

Act On a Dream 101:

Joining the Movement

ACT ON A DREAM



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<https://diversity.college.harvard.edu/undocumented-students>





Who are we?

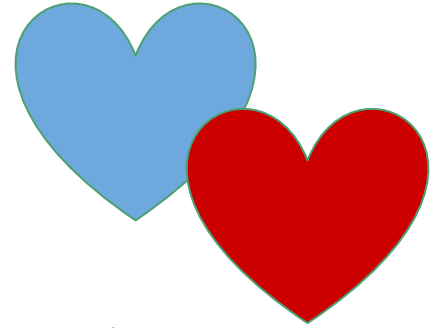
Act on a Dream is a student-led, student-run organization at Harvard College focused on supporting and advocating for the immigrant community on campus and beyond.

We have four pillars:

1. **Advocating** for legislative measures like comprehensive immigration reform & the abolishment of ICE.
2. Building a **community** on campus that welcomes all migrants
3. Pushing Harvard administration to increase **support** for undocumented students, TPS workers, and other members of our community. . .
4. Engaging in **service** to help the larger undocumented community.

AOD is not a Latinx student organization

AOD is not an organization for “Dreamers”



AOD is an organization of **people that care** for immigrants rights and supporting the immigrant community at Harvard and beyond

AOD is an organization that advocates for immigrant rights because **all immigrants are deserving** of citizenship

AOD is open to all, including allies, accomplices, and those personally affected by immigration



Organizational Structure

- **Host programming** as weekly events, meetings, gatherings
 - Mostly Evening (can vary)s, we will work to respect class times, Wellness Days
- **Foster community** through community dinners, group advocacy initiatives,, or collaborative service projects
- **Build Leadership** for our members through committee meetings!
 - Committees:
 - **Advocacy**
 - **Community Building**
 - **External Affairs**
 - **Intersectionality**
 - **Social**



Committees <3

Intersectionality



- What we do
 - Spread AOD's reach beyond the groups it currently caters to
 - Plan and sponsor events with differing cultural or general affinity groups
 - Explore the multi-faceted immigrant experience, ranging from mental health to queerness to identity
- What we're looking forward to:
 - Reach and cater to the many immigrants who haven't felt represented by AOD
 - Create stronger/new relationships with groups on campus
 - Connect the greater immigrant pop.'s ideas to board and use their input to further diversify AOD and 'open its doors'
 - Challenge monolithic narratives of what it means to be an immigrant

ADVOCACY



What we do

- Supporting and uplifting immigrant voices on and off campus
- Fighting for rights of every single member of the undocumented community, not just “DREAMers”
- Protest and lobbying for immigration reform
- Work with advocates in and out of the Harvard community to address immigrant concerns, as well as supporting other advocacy projects

What we're looking forward to:

- DACA application workshop/website
- NAKASEC
- 100 Days Campaign

This is Tabitha, one of the
Advocacy Co-Chairs!



Community Building



What we do

- Undocugraduation
- Dinners, check-ins, etc
- Community Care and Mindfulness Events
- Crossover activities and events with advocacy and intersectionality
- ROOTS

What we're looking forward to:

- Creating closer cohesion between those who relate to the undocumented experience.

COMMUNICATIONS



What we do

- Communicate with and inform AOD members about new programs, reunions, events, and legislation pertaining to immigration, ICE, and DACA related topics
- Send weekly newsletters containing and promoting AOD's goals/missions, events and trips, scholarships, and news related to immigration reform
- Update our social media platforms to showcase AOD's events, make sure to follow!
- Spread awareness of the arduous circumstances undocumented immigrants and DACA recipients face in contemporary times

What we're looking forward to:

- Create a supportive and engaging community on campus that supports undocumented, DACA, and mixed-status students on campus

Finance



What we do

- Help the other committees to make sure their projects have enough financial support
- Apply for grants within and outside of Harvard
- Help interested donors support our organization, mission, and community

What we're looking forward to:

- Revamp donation platform to facilitate donor communication and outreach
- Reach out to alumni and others who are interested in financially supporting us
- Revamp AoD merch!



External Affairs



What we do

- Create resources for high school/college students
- Connect with local organizations for greater engagement beyond Harvard
- Aid in Summer Fellowship for undocumented students

What we're looking forward to:

- Innovating our resources in an attempt to *personalize* them
- Supporting undocumented high schoolers!
- Creating *long-term* connections!

SEMESTER PROJECTS

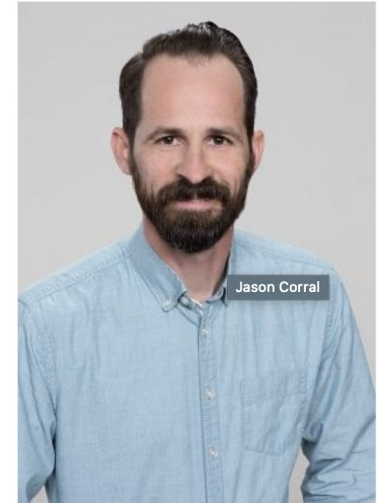
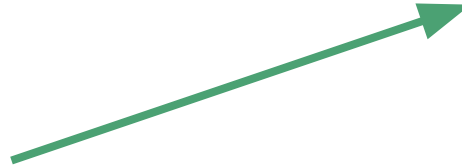


We're looking forward to:

- CAMHS support groups
- Pressuring the new President to be better <3
- ROOTS
- UndocuGraduation

Resources

- Harvard Immigration & Refugee Clinic
 - Legal Advice/Questions
 - Contact:
 - Jason Corral (lawyer)
 - Phone: 617-495-5141
 - jcorral@law.harvard.edu
 - Nilce Maldonado (paralegal)
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UndocuVeritas

- a virtual support hub for the undocumented and immigrant community across all Harvard schools, funded by the Harvard Culture Innovation Lab Fund. <3
- Sign up for Undocuveritas: https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a46lca9Bz25gEXX

A graphic for the UndocuVeritas Launch Event. It features a dark red border. At the top, the word "UNDOCUVERITAS" is written in a dark red, sans-serif font, with a horizontal line underneath. Below this, the words "LAUNCH" and "EVENT" are stacked in a larger, dark red, sans-serif font. On either side of the text are stylized, dark red wing-like or flame-like graphics. Below the text, the date and time "Wednesday, February 10 | 6-7 PM" and the Zoom link "Zoom: tinyurl.com/UVeritas" are listed. At the bottom, a line of text reads "*All attendees entered into raffle*".

UNDOCUVERITAS

LAUNCH
EVENT

Wednesday, February 10 | 6-7 PM
Zoom: tinyurl.com/UVeritas

Learn about Harvard's new online community platform exclusively for undocumented students!

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Thank you!

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