

# MYTH: You have to be a citizen of the United States in order to go to college

"Any citizen of any country can go to any college of any country"- Chris Castellano



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- Speak with your CCC person at your school

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# MYTH: You have to be a citizen of the US to get scholarships

"This is not a thing that is too big to figure out"
Chris Castellano



- Ask someone you trust about scholarship options at your school like a counselor or teacher
- Learn about the MN Dream
   Act
- Search online for scholarships that do not require residency proof

#### **Advocates:**

 FAFSA night existsorganize a MN Dream
 Act night at your school

# MYTH If you go to college as an undocumented student, you put yourself and family at risk

"Going to college does not add more or less risk necessarily in the long run, it can only benefit you"- Chris Castellano

"Student data at the college level is protected"- Neeyra Estrada Pena

#### **Undocumented Students**

 Find a trusted adult/peer to discuss things like sanctuary cities and information

#### **Advocates**

- Be a trusting friend
- Educate yourself on current policies





# MYTH Getting a college degree wont even help you anyway

"Getting a college degree for many students will be the key to opening the door of breaking generational curses"-Neeyra Estrada Pena





### For reflection:



Who are the people you trust the most?

What values are important to you in life? In your career?

Who are some people that can help me understand immigration law and rights?



"Be resourceful & draw near to you those people who you look up to that have had success in the areas that you want to have success"

- Chris Castellano (Counselor at Wellstone International High School)



## FURTHER RESOURCES

### CCC at your school

 Contact your school counselors for as much support as you need. They are there to support you!

#### Research & Reach out

- Immigrant Law Center Of MN <a href="https://www.ilcm.org/">https://www.ilcm.org/</a>
- MN Dream Act Info MN Office of Higher Education
- https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1586
- International Institute of MN <a href="https://iimn.org/">https://iimn.org/</a>

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- https://www.projectsuccess.org/students families/college-and-careertours/