards designed to help students pay for college. Some are a one-time check. Other college scholarships are renewable and provide money for students each semester or school year. These awards differ from student loans in that they don’t have to be repaid. Students may receive the money directly as a check in their name. In other cases, the money is given to the student’s college. In these cases, the student would then pay the college for the difference on any money owed for tuition, fees, room and board. If the scholarships and other forms of financial aid are enough to cover the direct college costs, the excess money is refunded to the student.

Scholarships for Undocumented Citizens:

10,000 Degrees
**Andres y Maria Cardenas Family Foundation Scholarships**

**Point Foundation Scholarship Fund:** This scholarship is for students who are involved in the LGBTQ community (students do not need to self-identify with the LGBTQ community to qualify). To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must demonstrate very strong academic performance, proven leadership skills, and desire to make a difference in the world. Scholarships are awarded based on marginalization, financial need, academic achievement, personal merit, leadership, involvement in the LGBTQ community, professional experiences, and personal and future goals. The program is open to all college students regardless of citizenship, but recipients must attend accredited institutions within the United States.

**Scholarship America Dream Award:** Eligibility: Applicants to the Scholarship America Dream Award must: Be at least 17 years of age, be U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident card), or individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), have received a high school diploma or the equivalent from a U.S. school by September of the corresponding year, have completed or expect to successfully complete a minimum of one full year of postsecondary education by June of the corresponding year, plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at the sophomore year level or higher at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the United States for the entire academic year, be studying to obtain an associate's or first bachelor's degree, have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent), demonstrate financial need.

**United States Hispanic Leadership Institute:** USHLI is a non-profit dedicated to empowering the Latino community by promoting education, leadership development, unity, and civic participation. Their Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship seeks to support students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree. Recipients will also receive a scholarship to attend the 35th National USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL. The eligibility requirements are: must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, in an accredited four-year or two-year institution, demonstrate financial need, and at least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry.

**Western Union Foundation Family Scholarship:** The Family Scholarship Program is intended to help two members of the same family move up the economic development ladder through education. Applicants must be two members of the same family. All applicants must be age 18 or older. Country of origin for at least one of the applicants must be outside the United States. Application must include educational providers for primary and secondary award recipients.
For additional scholarships and descriptions go to:
https://www.ccd.edu/administration/non-academic-departments/we-support-our-dreamers/private-scholarships-resources
http://www.dreamersroadmap.com/scholarships/

Scholarship Resource Guides and Search Engines:

- Educators for Fair Consideration – List of Scholarships that Don’t Require Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency
- Keeping the Dream Alive: Scholarships for Undocumented and DACA Students
- MALDEF Scholarships

Know Your Rights:

As a DACA recipient, you have rights both on campus and in the community. Regis University has promised to stand with DACA students. As a private university, Regis is free to admit undocumented students, regardless of state laws. Additionally, you have no need or obligation to provide your legal status during the application process, and there is no legal obligation on the part of the university to require you to provide it. **Your legal status should not change, jeopardize, or otherwise affect your status as a Regis Student.** You also have rights outside of Regis in the community. The ACLU outlines what to do if you are stopped by ICE or the police. Remember these tips to make interactions with law enforcement as smooth and safe as possible. Other legal and community resources are available for DACA students- please see the **community resources** section of this handbook for more.

**You have the right to remain silent and do not have to discuss your immigration or citizenship status** with police, immigration agents or any other officials. You do not have to answer questions about where you were born, whether you are a U.S. citizen, or how you entered the country. (Separate rules apply at international borders and airports, and for individuals on certain nonimmigrant visas, including tourists and business travelers.)

- **If you are not a U.S. citizen and an immigration agent requests your immigration papers, you must show them if you have them with you.** If
you are over 18, carry your immigration documents with you at all times. If you do not have immigration papers, say you want to remain silent.

Do not lie about your citizenship status or provide fake documents.

If the police or immigration agents come to your home, you do not have to let them in unless they have certain kinds of warrants.

Ask the officer to slip the warrant under the door or hold it up to the window so you can inspect it. A search warrant allows police to enter the address listed on the warrant, but officers can only search the areas and for the items listed. An arrest warrant allows police to enter the home of the person listed on the warrant if they believe the person is inside. A warrant of removal/deportation (ICE warrant) does not allow officers to enter a home without consent.

Even if officers have a warrant, you have the right to remain silent. If you choose to speak to the officers, step outside and close the door.

If you are arrested, ask your lawyer about the effect of a criminal conviction or plea on your immigration status.

Don't discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer.

While you are in jail, an immigration agent may visit you. Do not answer questions or sign anything before talking to a lawyer.

Read all papers fully. If you do not understand or cannot read the papers, tell the officer you need an interpreter.

You have the right to contact your consulate or have an officer inform the consulate of your arrest.

Tell the ICE agent you wish to remain silent. Do not discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer.

Do not sign anything, such as a voluntary departure or stipulated removal, without talking to a lawyer. If you sign, you may be giving up your opportunity to try to stay in the U.S.

Please note that some laws may vary by state. Laws are also different at U.S. ports of entry, including airports. If you feel that your rights have been violated, file a written complaint and contact your local ACLU. The Regis University library website has additional resources, including guidebooks, organizations, and legal counsel. Find this information at: https://libguides.regis.edu/immigrants

Community Resources:

The purpose of this section is to provide students with resources within the greater Denver community. In the section that follows is a working list of legal services,
organizations, activist groups and other resources for undocumented students and their families in Colorado. This list is not all encompassing but we attempted to provide as many relevant and cost-efficient resources within the metro area. Law enforcement agencies, local governments, and even states across the country are proactively beginning to restrict or all together prohibit cooperation with federal immigration authorities. Commonly referred to as “sanctuary policies,” such ordinances, prevent law enforcement from cooperating with ICE officials. Listed in part 2 of this section is the law enforcement policies, by county. Colorado was one of the first states in which all county jails agreed to not comply with ICE detainer requests, however, many counties will still alert and cooperate with ICE on some level.

**Reduced Cost Legal Aid:**

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<th><strong>Bethany Immigration Services</strong></th>
<th>Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions</th>
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<td>Location: 101 W Main St, Suite 101D, Frisco, CO 80443</td>
<td><strong>Catholic Charities of Central Colorado - Family Immigration Services</strong></td>
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<td>Contact: (970) 368-2373</td>
<td><strong>Areas of legal assistance:</strong> Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions. <strong>Types of legal assistance:</strong> Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation before the Immigration Court.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.bethanyimmigration.org">http://www.bethanyimmigration.org</a>, <a href="mailto:judy@bethanyimmigration.org">judy@bethanyimmigration.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Catholic Charities of Denver - Immigration Services (Denver Office)</strong></td>
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<td>Location: 228 N. Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903</td>
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<td><strong>Areas of legal assistance:</strong> Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.ccdenver.org">http://www.ccdenver.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Types of legal assistance:</strong> Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation before the Immigration Court.</td>
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| Catholic Charities of Denver - Immigration Services (Greeley Office) | Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Habemas Corpus, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals |
| City of Littleton Immigrant Resources Center | Areas of legal assistance: Naturalization/Citizenship
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS |
| Colorado Legal Services (Denver Office) | Areas of legal assistance: Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, T visas, U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS |
| **Hispanic Affairs Project** | Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship  
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS |
|---|---|
| Location: 300 N. Cascade Ave., Suite C-4, Montrose, CO 81401  
Contact: (970) 249-4115, http://www.hapgj.org , info@hapgj.org |  |

| **Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County** | Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Temporary Protected Status (TPS)  
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation before the Immigration Court |
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| Location: 948 North St, Suite 8, Boulder, CO 80304  
Contact: (303) 444-1522, http://www.boulderayuda.org , laurel@boulderayuda.org |  |

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<th><strong>Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (Colorado Springs Office)</strong></th>
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| Location: 132 E Las Animas, Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
Contact: (719) 227-8899, http://www.lfsrm.org/refugee-asylee |  |

| **Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains - Immigration Legal Services (Denver Office)** | Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship  
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS |
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| Location: 1600 Downing St, Suite 600, Denver, CO 80218  
Contact: (303) 980-5400, http://www.lfsrm.org , info@lfsrm.org |  |

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<th><strong>Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN)</strong></th>
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| Location: 3489 W. 72nd Ave, Suite 211, Westminster, CO 80030  
Contact: (303) 433-2812, http://www.rmian.org |  |
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals

## Colorado Counties Immigration Policy:

### Ice Detainer

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<th>All County Jails</th>
<th>“All of Colorado’s county jails have now confirmed to the ACLU of Colorado that they no longer honor detainer requests from federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)….According to the ACLU, Colorado is now the first state in the country in which all county jailers have individually decided to reject detainer requests from ICE.”</th>
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<td>Arapahoe county</td>
<td>Will not comply with detainer request</td>
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<td>Archuleta county</td>
<td>Will not comply “unless they are accompanied by an affidavit of probable cause and/or warrant signed by a Magistrate or Judge”</td>
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<td>City of Aurora</td>
<td>Officers will not enforce, investigate, or detain individuals based on their immigration status.</td>
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<td>Boulder County</td>
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<td>Custer county</td>
<td>“Whenever there is probable cause to believe a detainee is an illegal alien and is held in the Custer County Sheriff’s Office custody on charges, ICE will be notified as soon as possible. However, if ICE is unable to be present on the date/time of release, the inmate will not be detained for any period of time while awaiting their ICE arrival unless we receive a federal criminal arrest warrant from a Federal Magistrate. State and local law enforcement officers lack independent authority to detain an alleged illegal alien. The existence of a detainer (I247) and/or an Administrative Warrant (I200) should not be allowed to interfere with the bonding process for a foreign national subject. Federal criminal arrest warrants, reviewed and signed by a Federal Magistrate, are different that the I247 Detainers and the I200 Administrative Warrants.”</td>
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<td>Delta county</td>
<td>Will not comply with detainer request</td>
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<td>Denver (City &amp; County)</td>
<td>Will not comply with detainer request, unless the detainer is accompanied with a criminal warrant or some other form that gives DSD legal authority to hold the requested person.</td>
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<td>City of Durango</td>
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<td>Jackson county</td>
<td>Will not comply with detainer request “Unless presented with a warrant that is signed by a federal magistrate or judge.”</td>
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<td>Jefferson county</td>
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<td>La Plata county</td>
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<td>Larimer county</td>
<td>“Any Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) requests for holds on inmates being released from custody MUST be signed by a federal magistrate or judge. Any orders or requests that are signed by an official with ICE cannot be honored.”</td>
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<td>Lincoln county</td>
<td>“If an arrestee that ICE has requested a detainer has been sentenced to the County Jail, ICE will be notified of the arrestee’s release date and time. Once the sentence is completed, the arrestee will be released, whether ICE agents respond or not to the Lincoln County Jail. The Lincoln County Jail will not hold an inmate on an immigration hold alone.”</td>
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<td>Mesa county</td>
<td>“Will not honor ICE detainer unless criminal charges are pending.”</td>
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<td>Moffat county</td>
<td>Will not honor ICE detainer requests unless accompanied by a statement of probable cause and signed by a magistrate.</td>
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<td>Montezuma county</td>
<td>Will not honor ICE detainers, but only official arrest warrants signed by a person in judicial review.</td>
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<td>Montrose county</td>
<td>“Effective immediately the Montrose County Jail will no longer hold individuals on an I247 Form or ICE Detainer alone. The form must be accompanied by a probable cause affidavit or warrant that sets forth reasonable facts that the individual is here illegally. Once a person has served is sentence, that person will be released.” Montrose County Sheriff’s Office Memorandum: ICE Holds (April 28, 2014)</td>
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<td>Morgan county</td>
<td>“Morgan County Sheriff's Office will no longer hold any prisoner based solely on federal detainers or administrative warrants.”</td>
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<td>Pueblo county</td>
<td>Will not honor ICE detainer</td>
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<td>Routt county</td>
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<td>Saguache county</td>
<td>The Saguache County jail does not hold immigration detainees based on I247 Ice holds or I-200 Ice Warrants. When a detainee is held on local charges and ICE places a hold on the detainee due the detainee’s legal status, as soon as the detainee’s case has reached disposition, ICE is notified to pick up the detainee immediately...If, for some reason, ICE cannot pick up the detainee, the detainee is released.</td>
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<td>San Miguel county</td>
<td>Will not comply with detainer request, ICE agents will be required to file an arrest warrant, signed by a US Magistrate, with the Sheriff’s office before the Sheriff will detain a federal prisoner.</td>
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<td>Will not honor ICE detainer requests unless they are accompanied by a statement of probable cause and are signed by magistrate or a judge.</td>
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Denver Groups and Activism:

- **The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)** is a statewide, membership-based coalition of immigrant, faith, labor, youth, community, business and ally organizations founded in 2002 to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees by making Colorado a more welcoming, immigrant-friendly state. CIRC achieves this mission through non-partisan civic engagement, public education, and advocating for workable, fair and humane immigration policies.

- **The Rocky Mountain Immigration Advocacy Network** provides legal counsel to immigrants and those affected by immigration policy throughout Colorado. In addition to informing people of their civil rights, the Westminster-based organization frequently holds training programs for volunteer attorneys and the public; at the end of this month, RMIAN—in conjunction with the Immigration Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, Colorado Lawyers Committee, and the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies—will hold a training session on youth immigration law. The half-day program is free for lawyers who commit to taking on a pro bono immigration case through RMIAN.

- **The Denver-based African Community Center** helps refugees and immigrant youth from all over the world find their footing, develop skills, build their networks, and generally establish a positive and successful life in the Denver metro area. The ACC, which is parented by the Ethiopian Community Development Council, also has a youth-specific program that promotes upward mobility, civic engagement and leadership among adolescents.

- **The local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**, Colorado’s oldest and largest civil rights institution, has been safeguarding our state’s civil liberties since 1952. ACLU is the largest public interest law firm in the United States and, while recent events have caused a spike in donations to the ACLU—which are shared across all chapters—it’s important to remember that the organization is now tackling new issues, alongside its usual wheelhouse. With all the focus on national politics, ACLU of Colorado spokesperson John Krieger says it’s critical to practice the “if you see something, say something” rule in our own communities. “Rights violations can’t be fought if they’re not noted and reported,” he says.

- **The multi-pronged Project Worthmore** in Aurora runs a food bank—supported by fresh foods sourced from their community garden—dental facility, administers
English classes, and sets up refugees with local volunteers who can mentor them through the basics of American life. Volunteer opportunities span across all their endeavors. Project Worthmore, which serves many people whose families are affected by Trump’s executive order, also lives inside the Mango House—a safe haven and resource center for refugees—which has suffered violent threats in the past couple weeks. Needless to say, they need your support now more than ever.

A partnership of faith-based organizations, the Metro Denver Sanctuary Coalition’s mission is to provide a safe space—literally and figuratively—for immigrants and refugees, when and if it is ever needed. The Coalition works with local churches to provide physical space for immigrants and refugees. Sanctuary, as it notes on their website, is “to proclaim and protect the dignity to proclaim and protect the dignity and worth of every human being,” something the interfaith group takes to heart.

Building Community:

Coping, Community and Solidarity:
Both Regis University, and the surrounding Denver Metropolitan Area provide resources to students with undocumented status. In the following This Handbook will feature some key support groups, free resources and places of faith that are specifically dedicated to supporting undocumented people. Coping is one of these key mechanisms undocumented young people face many challenges including both physical and psychological safety. This document will provide information about local community resources that support young in coping with these multiple pressures. Solidarity specifically has proven to be a vital tool for many undocumented people, and building community is a key part of living a safe and comfortable life. More so, as Father Fitzgibbons states on the official Regis University website, “As a Jesuit, Catholic community that believes in the dignity of all people, no matter where they are born, our values lead us to stand in solidarity with the immigrant community” . This section will hopefully provide some steps on becoming a part of a secure and enriching community.

One excellent resource in the Denver area is a non-profit organization called the Metro Denver Sanctuary Coalition, who list their strategic priorities on their website as: “Story Sharing: Represent immigrant and citizen voices and their transformative experience together.

Accompaniment: We train our members to document immigrant experiences and accompany the person in deportation. We provide spiritual and concrete accompaniment.
**Engage the larger faith community in discernment:** Our members, of all immigration status, are happy to share their experiences with Sanctuary. We are happy to come facilitate or co-facilitate interactive workshops, art exhibits or film showings at your faith community.”³

The Denver Sanctuary Coalition also provides information on a number of physical sanctuaries, safe spaces and hosting congregations. Those closest to the Regis campus in order of proximity are:

- Jefferson Unitarian Church
- 10:30 Catholic Community
- First Universalist Church of Denver

Additionally, there are several churches in the area that provide services in Spanish:

- Denver Hispanic SDA Church: 4359 Pecos St, Denver CO
- Iglesia Evangelica Cristiana Espiritual: 3925 Shoshone St, Denver CO
- St. Cajetan Catholic Church: 299 S Raleigh St, Denver CO

While these are valuable resources for undocumented people, there are other community resources available. Overall, being an undocumented young adult can be difficult and the social and societal pressures placed on you can cause things such as low self-esteem, frustration, isolation fear and anxiety. To combat these feelings, “(p)ositive coping mechanisms includ(ing) engaging in charity work, confiding in close family and friends, playing sports, and listening to music” can be very helpful.⁴ Resources that can support undocumented youth in dealing with emotional stressors and help them develop positive coping skills, at little to no cost in the Regis community are:

- Clinica Tepeyac, at http://clinicatepeyac.org/ (Clinic in need of Spanish speaking volunteers)
- Project Worthmore, at https://www.projectworthmore.org/ (Volunteer opportunity to work with other immigrants and/or refugees)

Being undocumented is challenging, and in 2018's climate it can feel scary and unwelcoming, but the Regis community want you to feel welcome. There are a lot of quality resources that can help you to stay happy and healthy as an undocumented person in Denver. This document will hopefully assist in identifying community supports available on or near the Regis campus and send the message that regardless of documentation, everyone is a respected and valued member of this community.
Documentaries:

- Dreamers: This is a half-hour film profiling five DACA participants their past and their present.

Podcasts:

- Butterfly Story Collective Podcast: The Butterfly Story Collective is a network of local storytelling projects produced by immigrants and about the immigrant experience in the United States. This podcast features stories shared by participants in those local projects from all over the country.

Social Media:

- UndocuMedia
  [https://www.undocumedia.org/](https://www.undocumedia.org/)
  Facebook, Instagram & Twitter: UndocuMedia

- United We Dream
  [https://unitedwedream.org/](https://unitedwedream.org/)
  Facebook, Instagram & Twitter: unitedwedream

- Pero Like YouTube channel
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Books:

- We Are Americans: Undocumented Students Pursuing the American Dream - Through the inspiring stories of 16 students--from seniors in high school to graduate students--William Perez gives voice to the estimated 2.4 million undocumented students in the United States and draws attention to their plight.

- The DREAMers: How the Undocumented Youth Movement Transformed the Immigrant Rights Debate - *The DREAMers* provides the first investigation of the youth movement that has transformed the national immigration debate, from its start in the early 2000s through the present day.

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Podcast: Latino USA [https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510016/latino-usa](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510016/latino-usa)

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