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\$50,000 Scholarship Competition for Immigrant Students on Long Island

HEMPSTEAD, New York – March 1, 2018 – The DREAM Foundation will announce its 2018 scholarship competition for immigrant students on Long Island during a news conference to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, at Nassau Community College, One Education Dr., Tower Building, 11th Floor, Garden City, NY 11530. The scholarships will be awarded to immigrant students who have outstanding academic records and have contributed to their communities. State and county officials, Long Island community leaders, and representatives from local schools and colleges will attend the news conference.

The DREAM Foundation will grant a total of \$50,000 in scholarships to incoming or current college students from Long Island who do not qualify for federal grant and loan assistance due to their immigration status. Eligible students include DACA and TPS beneficiaries.

“As a Cuban immigrant, I am so proud of the contributions that immigrants make to this country. An important part of the mission of Nassau Community College is to assist its newly arrived neighbors achieve the American dream through higher education. The Dream Foundation’s scholarship program for undocumented students helps fill an economic gap that

federal grant and loan assistance programs do not. It is fitting that the Dream Foundation announces its scholarship program on the campus of Nassau Community College where Latino/Latina students make up a growing segment of the student population,” said Dr. Jorge Gardyn, Chair of Nassau Community College Board of Trustees.

“Nassau Community College’s mission is to provide the best education at the most affordable cost, and we are pleased to acknowledge the wonderful support of the Dream Foundation. The Dream Foundation is offering \$50,000 in scholarships to immigrants who are not otherwise eligible for federal loans or grants. This program will make the dream of higher education available for students who otherwise would be shut out from this important American dream because of their immigration status. These scholarships go a long way in bridging the gap and providing critical opportunities for these students,” said Dr. W. Hubert Keen, President of Nassau Community College.

Last year, the foundation awarded \$40,000 to nine exceptional immigrant students of Long Island. More than 60 applicants from Haiti, Peru, Belize, El Salvador, Philippines, Germany, Spain, etc., participated in this competition. These grantees were recognized during the First Annual Scholarship Award Dinner in 2017.

The DREAM Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization which was established in 2012.

About Nassau Community College

Nassau Community College is an institution where almost 20,000 full- and part-time students and approximately 10,000 continuing and professional students start and continue their successful journey through higher education. More than 70 fields of study are offered on a 225-acre campus located in the center of Long Island. As the largest single-campus two-year college in New York State, Nassau Community College maintains a national reputation for excellence. For more information, visit www.ncc.edu.

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