



Supporting Student Identity

DREAMers Presentation

A description of the DREAMers Club at North-Grand High School, which creates a safe space for undocumented students to support each other, express their concerns about being DREAMers, and build their leadership capacity.

DREAMers Presentation

Sample from North Grand High School

Club Purpose

- North-Grand High School has a significant number of undocumented students
 - Some may feel neglected or rejected due to their legal status
 - Some are in the dark in terms of what their options are for college, career, and in life

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Club Purpose (cont.)

- Students created the following Mission Statement:
The DREAMers Club is an open group that exists to support undocumented students to reach their full potential. We provide financial aid and networking opportunities, along with other resources.

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Goals

- To create a safe haven for DREAMers
- Create and sustain a scholarship fund for DREAMers
- Provide our community with information and resources for DREAMers to reach their full potential



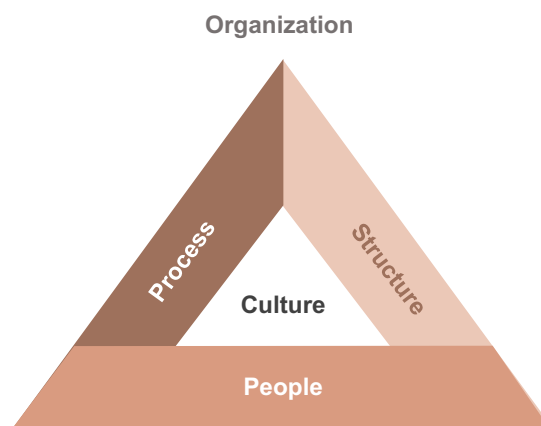
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Structure and Functions

- We are completely student-centered
 - Meet after school on Mondays
 - Students run the meetings and educators help facilitate



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Structure and Functions (cont.)

- Structure
 - We create and follow group norms
 - We have subcommittees and hold each other accountable
 - Marketing
 - Fundraising
 - Event planning
 - We end meetings with a 10-15 minute Q&A session

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Strengths

- We have become a family/support group
 - Our members are loyal, flexible, and attend regularly
- Gaining momentum/popularity
 - Marketing Committee maintains our social media sites
 - Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter (#nocuestasoñar)
 - Reminder App helps with communication
 - Staff and administration support our activities
- Reaching our goals

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Limitations

- Members are senior students
 - We have to start all over again each year with a new set of students
- Spread thin
 - There is a lot of work to do with a small group and limited time
- We wish we could do so much more!

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Past and Future Events

- Research field trip to the National Museum of Mexican Art (Dia de los Muertos)
 - Created an altar to represent the lost dreams of undocumented students
- Social Event
 - Special guests (an undocumented attorney and one of the co-founders of the Immigration Justice League)
- Info table at school events

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Past and Future Events (cont.)

- DREAMers Financial Aid Night
- Dia de los Reyes Rosca Celebration (Day of the Three Kings Celebration)
- Tamale Night
- Movie at North-Grand Fundraising Night
- Raffles

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North-Grand DREAMers were invited to Wrigley Field and made an altar in tribute to all of Chicago's DREAMers.