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USCIS ACCEPTING DACA RENEWALS



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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) provides young people, who were brought illegally to the United States as children, with protection from deportation if they can demonstrate that they meet several criteria. They can also receive eligibility to work with authorization.

Eric Montoya
SPANISH EDITOR

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is now allowing DACA recipients to apply for renewal.

On Jan. 13, the USCIS posted what can be considered as good news for the DACA participants who were not able to apply for renewal before the Oct. 15, 2017, deadline the Trump administration had imposed previously.

"Due to a federal court order, USCIS has resumed accepting requests to renew a grant of deferred action under DACA," the USCIS posted on its website. "Until further notice, and unless otherwise provided in this guidance, the DACA policy will be operated on the terms in place before it was rescinded on Sept. 5, 2017."

On Sept. 5, 2017, President Donald Trump rescinded the program leaving Dreamers in uncertainty.

As reported in the Sept. 11, 2017 issue of *The Rider*, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) provides about 800,000 young people who were brought illegally to

accepting applications again.

Diez said people who have never applied for DACA will not be able to apply.

"If you haven't applied before, you cannot apply. Now, if you have applied before and your permit is about to expire in the next year, you can apply," he said. "If your

permit has already expired, you can apply, too. Now, if your

permit expired before Sept. 5 of 2016, which is the day a year before Trump canceled the program ... you cannot file for a renewal, but what you can do is you can file for a new application and they will take it because you've had DACA before. So, that is a big benefit for a lot of people."

At UTRGV, there are about 900 undocumented students.

Dreamers are individuals who meet the general

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the United States as children with temporary protection from deportation if they can demonstrate that they meet several criteria, according to whitehouse.gov.

In an interview with *The Rider*, Jaime Diez, an immigration attorney in Brownsville, said that a federal judge in California, William Alsup, temporarily blocked Trump's administration order to end DACA and ordered the administration to start



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Vaqueros Vote, which facilitates voting for local residents and the campus community, helped UTRGV students during Fall 2016 with registration.

Register to vote by Feb. 5

Zugay Treviño
THE RIDER

As the Feb. 5 deadline to register to vote for the March 2018 Primary Election approaches, Vaqueros Vote is available to help the campus community and local residents with the process.

Registering to vote by Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or by Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the upcoming Primary Election opened

Jan. 1, according to the Texas Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.tx.us/elections. Early voting will take place from Feb. 20 to March 2, and the Primary Election is March 6.

Voters will be electing their party's nominees for offices ranging from U.S. senators, governors and other state office holders, as well as local

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Campus police to patrol while pedaling

Nubia Reyna
THE RIDER

The UTRGV Police Department will now have officers on bicycle patrol on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses to make them more approachable for students.

"It gives [students] better access to the officers and what we've noticed is that students are more open to come and talk to the officers," Police Chief Raul Munguia said. "For the last couple of years, they've pretty much been on a patrol car and they're hard to approach when they're on a car versus on a bike."

The International Police Mountain Bike Association training consisted of an intensive weeklong course where nine officers from the Edinburg campus and seven from the Brownsville campus learned to do slow-speed skills, slow maneuvers, balance and pedal retention for bike safety.

"Basically, it's a course they go [to], they have to take their bikes and it's a really intensive weeklong course and they get certified if they pass it, and not everybody passes it," Munguia said.

UTRGV Police Officer Joe Hernandez, who received training in Ohio for an instructor certification, started the training sessions

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COUNTDOWN to voter registration deadline

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Board Game Night

The Student Union will host a **Board Game Night** at 5 p.m. in El Comedor on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 665-7989.

Campfire Bash

The Student Union will host its **Campfire Bash** at noon on the Chapel Lawn on the Edinburg campus. The same event will take place at the same time Tuesday on the Student Union lawn on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 665-7989.

Recovery Meetings

The **Collegiate Recovery Program** will host **recovery meetings** this semester: **Alcoholics Anonymous** at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, **SMART Recovery** at noon Tuesdays, **Narcotics Anonymous** at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and noon Fridays, **Tobacco Intervention** at noon Wednesdays and the **Al-Anon Family Group** at noon Thursdays. All meetings will be held in University Center 102 on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-2674.

Tuesday

Treble Thrivers Audition

The **Treble Thrivers** will host auditions from noon to 2 p.m. in the Community Engagement and Student Success Building in Edinburg. Auditions will continue at the same time and place Wednesday, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the same place.

Wednesday

Texas Hold 'em Tournament

The Student Union will host its **Texas Hold 'em Tournament** at noon in El Comedor on the Brownsville campus and in the Game Room on the Edinburg campus. For more

information, call 665-7989.

Support Group

The **Collegiate Recovery Program** will host an **Addiction and Recovery Support Group** at 11 a.m. in Cortez Hall 220 on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 665-2674.

Thursday

Lecture Series

Psychologist **Andy Keller**, president and chief executive officer of the **Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**, will give a lecture from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Student Union's Theater on the Edinburg campus. A light lunch will be provided for those who attend. To register, visit <https://goo.gl/A1Jm8g>.

'In the Country We Love'

INQSpot Book Club will host a meeting to discuss the book, **"In the Country We Love: My Family Divided,"** by **Diane Guerrero**, who stars in **"Orange is the New Black"** and **"Jane the Virgin,"** at 12:15 p.m. in El Comedor on the Brownsville campus and in The Loft on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-7989.

Stalking Awareness

The **Superhero Project** will have a **Stalking Awareness Presentation** from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in STAC 1.102 on the Edinburg campus. The presentation will inform students about the dangers of stalking. For more information, call 665-5375.

Friday

Chocolate Cake Day

The Student Union will host **Chocolate Cake Day** at noon in El Comedor on the Brownsville campus and in the Student Union Commons on the Edinburg campus. For more

information, call 665-7989.

Music concert

Guest violinist **Peter Isaacson** will join Music Lecturer II **Tido Janssen** on cello and Music Lecturer I **Stacy Kwak** on piano, as they play works by **Glière, Fauré, Piazzolla,** and **Café Music** by **Paul Schoenfield** at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Complex Auditorium on the Edinburg campus. Admission is free.

Saturday

Film Festival workshop

The **City of Edinburg** will host a workshop for the **2018 South Texas International Film Festival** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library, located at 1906 S. Clossner Blvd. The workshop series is titled **"From Ideas to Screenplay."** Theater Lecturer I **Lawrence Gise** will focus on **"How Ideas are Conceived: Creating Your Reality on Screen"** and Theater Lecturer I **David Carren** will present on **"Sky High Concepts: Striking Ideas Make Exciting Movies."** Attendees are encouraged to bring note-taking materials such as laptops and notebooks. To attend the free workshop, register at Eventbrite.com or call 383-6246.

South Texas Literacy Symposium

The **Office of Community Relations** and the **Office of Public Art** will present the **2018 Texas Literacy Symposium** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Ballroom and Academic Services Building on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-2353.

--Compiled by Steven Hughes

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Jan. 15 and Jan. 17.



Jan. 15

4:30 p.m.:

A construction worker reported she was physically assaulted by another construction worker at the Science Building

construction site on the Edinburg campus. She reported that he pulled her hair and hit her on the head with an open hand and also pinched her face, causing her pain. The suspect later walked into the UTRGV Police Department building and was placed under arrest on charges of assault.

Jan. 16

9:23 a.m.: A staff member reported a university-owned Microsoft Surface Pro 4 lost since May 2017. She said she searched for the item in her office, residence and vehicle, but was unable to locate it. The Surface Pro was password protected and did not contain any sensitive information.

11:09 a.m.: A student reported

pain in his abdomen and vomited in the Student Union on the Edinburg campus. Emergency medical services was requested and he was transferred to the Rio Grande Valley 24-hour Emergency Care room.

3:46 p.m.: A staff member backed a university vehicle into a non-affiliated driver's vehicle in Lot B7. No injuries resulted from the collision and there was minor damage to both vehicles.

4:02 p.m.: A staff member reported losing a proximity card and her UTRGV ID before the Thanksgiving holiday. The card was deactivated.

5:40 p.m.: Financial Services in Edinburg reported \$1,000 missing/unaccounted for and is waiting for bank confirmation to verify the amount. Verification from the bank was to be received by Jan. 18. The case is under investigation.

9:25 p.m.: A student reported she slipped and fell in Lot B1 about 9 p.m. She went home after the incident but returned to report it. She suffered

bruising on her left knee.

Jan. 17

Noon: A student reported her cellphone was stolen by her classmate while at the Jack in the Box on West University Drive. She was referred to the Edinburg Police Department to conduct the criminal investigation. The UTRGV Police Department is providing assistance.

1:53 p.m.: A contracted employee reported that U.S. currency was stolen from her purse at the Medical Education Building in Edinburg. The purse was unattended and located in a storage room where employees keep their personal belongings. The case is under investigation.

3:22 p.m.: A student reported being assaulted by her non-affiliated ex-boyfriend at the Liberal Arts Building North on the Edinburg campus. She suffered no injuries and her ex-boyfriend left the area before the officer's arrival. The case is under investigation.

--Compiled by Britney Valdez

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requirements of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. In 2001, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1403, also known as the Texas DREAM Act, which extends in-state tuition and grants eligibility to non-citizen residents of the state, according to forabettertexas.org.

Diez said that currently, the average time it takes to process a DACA renewal application is about 10 months. Therefore, he encourages people to be proactive and start looking for professional assistance.

"They need to go and see somebody who understands immigration law," he said. "Don't go see a 'notario,' or don't go see those organizations that say,

'Well, we will fill out the application,' because there is more than [just] filling out an application. It is understanding what are your options. Sometimes they have another option that they never explore because nobody never really understood what their options were."

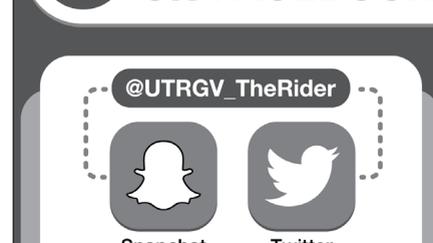
He urges people to take action since this change might not be permanent.

"I would tell people that if they fall within those people that have to apply, that they do it right away," Diez said. "There is no warranty that within the next month there might be something that rescinds the judge's order and then they will not be able to apply."

The UTRGV website offers answers common questions and provides other resources to help students. The link to the website is [http://www.utrgv.edu/studentlife/faculty-staff-resources/support-for-students-who-are-](http://www.utrgv.edu/studentlife/faculty-staff-resources/support-for-students-who-are-undocumented/index.htm)

undocumented/index.htm. For more information regarding DACA renewal applications, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>.

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Lesson 2: promoting and castling

Steven Hughes
THE RIDER

In chess, new players can become victims of Fool's Mate, a two-move checkmate, or Scholar's Mate, a four-move checkmate. This week, Grandmaster and UTRGV Chess Coach Bartek Macieja offers more strategies on how to improve in chess.

A checkmate occurs when a king is placed into a check from which it cannot escape and a draw/stalemate occurs when neither player can place a king in check.

"If there are two kings left, neither player can win the game," Macieja said. "Why? Because it is impossible to give a check. It is illegal to put my own king under a check, so, I cannot come closer to the king or the opponent, so, we will never attack each other."

A check occurs when a king is under attack by an opposing piece. Players must either move their king out of check position or protect it by placing another piece between it and the opposing piece.

There are many other movements players can perform, such as a promotion or castling.

A promotion occurs when a pawn reaches an opponent's end of the game board; the pawn can then be promoted to a queen, rook, knight or bishop. Only pawns can be promoted.



Steven Hughes/THE RIDER
Grandmaster and UTRGV Chess Coach Bartek Macieja sets the chessboard to demonstrate castling.

"[A player] can have nine queens because there are eight pawns, plus the original one," Macieja said. Promoting a pawn to a queen is the most common move, but not always recommended. It depends on the player and the situation of the promotion. Castling is a move made with the king and a rook. It is used when players need to

protect their king.

"A king moves two squares towards the rook and the rook jumps over the king," Macieja said. "This is called a short castle. Another possibility is to play a castle, to play the same move, but with the other rook. So, again, a king can only go two squares toward the rook, not the whole way. The rook jumps over the king; this is called a long castle."

A few rules to remember when castling:

--It can only occur when the king and rooks have not moved during the game

--It can't occur when a player's king is under check

--It can't occur if the king is unable to cross a square that is being controlled

Macieja told *The Rider* new players should aim to control the center of the board, which are the four squares in the middle. This allows a player to control half of the chessboard.

He said it is recommended to place knights and bishops on the "expanded center," which surrounds the middle four squares of the board.

"You can't have, really, your pieces in the center, they will always be under attack," Macieja said.

Another strategy is to avoid placing knights and bishops on corners because they have limited possibilities to move.

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last semester. Hernandez and UTRGV Police Officer Roman Ramos went through a weeklong certification course in order to train and certify officers and security guards.

"I am looking forward to growing the program here for the university," he said. "I am looking forward to growing all the bike-patrol units here with our police department, and to bring awareness to the other police departments in the Rio Grande Valley."

Hernandez was the University of Texas System's Police Officer of the Month in July 2017. He told *The Rider* training bike officers in the Valley is his passion.

Munguia said the department is training not only UTRGV officers, but also local agencies who want to get certified for bike patrolling.

"We wanted to get a couple of training sessions under our belt before we go full board here, and I'm happy to report that our training program is getting started and we have our trainer here," he said. "We had one in December, so now I think we got our guys pretty warmed up for it."

The next training sessions are planned for April and May, and each will consist of a maximum of seven officers.

"This class takes some planning and it's not an easy course to pass," Munguia said. "So, there's a lot of preparation, and then we have to be able to schedule them to when the officer is available for that weeklong training, because we can't break the training, either. They have to be there the entire five days. So, we're going to be doing the training in Edinburg and then also in Brownsville. You can only train six or seven at a time, so it will take a while."

He said students should start seeing some bike patrols on both campuses, including public-safety officers.

"We are moving forward. We are going to start the training this next quarter and we've already got a couple of officers that we've done," Munguia said. "We have right about 30 officers that patrol, so we are going to try to get as many of them as possible."

To contact the UTRGV Police Department, call 882-4911 or email police@utrgv.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO

Law enforcement officers train for bike patrol last semester.

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county officials and judges.

"Every semester, we [help] at least 20 students," said Cindy Mata-Vasquez, director of Student Activities.

As of November 2016, 17,124 UTRGV students are registered to vote.

Mata-Vasquez also said Vaqueros Vote has facilitated voting since Fall 2015. For help registering, students may contact her or Veronica De La Garza, who is the director of State and Local Governmental Relations at UTRGV.

De La Garza said Vaqueros Vote actively encourages students and

professors to register to vote and vote on campus.

"Since UTRGV started ... [Vaqueros Vote has been] working with staff, with student groups, with our faculty, and some of our nonpartisan community partners," she said. "Not just students, but students, faculty and staff to [help] register to vote and then, also go out and vote. ... Both of our legacy institutions have had polling booths. I'm working with Hidalgo County and Cameron County to make sure we have our polling issued on both campuses."

Mata-Vasquez said the organization started as a collaboration between the university and community to help others have their voice heard.

Vaqueros Vote hopes students will utilize the provided resources and vote during the election.

"We really want to make sure that ... our UTRGV community is aware that the elections are happening," De La Garza said. "So, we just encourage everyone to get involved."

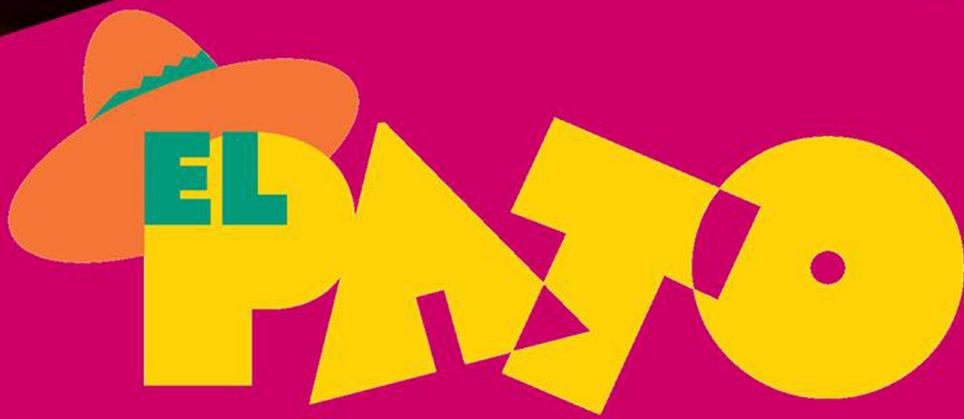
Administrative Manager Gilbert Perez said the university is looking to have early voting stations on both campuses.

Vaqueros Vote does not have an official calendar that lists all dates it will be on campus to help with voting. Its calendar is scheduled to be formed next week, and will decide activities, including registration days and other

events during March and April.

Updates on upcoming opportunities and resources provided by Vaqueros Vote may be found on UTRGV Student Life's Facebook page or on the UTRGV Vaqueros Vote's website. Students may also expect flyers announcing student activities.

For more information, call the Student Involvement Office at 665-2660 in Edinburg or 882-5111 in Brownsville. Mata-Vasquez may be contacted at 882-7152 or by email at cindy.mata@utrgv.edu. De La Garza may be reached at 665-7373 or through email, veronica.delagarza@utrgv.edu.



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REVIEW

The magic of Amy and the feminine

Amazon's Golden Globe winner, 'The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel'

Sydni D. Salinas
A&E EDITOR

If you're a "Gilmore Girls" fan, the name Amy Sherman-Palladino and her husband's, Daniel Palladino, ring more than just a bell. They are names you know as a beacon for witty screenwriting and innovative storytelling.

With the Palladinos' inclusions of fast-paced dialogue, literary, theater, film and musical references, their style is a love letter to the art culture obsessed.

Whether or not you're a fan, the couple's recent work, Amazon's "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," starring Rachel Brosnahan ("Beautiful Creatures," "House of Cards") and Alex Borstein ("Family Guy," "Getting On"), won two Golden Globes for the categories, Best Television Series-Musical or Comedy, and Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series-Musical or Comedy.

The series centers on a young Jewish woman, Miriam "Midge" Maisel, played by Brosnahan, as she discovers who she is outside of her marriage and the life she was groomed to live due to her husband, Joel, played by Michael Zegen, leaving her after admitting he is having an affair and bored with their Upper



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AMY SHERMAN-PALLADINO

Manhattan life. Palladino, as she did with "Gilmore Girls," knows how to write a parent-child relationship in a way that makes it relatable for anyone watching.

She truly brings the best of her writing to hysterically express the complexities of her characters, while the costume, makeup and set designers add to the experience of watching every episode that has such flair.

The choice of musical score is mesmerizing and just as unforgettable as the series, with music from classic artists such as Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Peggy Lee, Blossom Dearie and even some sway into the rebel, David Bowie.

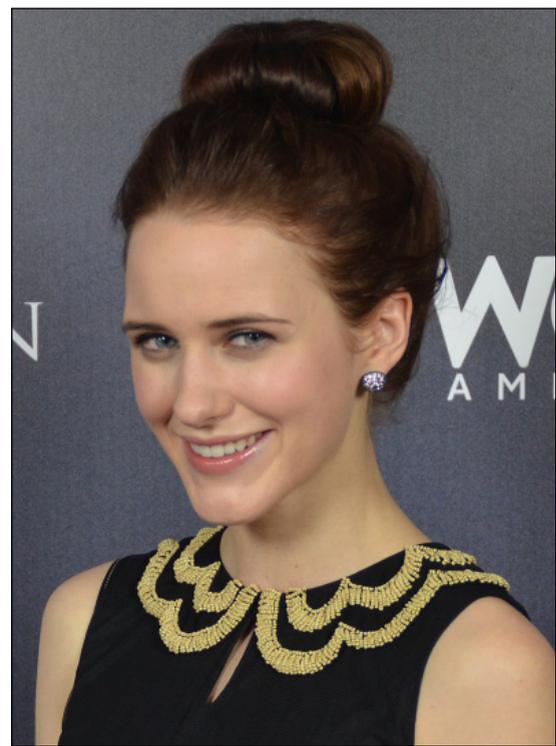
The music flows with the story as it progresses, almost as if narrating its characters' lives as they go from points A to B.

Without wanting to spoil more for you, all I can say is this: Watch it.

It's not just a story for then, but a story of now and the female experience.

Only when Midge is left with "failure" for a conventional life does she realize she can be anything, and that in itself is a metaphor to live by.

As Midge would say, "Why do women have to pretend to be something that they're not?"



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RACHEL BROSNAHAN

Manhattan life.

Thrust into the world to provide for her children and deal with being separated, Midge finds that she has a talent for stand-up and with the help of her manager Susie, played by Borstein, shines like she never has before.

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" is a perfect combination of feminism, gender roles and religious conventions in a time that makes it taboo to be bold. On what would seem on the outside like a cliché story, it's everything but.

It's a portrait of Midge and her journey as a tornado of a woman in a man's world that asks women to be perfect.

Midge is sharp, intelligent, strong, hilarious, independent and the embodiment of everything a woman shouldn't be by the time's standards, thus still relatable for women today who say "hell no" to gender convention.

Supporting characters, such as Midge's father, played by the timeless Tony Shalhoub ("Wings," "Monk") are refreshing in both storyline and comedic



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USCIS ACEPTA SOLICITUDES DE DACA

Eric Montoya

EDITOR DE ESPAÑOL

El departamento Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de Estados Unidos (USCIS, por sus siglas en inglés) está permitiendo que beneficiarios de DACA apliquen para renovaciones.

El 13 de enero, el USCIS publicó el comunicado que puede ser considerado como buenas noticias para los beneficiarios de DACA que no pudieron solicitar renovación antes del 15 de octubre de 2017, fecha límite que la administración del presidente Donald Trump había impuesto previamente.

“Debido a una orden judicial federal, USCIS ha reanudado la aceptación de peticiones para renovar una otorgación de acción diferida bajo DACA”, el USCIS publicó en su página web. “Hasta nuevo aviso, y a menos que se indique lo contrario en esta guía, la política de DACA operará en los términos existentes antes de que fuera rescindida el 5 de septiembre de 2017”.

En esa fecha, Trump rescindió el programa, dejando a beneficiarios en la incertidumbre.

Como se reportó en la publicación de *The Rider* del 11 de septiembre de 2017, la Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA) provee protección temporal contra deportación a alrededor de 800,000 jóvenes que fueron traídos a los Estados Unidos ilegalmente cuando eran niños si pueden demostrar que cumplen con varios re-



Victor G. Ramirez/THE RIDER

Gracias a que un juez federal de California, William Alsup, bloqueó temporalmente la orden de la administración del Presidente Donald Trump el pasado martes, los beneficiarios de DACA serán capaces de aplicar de nuevo para dicho programa. En UTRGV están inscritos cerca de 900 estudiantes indocumentados.

quisitos, esto de acuerdo con whitehouse.gov.

En una entrevista con *The Rider*, Jaime Diez, abogado de inmigración en Brownsville, dijo que un juez federal de California, William Alsup, bloqueó temporalmente la orden de la administración del presidente de cancelar DACA y ordenó a la administración a empezar a aceptar solicitudes de nuevo.

Diez dijo que la gente que nunca ha aplicado para DACA no será capaz de aplicar.

“Si no has aplicado antes, no puedes aplicar. Ahora, si has aplicado antes y tu per-

miso está a punto de expirar en el siguiente año, si puedes aplicar”, él dijo. “Si tu permiso ya ha expirado, también puedes aplicar. Ahora, si tu permiso expiró antes de septiembre 5 de 2016, que es el día donde se cumple un año antes de que Trump cancelara el programa ... no puedes solicitar una renovación, pero lo que puedes hacer es presentar una nueva aplicación y ellos la aceptarán porque ya has tenido DACA antes. Así que, eso es un gran beneficio para mucha gente”.

En UTRGV, están inscritos cerca de 900 estudiantes in-

documentados.

Los Dreamers son aquellos individuos que satisfacen los requisitos generales del programa Desarrollo, Alivio y Educación para Menores Extranjeros (DREAM Act). En el 2001, la legislatura de Texas paso la Ley 1403, también conocida como Texas DREAM Act, el cual extiende la matrícula de residente y otorga elegibilidad a los residentes no ciudadanos del estado, de acuerdo con forabet-tertexas.org.

Diez dijo que actualmente, el tiempo promedio que se toma una aplicación de reno-

vación de DACA para ser procesada es de 10 meses. Por lo tanto, el insta a la gente a ser proactivos y a empezar a buscar ayuda profesional.

“Necesitan ir a ver a alguien que entienda las leyes migratorias”, él dijo. “No vayan a ver a un ‘notario’, o no vayan a ver a esas organizaciones que te dicen, ‘Está bien, nosotros llenaremos la aplicación’, porque hay más que [solo] llenar una aplicación. Es entender cuáles son tus opciones. En ocasiones ellos tienen otras opciones que nunca exploran porque nunca nadie realmente entendió cuáles eran sus opciones”.

El exhorta a la gente a tomar a adoptar medidas ya que este cambio puede que no sea permanente.

“Le diría a la gente que, si ellos pertenecen a este grupo de gente que puede aplicar, que lo hagan ahora mismo”, Diez dijo. “No hay garantía que dentro del siguiente mes pase algo que rescinda la orden del juez y ya no sean capaz de aplicar”.

La página web de UTRGV ofrece respuestas a las preguntas más comunes y provee otros recursos para ayudar a los estudiantes. El enlace para la página web es <http://www.utrgv.edu/studentlife/faculty-staff-resources/support-for-students-who-are-undocumented/index.htm>.

Para más información respecto a las aplicaciones de renovación de DACA, visita <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>.

Oficiales patrullarán los campus en bicicleta



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Oficiales de policía de UTRGV Roman Ramos (izquierda) y Joe Hernandez (derecha), ambos instructores de la International Police Mountain Bike Association, se muestran con oficiales de policía a los que ellos entrenaron recientemente. Ellos son oficial de policía Denise Davila de South Texas College (segunda de la izquierda), oficial de policía Michael Garcia de UTRGV, oficial de policía Jose Soto de STC, oficial de policía David Peña de UTRGV, oficial de policía Guillermo Figueroa de Alamo, oficial de policía Andrew de la Fuente de STC, oficial de policía Guadalupe Gonzalez de STC y oficial de policía Juan Vasquez de UTRGV.

Nubia Reyna
THE RIDER

El Departamento de Policía de UTRGV ahora tendrá oficiales en bicicletas patrulla en los campus de Edinburg y Brownsville para hacer a los oficiales más accesibles para los estudiantes.

“Les da [a los estudiantes] un mejor acceso a los oficiales y lo que nos hemos dado cuenta es que los estudiantes tienden a ir y hablar con estos oficiales”, dijo el jefe de policía Raul Munguia. “Durante el último par de años, [los oficiales] han andado en vehículos patrulla y es difícil encontrarlos cuando andan en carro que cuando andan en bicicleta”.

Nueve oficiales del campus de Edinburg y siete del

campus de Brownsville completaron entrenamiento del International Police Mountain Bike Association, el cual consistió de un curso intensivo de una semana donde aprendieron a manejar a una velocidad lenta, maniobras lentas, equilibrio y retención de pedales para la seguridad.

“Básicamente, es un curso al cual ellos van, tienen que llevar sus bicicletas y es un curso de una semana muy intenso y los certifican si lo aprueban, y no todos lo aprueban”, dijo Munguia.

Un oficial de policía de UTRGV, Joe Hernandez, quien recibió entrenamiento en Ohio para una certificación de instructor, empezó las sesiones de entrenamiento el semestre pasado. Hernandez y Roman Ramos, un oficial de policía de UTRGV, pasaron un

curso de certificación de una semana para poder entrenar y certificar a otros oficiales y guardias de seguridad.

“Espero hacer crecer el programa aquí para la universidad”, dijo Hernandez. “Espero hacer crecer el número de unidades de bicicletas patrulla, y aquí, con nuestro departamento de policía, traer concientización a los otros departamentos de policía del Valle del Río Grande”.

Hernandez fue nombrado como oficial de policía del mes del University of Texas System en julio 2017. Él dijo al *The Rider* que entrenar oficiales de bicicleta en el Valle es su pasión.

Munguia dijo que el departamento no solo está entrenando oficiales de UTRGV, pero también aquellos pertenecientes a agencias locales que quieren certificarse para patrullaje en bicicleta.

“Queríamos tener un par de sesiones de entrenamiento antes de hacerlo a lo grande, y estoy feliz de informar que nuestro programa de entrenamiento ha empezado y que tenemos a un entrenador aquí”, él dijo. “Tuvimos uno en diciembre, así que pienso que nuestros muchachos están listos para esto”.

Se planea realizar las siguientes sesiones de entrenamiento en abril y mayo y cada una consistirá de un máximo de siete oficiales.

“Se toma un tiempo planear esta clase y no es un curso fácil de aprobar”, dijo Munguia. “Así que, hay muchas preparaciones, y después tenemos que ser capaces de agendarlas para cuando los oficiales están disponibles para esa semana de entrenamiento, porque tampoco podemos pausar el entrenamiento. Ellos tienen que estar ahí los cinco días completos. Así que, estaremos haciendo el entrenamiento en Edinburg y luego también en Brownsville. Solamente se puede entrenar a seis o siete a la vez, así que se tomará un tiempo”.

Él dijo que los estudiantes estarán empezando a ver a los oficiales en bicicleta en los dos campus, incluyendo a oficiales de seguridad pública.

“Nos estamos moviendo hacia adelante. Empezaremos el entrenamiento este cuarto del año que viene y ya tenemos a un par de oficiales que lo han hecho”, dijo Munguia. “Tenemos cerca de 30 oficiales que patrullan, así que trataremos de agarrar a varios de ellos, tantos como se nos sea posible”.

Para contactar al Departamento de Policía de UTRGV, llama al 882-4911 o envía un correo electrónico a police@utrgv.edu.

Weekend warriors

UTRGV tennis take on Prairie View, Kingsville at home

Albert Monrroy
THE RIDER

Home-court advantage can make or break a match. UTRGV tennis will be put to the test this weekend as it takes on two A&M universities.

The men's tennis team will face off against the Prairie View A&M University Panthers at 11 a.m. Saturday at UTRGV's own Orville I. Cox Tennis Center in Edinburg.

At 2 p.m. that day, the women will play the Panthers. The women will also face the Kingsville Javelinas at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Dominique Ibarra, UTRGV women's tennis junior, said she is excited for the first home match of the season and that the team has an advantage playing in Edinburg.

"We're playing in our home, in our court, so we're used to the weather, to the environment, so that's a point in favor to our team," Ibarra said.

UTRGV Women's tennis won the 2015-2016 WAC Women's Tennis Championship under previous Head Coach Stephanie Wooten-Quijada.

Now, current Head Coach Sonia Hahn has her eyes set on giving UTRGV women's tennis its second conference championship.



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UTRGV tennis junior Dominique Ibarra practices for her upcoming tennis matches. The women's tennis team will face the Prairie View A&M University Panthers at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Orville I. Cox Tennis Center and the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Javelinas at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"You always want to win the WAC championship, I mean, that's always a yearly goal," Hahn said. "I want them to continue to get better and I always tell them I want them to be a better player and person when they leave as a senior than when they started as a freshman. So, every year, as long as they continue to improve, that's all that matters."

Men's Head Coach Dann Nelson said he emphasizes

consistency with his players in practice.

"We do a lot of consistency, being able to put the ball in play as much as we can," Nelson said. "We do a lot of conditioning; we do a lot of weight training. ... We also do a lot of recovery work to get us ready for our next matches."

Nelson's plan for UTRGV men's home opener consists of focusing on what they're supposed to do.

He's hoping to win two out

of three doubles matches and to start off fast in the singles matches by winning the first set on all six courts quickly to close out Prairie View A&M.

"We want to do the very best we can," Nelson said. "One of the goals that we're doing is believing in ourselves and in each other. The other goal that we have is to send out our seniors on a high note, for them to have the best year that they've ever had and we're off to a good start with that."

Elliot Johnstone, one of UTRGV men's tennis seniors, said he feels hopeful for the team's prospects this season.

"We feel good," Johnstone said last Thursday. "We've got a deep team this year. Probably the deepest and strongest team I've had in my four years. We're pretty confident. Obviously, [we] had a good first win against Rice University [on Jan. 14] and, hopefully, we'll have another good weekend this week [vs. New Mexico and No. 24 Texas Tech] and we'll be ready for it."

As of press time, the results for UTRGV's match against New Mexico University and Texas Tech University were unavailable. Visit goutrgv.com for results.

Koby Jansen, another UTRGV men's tennis senior, said his confidence in his team for this season stems from a deeper understanding of each other and a willingness to work on the bigger picture as a team rather than individually.

"For right now, we're focusing on winning each and every match, trying to improve as a team and we feel confident against anyone no matter who we go up against," Jansen said.

--Valeria Alanis contributed to this report.

OPINION

VAQUERO VOICE

Times Up movement?



"My opinion about Time's Up is that it's a good initiative to get things started on women's rights, but there's severely more that needs to be done. But, it's a good way to start a conversation around our communities and our universities, especially."

Mayeli Vidal

Mexican-American studies sophomore



"I think it's a great way, because there's people who initially don't respond to sexual harassment at the time in fear of the retributions, like, losing their job or something like that. So, I think this movement is pretty good."

Eduardo Hernandez
English senior



"Se me hace muy importante the [Time's Up] movement, porque es muy personal para mí porque también me pasó lo mismo cuando yo estaba joven con unos familiares y se me hace muy valiente que las mujeres en Hollywood estén hablando sobre algo muy importante. Creo que nos ayuda ... y nos empodera a la gente como normal para poder hablar sobre las cosas ... personales".

Amanda Gonzalez

Estudiante de segundo año de enfermería



"I think it was about time. I think that it's allowing a lot of people to come forward that were scared since, like, they don't feel alone. It's a lot of people. So, they get the courage to come forward and be able to tell their story."

Irma Gonzalez
English junior

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