

Dreams Alliance in partnership with CSUN Dreams to be Heard
and the Muñiz Family Foundation

Present

Dreams Alliance is committed to improving the access and retention of undocumented students in higher education. As a coalition of faculty, staff, students, and alumni, we strive to support undocumented students and alumni through advisement, advocacy, curriculum and professional development, inventory of campus resources, and activism. Further, we work to raise awareness among our colleagues and the broader public of the benefits undocumented students bring to higher education and society.

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Scholarship Banquet

Sunday, May 20, 2012

CSU Northridge

University Student Union

Grand Salon

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Kent Wong, Keynote Speaker

**“Undocumented and Unafraid:
the Immigrant Youth Movement”**



Thank you for joining us at our annual fundraising luncheon as we award scholarships to outstanding students, and honor alumni and those who support our students to make their dreams a reality.

Program

Reception
Performance by Trio Chepicarri

Welcome
Julio César Ortiz, Master of Ceremonies
Reporter, Univision's Channel 34

Kent Wong
Keynote Speaker
"Undocumented and Unafraid: the Immigrant Youth Movement"

Lunch from El Rancherito
Performance by Mariachi Aztlán

Lizbeth Mateo
Recipient of the CSUN Alumni Activist Award

Presentation of Dreams Alliance Scholarships

Paola Viridiana López
Recipient of the Gloria Natividad Rivera Scholarship

Ángel Hernández
Recipient of the Francisco P. Ramírez Scholarship

José Luis Ríos
Recipient of the Lucha & Laban Scholarship

Juan Quevedo
Recipient of the Wong & Pérez Scholarship

Guest Speakers' Biographies



Lizbeth Mateo is an undocumented immigrant from Oaxaca, Mexico who moved to Los Angeles, California at the age of fourteen. As a student at Cal State Northridge, Lizbeth and a handful of other young people co-founded Dreams to be Heard with the purpose of having a safe space and a support group for undocumented students on campus. In 2008, she became the first in her family to graduate from college, earning a degree in Chicano/a Studies. It was clear for her that organizing didn't end on graduation date, and that she had to continue working in her community. A few months after receiving her degree, Lizbeth co-founded Dream Team LA, a youth led organization that advocates for the rights of immigrant youth and the immigrant community.

Lizbeth is also co-founder of DreamActivist California, a statewide network dedicated to organize undocumented high school students. In 2010, Lizbeth and three others became the first undocumented youth to risk deportation by doing civil disobedience.

They conducted a sit-in inside Sen. McCain's office to demand the passage of the DREAM Act. Despite being arrested, put into deportation proceedings, and facing the failure of the DREAM Act, Lizbeth and other undocumented youth co-founded The National Immigrant Youth Alliance - a youth-LED nationwide network of grassroots organizations. Despite being a volunteer-run organization, NIYA has successfully organized national actions and campaigns that include numerous peaceful acts of civil disobedience and "Education Not Deportation" campaigns to stop the deportations of undocumented youth.

In 2011, Lizbeth moved to Washington D.C to continue the fight for the passage of the DREAM Act, and to stop the deportations of undocumented youth. She firmly believes that in order to create the kind of change that we all want to see, the people that are most affected by the issue must lead the way and must take ownership of their struggle.



Kent Wong is director of the Center for Labor Research and Education at UCLA, where he teaches Labor Studies and Ethnic Studies.

Kent was previously staff attorney for the Service Employees International Union, representing Los Angeles County Workers, and the first staff attorney for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. Kent served as the founding president of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, and has also served as the national president of the United Association for Labor Education, and the University and College Labor Education Association. He is a vice president of the California Federation of Teachers, a co-chair of the California Speaker's Commission on Labor Education, and serves on the Board of Trustees of the National Labor College.

Kent has focused much of his career on issues impacting immigrant workers and students. He has conducted research and taught courses on the subject, established partnerships between unions and immigrant communities, and advanced major initiatives to support immigrant integration and full rights for undocumented immigrant youth and students.

Kent has published numerous books on the labor movement, union organizing, and immigrant workers and students. He regularly addresses union, community, and student conferences throughout the country. Kent has also been involved in developing labor solidarity initiatives in the Pacific Rim, especially in China, Vietnam, and Japan.