



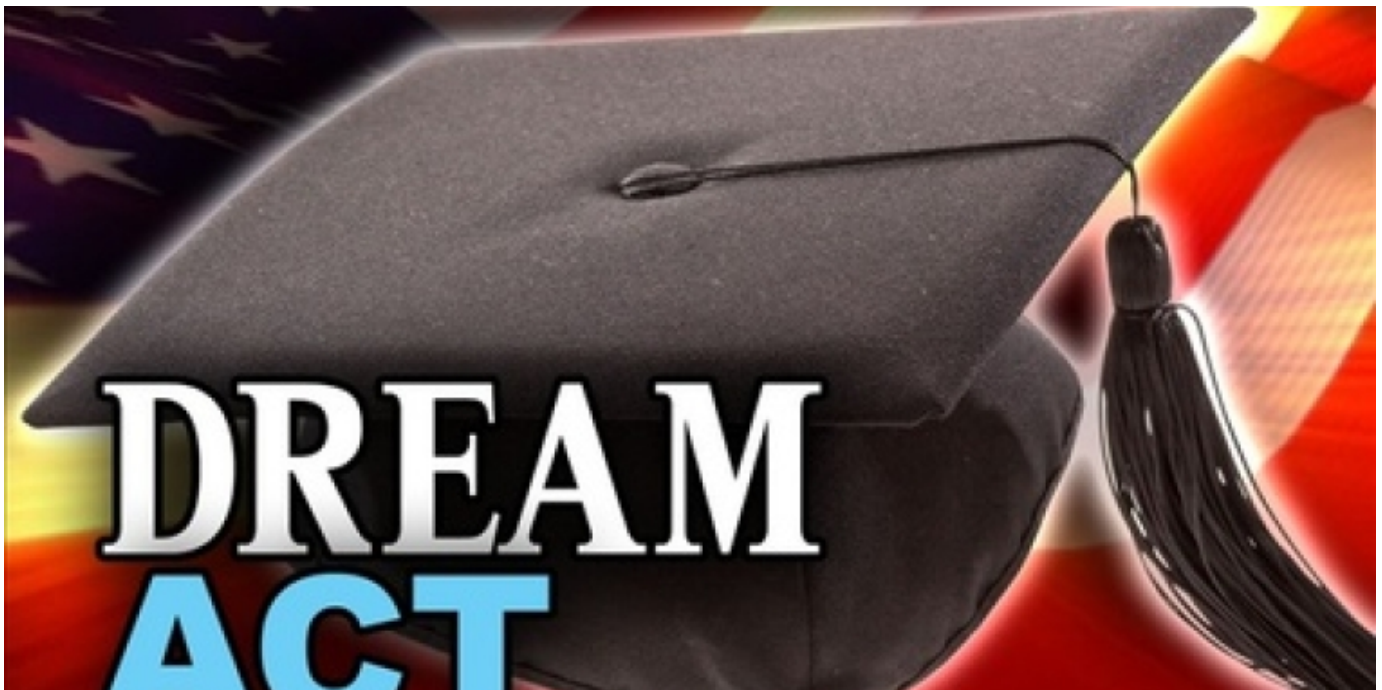
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## State Senator Adriano Espaillat Thanks SUNY's Board of Trustees for Supporting Immigrant Students

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*SUNY trustees unanimously passed resolution calling for Dream Act policies in New York*

(New York, NY) – Today, the State University of New York's Board of Trustees passed a resolution calling for legislation that would allow for undocumented immigrants to have the same access to tuition assistance, loans, and in-state tuition rates as every other student in New York State. Senator Adriano Espaillat (D – Manhattan/Bronx) released the following

statement:

“On behalf of my constituents in Manhattan and the Bronx, I thank the State University of New York’s Board of Trustees for sending a strong message recognizing that every person who is academically qualified should be able to access higher education, regardless of immigration status. Educating all of our young people makes our country stronger, not weaker.

“As a sponsor of legislation that will allow undocumented New Yorkers to access scholarship money for higher education and an advocate for immigrants, I stand with SUNY today. Furthermore, I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact smart policies that expand educational opportunities and help our state move forward.”

The State University of New York, which educates more than 467,000 students at 64 campuses around the state, joins the City University of New York, The New York City Council and many other institutions in calling for undocumented immigrants to have access to financial aid to pay for higher education.

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