UC Merced
Undocumented Student Initiatives

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Undocumented students?

- Students who were not born in the US and are not citizens of CA or the US or any other country, i.e., not international students
- Because they are not citizens, they are not eligible for Federal financial aid
- If they meet the qualifications under AB 540 and AB 130/131, they are eligible for CA financial aid under the CA Dream Act
- System-wide undocumented students are 48% Asian and 44% Chicano/Latino
UC Merced Undocumented Students

- Currently enrolled: 175 (900 system-wide; so UC Merced enrolls ~20%)
- Average High School GPA: 3.51
- Average family income: $22,770
- Our undocumented students are very needy financially!
- Anticipate enrolling ~250 undocumented students next year
President Napolitano’s Initiative to Support Undocumented Students

- $5 million dollars allocated for this Initiative system-wide
- UC Merced received $460,000
- One time funding to be spent over the next two fiscal years ($230,000 each year)
- $105,000 each year to Financial Aid to provide more grant support
- The other $125,000 will be used for:
UC Merced Initiatives

- **Staff** – Alex Delgadillo will become the lead staff member coordinating services for undocumented students
- **Expand Fiat Lux Program**
- **Supplemental Instruction for Writing**
- **Support through the DACA process**
- **Career Mentoring Program**
- **Emergency funds**