



The ISRC worked with campus and community partners to develop a series of programs that centered wellness, healing, and financial support. Our goal was to help students and their families from immigrant and refugee backgrounds succeed and stay connected during the global pandemic

## CREATE A WELCOMING CAMPUS CLIMATE

- Co-hosted eight cafecitos, discussions with campus/community partners about issues that intersect with immigration. Guest included ScholarshipsA-Z, UA First Cats, and Campus Pantry, and CAPS.
- Trained 277 educators at the UA, ASU, NAU, Pima Community College, Maricopa Community Colleges, and high schools across AZ on how to support students with DACA and undocumented status.
- The ISRC remains one of 59 centers in the U.S. and one of two in AZ.

## CREATE ACCESS TO & SUPPORT TRANSITION AT UA

- Provided college access and financial aid resources to 111 students through in-person and online presentations and events
- Provided resources to 102 students at 10 virtual events including UA Admitted Student Day
- Hosted three-day Pathways Conference for 94 participants who learned from presenters with local, state, and national organizations about how to attend college, go to graduate school, and start a business as someone with undocumented or DACA status
- Social media: Offered educational resources and IG live events (Cafecitos) that informed 1,129 students and community about topics connected to immigration
- We helped 14 UA students with DACA graduate in 2021

## SUPPORT SOCIO-EMOTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

- Worked with Office of Multicultural Engagement to cover costs of services from UA CAPS for 6 students
- Hosted a 2.5 hour weekly healing space for 12 weeks for students from immigrant and refugee backgrounds with the support of a trained counselor
- Established partnership with School Psychology Department through which an advanced doctoral student can provide therapy to students (five students were served)
- Created a drop-in space with a CAPS therapist that supported two students
- Created an online database of affordable or free mental health resources available to undocumented communities

## ADDRESS FINANCIAL AID INEQUITIES

- Connected DACA students to \$165,000 in private scholarships
- Connected 14 students to \$33,000 in scholarships that paid remaining balances in fall 2020

## SUPPORT STUDENTS' FLUID LEGAL STATUS

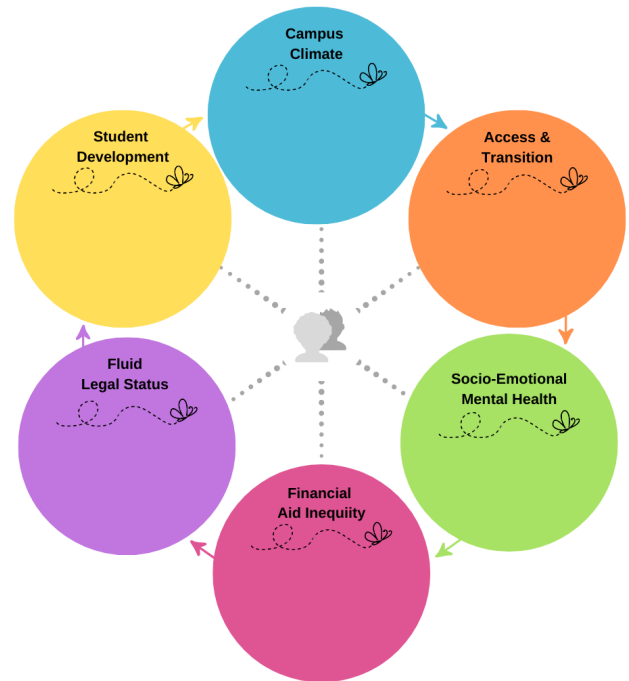
- Hosted virtual DACA renewal and AP clinic that helped four students complete applications
- Connected 8 students to immigration attorneys and local organizations that provide free legal services
- Hired Immigration Legal Services fellow who supported 28 students

## DEVELOP STUDENTS

- Employed 7 undergraduate student staff, 1 Graduate Assistant

### ISRC'S APPROACH:

Where students from immigrant & refugee backgrounds are safe, welcomed, dignified, & can thrive



*Adapted from Undocumented Student Program at UC Berkeley*

## Students' Quotes from 2020-21 Events

### Scholarships:

"I just wanted to update you that I was granted the HEERF grant and it has been placed on my account. I am waiting for it to be applied to my balance which I am guessing will be after the drop date. Yay! My first week of school went well and I am excited to be going into my last year. I cannot believe how far I have come and I want to say thank you for everything you have done to help me get here."

~ UA President's Directed Scholarship recipient and DACA student

### Culturally Relevant Events:

"Having events that are culturally relevant allow me to feel at home at the University of Arizona and it lets me know that the university values me as a student."

~ Black History Month Paint Night attendee

### Workshops:

"What I liked was that this workshop was tailored for DACA and undocumented folks with different experiences such as public and private schools."

~Pathways Conference attendee

## 2020-21 Sample Event Marketing

