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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**NATIONAL BACK TO SCHOOL DREAM DAY OF ACTION  
DREAM Act Advocates Across the Country Hold Over 100 Events in 26 States**

Sept. 23, 2009 – Today United We Dream hosted coordinated campaign events in cities across our nation in support of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. Over 100 actions were organized by student groups and local, state and national organizations as part of the National Back to School DREAM Day of Action. These events highlighted the unfinished dreams of thousands of our nation's youth and the need for passage of the DREAM Act, bipartisan legislation that creates a path to legal status for undocumented students.

Today's events included rallies, public displays, and film screenings. Several events were held on college campuses, including at UCLA, Florida State University, Temple University, and University of Texas. Students gathered petitions, called their congressional representatives, and wore the traditional caps and gowns that have come to symbolize activism for the DREAM Act.

"That thousands of DREAMers and their supporters participated in today's events illustrates the vast support for passage of this essential piece of legislation," said Mo, co-founder of DreamActivist and a United We Dream board member. "Undocumented students are taking the immigration debate in their own hands and will no longer stand silent as the fate of their dreams is decided by Congress."

Undocumented students referred to in this release are not identified by last name in order to protect their identities and privacy. To contact immigrant students or educators, or for more information, please contact: Matias ([matias@nilc.org](mailto:matias@nilc.org)) 202-216-0261 x. 409 or 714-876-5962 (cell).

Speakers of Spanish, Korean, Tagalog, Chinese and Vietnamese from around the country are available for interviews.

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The United We Dream Network (UWDN) is a broad alliance of education, labor, faith-based, civil rights, immigrant rights, child, and family advocacy organizations dedicated to the passage of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, bipartisan legislation that would permit a select group of undocumented students to obtain conditional legal status and eventual citizenship in the U.S. For more information on the DREAM Act, visit UWDN's website, [www.dreamactivist.org](http://www.dreamactivist.org).