From: DREAM Action NIU

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Good morning President Freeman,

Yesterday we held our annual Coming Out of the Shadows event via our social media. We wanted to share with you our lists of demands. It is so important to bring the issues of undocumented individuals to light. It is also important to support the undocumented students at NIU. This year we have nine demands for NIU’s administration.

1. Compensate immigration lawyers to come on campus twice a semester to hold a legal workshop for all students.
2. The NIU Foundation should actively fundraise for the Promise Fund.
3. We ask that all NIU Foundation staff receive Undocumented Ally training.
4. Implement a scholarship based on student fees.
5. More faculty of color.
6. More counselors and counselors of color.
7. We want NIU to develop a response plan in case DACA is terminated.
8. While we realize being undocumented is not a Latinx issue, as an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution, we want NIU to hire more bilingual administrators and staff to assist students and parents.

In amidst of COVID-19, we would like to thank Northern Illinois University for doing what’s possible to bring students and the community support during these trying times. Although a lot of big support has come from NIU, there is always room for improvement. With these demands NIU will be able to better serve the undocumented community and those who are affected by immigration issues.

Sincerely,

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