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New Advocacy Mobile App

HACU's Government Relations team just launched its new advocacy mobile app. You will be able to access all the information on the Advocacy Center, and even complete calls to action, at your fingertips through this new tool!

Download the *new* advocacy mobile app in two simple steps:

- 1) Get started by installing "Converge Advocacy" from the Apple/Android Store
- 2) Then, launch the app and search for "Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities," and set-up your profile using your email address.

Congressional HSI Caucus – New Co-Chair

We are happy to announce that Representative Mario Diaz-Balart, will serve as a new co-chair to the Congressional Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Caucus. Rep. Diaz-Balart replaces former Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen in the Caucus and joins Reps. Susan Davis, Raul Grijalva, and Will Hurd as co-chairs. [More>>](#)

Call to Action

HACU re-established the Congressional HSI Caucus in order to keep Members of Congress and their staff informed about the value and impact of HSIs in their districts and communities. The Caucus currently has 20 members. We encourage you to contact your representative to have them join the HSI Caucus. [Click here](#) to contact your rep.

Dream Act Update

Last month the [American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 \(H.R. 6\)](#) was introduced by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard and has 224 co-sponsors. The bill would allow as many as 2.5 million people to apply for legal status and put them on a path that could ultimately lead to US citizenship. H.R. 6 combines the longstanding DREAM Act with a proposal to allow some immigrants with temporary humanitarian protections to apply for permanent legal status.

On March 26th, the Senate introduced the [Dream Act of 2019 \(S. 874\)](#) and the *2019 Secure Act* (led by Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin). The *Dream Act of 2019* is the same text as the Dream Act of 2017. The [2019 SECURE Act \(S. 879\)](#) would provide a pathway to citizenship and permanent protection from deportation to those under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) programs, covering more than 400,000 people who have made the United States their home.

Call to Action

The nation would benefit from the education of these young people, who will then be able to make their fullest contribution as future tax-payers, educators, professionals and leaders in areas of critical importance to the nation's economy and security. [Click here](#) to contact your members of Congress to pass the American Dream & Promise Act (H.R. 6) or the Dream Act of 2019 (S. 874).

In Case You Missed It:

2019 Legislative Agenda

At the 24th Annual Capitol Forum HACU released its 2019 Legislative Agenda for the 116th Congress. [Click here](#) to read the full legislative agenda.

2017-18 HSI Data

HACU released the new HSI and Emerging HSI information for the 2017-18 academic year. There are now 523 HSIs in 25 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; and 328 Emerging HSIs in 35 states. [More>>](#)

For the new HSI and Emerging HSI data by congressional district [click here](#).

Forward this Washington Update to a colleague or friend. Encourage them to [sign-up](#) and join the [Advocacy Center](#) to lend their voice of support for HSIs and Latino students.