



California Dream Act, Our Lives, and Our Future

Berkeley City College:

May Kuangchi Chen, Ph.D., Vice President of Student
Services

Gabriel Martinez, Counselor

Loan Nguyen, Financial Aid Supervisor

2013



California Dream Act, Our Lives, and Our Future

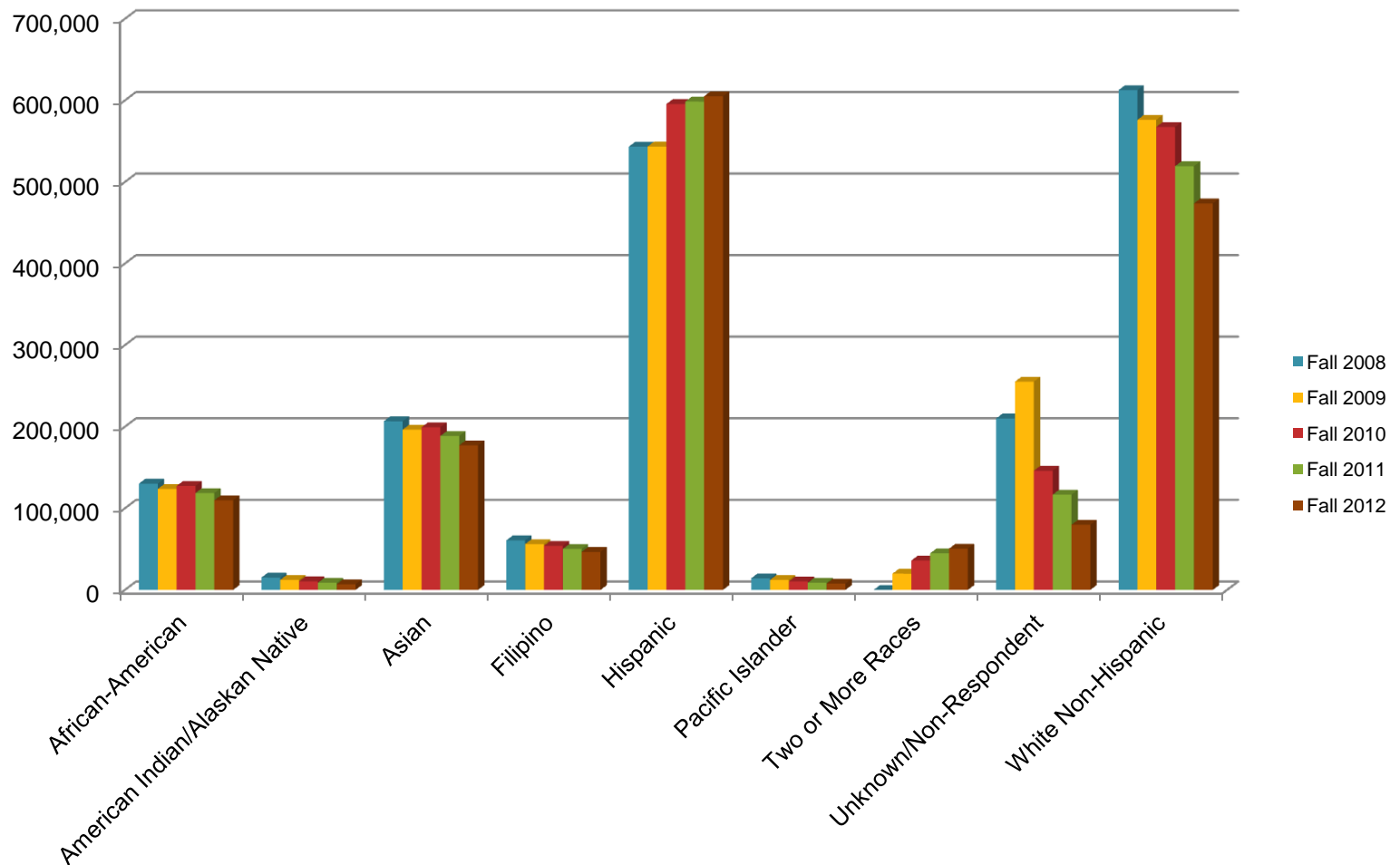
Workshop Purposes:

- to promote the understanding of Dream Act among faculty, staff, administrators, and students, and
- to facilitate AB 540 eligible students' application of available financial aids

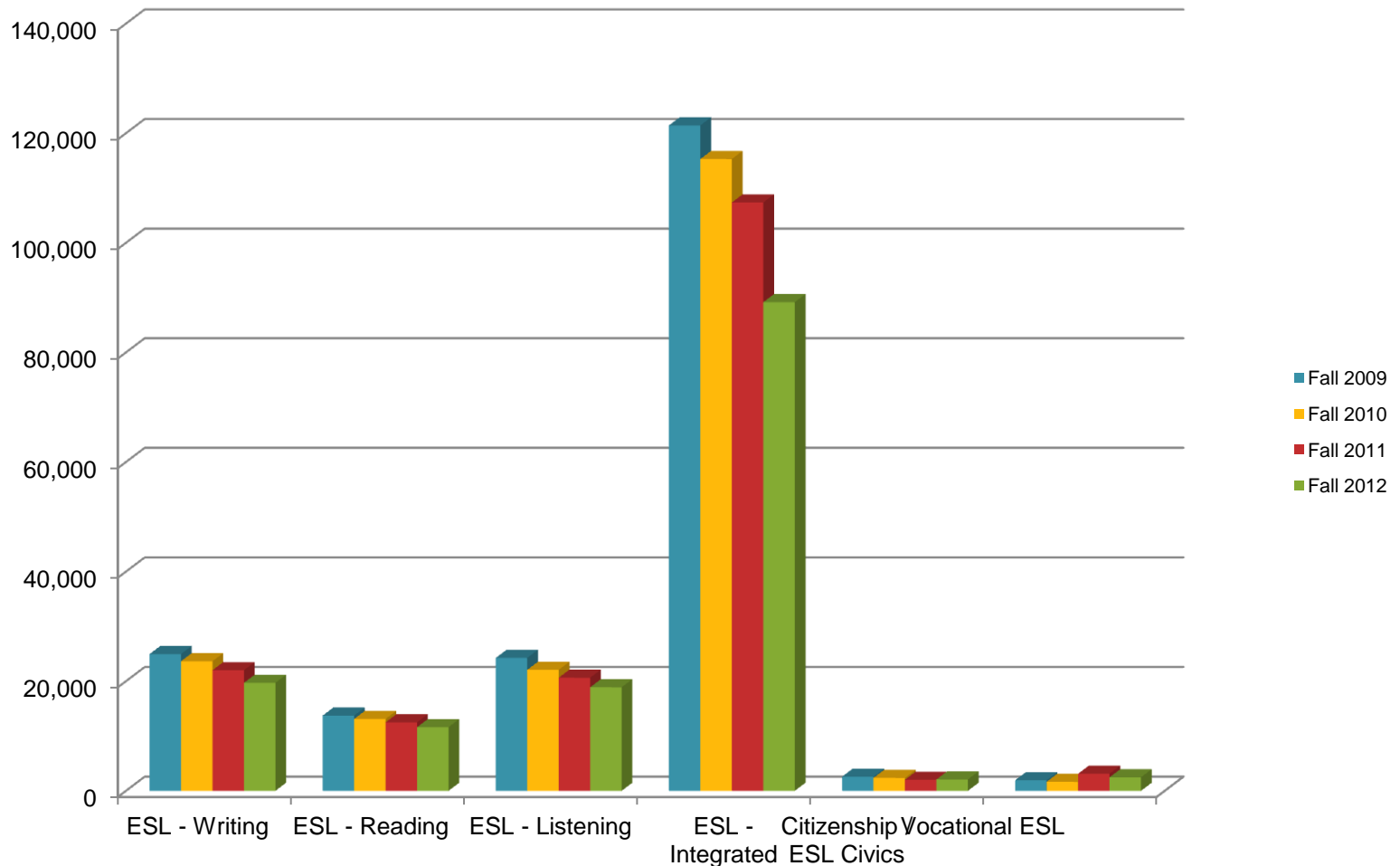
Undocumented Immigrants in California

- According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, an estimated 2,830,000 undocumented immigrants resided in California in 2011, compared to 1.5 million in 1990 and 2.5 million in 2000.
- This number represents about 24 percent of the entire estimated undocumented immigrant population in the United States (11.5 million in 2011).
- This estimate puts the percentage of California's population that are undocumented immigrants to be about 7.5 percent.

CCC Student Populations of Hispanic and Multiple Races Increased Over the Last 5 Years



California Community College ESL Enrollment decreased by 24% between Fall 2009 and Fall 2012



California Assembly Bill 540

- Passed on October 12, 2001
- Designed to allow undocumented students who meet certain criteria to pay in-state tuition prices at UC's, CSU's and CCC's

The basic criteria to meet eligibility for AB 540 are the following:

- attended a California high school for 3 or more academic years, between grades 9 and 12 (does not have to be consecutive);
- Have or will receive a CA High School diploma or a GED, or an equivalent such as completing the California High School Proficiency Exam
- Must file or plan to file an affidavit as required by individual institutions, stating that he/she will apply for legal residency as soon as possible
- Register or be currently enrolled at an accredited institutions of public higher education in CA
- Not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, E, etc.)



Dream Act: AB 130

- Signed into law on July 25th, 2011. Became effective starting January 1st, 2012.
- AB 130 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities.
 - Privately funded scholarships
 - Alumni contributions
 - Individual departmental efforts

Dream Act: AB 131

- Signed into law on October 8th, 2011. Became effective starting January 1st, 2013.
- AB 131 allows AB 540 students to apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as:
 - Institutional Grants: UC Grant, State University Grant, EOP and EOPS fee waivers.
 - CA Community Colleges Board of Governors Fee Waiver
 - CA Financial Aid: Cal Grants & Chafee Foster Youth Grants-both for use at public and private colleges and universities

AB 130- Non-State Funded Scholarships

AB 130 allows students who qualify under AB540 to apply for non-state funded scholarships. There are some scholarships complied with no residency requirements. Scholarship lists can be found on the following websites:

- www.maldef.org
- http://www.maldef.org/assets/pdf/Scholarship_List_2010_2011.pdf
- www.usc.edu/dept/chepa
- www.fastweb.com
- <http://www.latincollegedollars.org/>

Students should also contact support groups, such as other non-profit organizations, student groups, or the campus scholarship office for more information on available scholarships.

AB 130 -Non-State Funded Scholarships: Osher Scholarship

- Neither residency nor issue of citizenship are specific criteria considered for Osher Scholarship eligibility.

Student Criteria:

- Student must have completed 24 or more “degree applicable” semester units (or the equivalent) at the time of initial scholarship disbursement.
- Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units) during all terms in which the award remains active.
- Student must have received a CCC Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver
- Awards will be adjusted based on enrollment status and determined as follows:
 - Full-time (12 or more units per term) = up to \$500 per semester (or \$1,000 cumulative)
 - Three-quarter-time (9-11.99 units per term) = up to \$375 per semester (or \$750 cumulative)
 - Half-time (6 – 8.99 units per term) = up to \$250 per semester (or \$500 cumulative)



Board of Governors Fee Waiver

- Three types: A, B, & C
- Covers the cost of tuition
- Covers three semesters- **summer, fall, spring**
- Deadline: **June 30th** of each academic school year

BOGW A & B

- **BOGW-A:** For students and/or a student's parent who are currently receiving some form of public assistance (AFDC, TANF, CalWORKs, SSI, and General Relief). Proof of cash benefits for the current or previous month must be provided at the time of application to be considered for a BOG A. A BOG A cannot be awarded by filing a FAFSA.
- **BOGW-B:** Student has to meet the *State Income Standards*. Students should be prepared to show previous federal tax return(s) or other income verification.
- **BOGW fee waiver application available at:**
<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/SSSP/FA/Final%20Special%20FW%20Application%20PDF.pdf>



Types of Cal-Grants

- **Cal Grant A** Entitlement awards assists students with tuition and fees at UC, CSU and Independent 4-year colleges.
- **Cal Grant B** Entitlement awards provide a living allowance and tuition and fee assistance to very low-income students. Students attending community college can only receive the living allowance portion of Cal Grant B.
- **Cal Grant C** assists with books, tools and equipment for occupational or vocational programs.

Cal-Grant General Eligibility Requirements

- Be a California resident or meet AB 540 requirements
- Be a U.S. citizen, eligible non-citizen or meet AB 540 requirements
- Meet Selective Service requirements
- Attend an eligible California School
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan
- Not have earned a BA/BS degree
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Not be incarcerated
- Be enrolled at least half-time

Cal-Grant Applications & Deadlines

- **CA Dream Application (establishes financial need)**
 - CA Dream App submitted online at the CA Student Aid Commission's website: www.caldreamact.org (starting Jan 1, 2013)
 - All Dream App students eligible to file a FAFSA will be redirected to www.fafsa.gov
- **GPA Verification (establishes merit)**
 - Submitted by school to CA Student Aid Commission electronically or
 - Submitted by student via mail (Non-SSN Cal Grant Verification Form to be available through the CA Dream App)
- **Deadline:** Dream application must be completed by March 2nd

California Chafee Grant Eligibility And Criteria

To apply, current or former foster youth must:

- be a current or former foster youth with court dependence established, at anytime, between the ages of 16 and 18
- not have reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1 of the award year. Students who have received a Chafee payment can be renewed through their 23rd birthday
- demonstrate financial need
- be enrolled at least half-time
- must enroll in a program of at least one academic year at length,
- maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will verify the student's foster youth eligibility status.

California Chafee Grant- Application Process for Undocumented Foster Youth

Applicants must have all of the following documents completed in order for the file to be considered for an award:

1. California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth paper application, available at:
https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/SupportFiles/Chafee_Application_BW_Generic.pdf
2. Foster Care Eligibility Form (as needed) (completed by California Department of Social Services)
3. Dream Application <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
4. Need Analysis Report (NAR) (completed by institution)

For more information-**Chafee contact:** (888) 224-7268 #3

For more information about the Dream Act and Cal-Grant, please contact

Student Support Services at the California Student Aid Commission

Call: 1-888-224-7268

Or visit:

- www.caldreamact.org
- <http://www.usc.edu/dept/chepa/pdf/AB%20540%20final.pdf>

Mailing address: *California Student Aid Commission*

Attn: (Insert Name of Branch)

P.O. Box 419026

Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9026



California Dream Act, Our Lives, and Our Future

Open Discussion