

Santa Rosa Junior College
Associated Students Resolution
August 22, 2011

- Whereas: Each year in the state of California, 24,000 undocumented students prepare to graduate from high school.
- Whereas: Many of these students achieve academic excellence and gain admission to the best public universities and colleges of our nation.
- Whereas: Their ineligibility to receive financial aid and inability to seek employment prevents them from affording the opportunity to earn a college degree and fulfill their dreams.
- Whereas: If these students were to graduate from college and integrate into our society as educated professionals, they would be able to contribute to strengthening our tax base, thus helping to revitalize California's economy.,
- Whereas: Dozens of undocumented students attend Santa Rosa Junior College and participate in athletic teams and honors programs; help create a more richly diverse and competitive classroom environment; and improve and empower their community through their involvement in on-campus organizations.
- Whereas: AB 130, the first part of the California DREAM Act bill that was passed on July 25, 2011, allows students that meet the in-state tuition requirements via AB 540 to apply for and receive specified financial aid programs administered by California's public colleges and universities.
- Whereas: AB 131, which was recently brought out of suspension from a Senate appropriations committee, would allow students that meet the in-state tuition requirements to apply for and receive the Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver, Institutional Student Aid, Cal Grants by California's public colleges and universities. These students would not be eligible to apply or receive any Competitive Cal Grant unless funding remains available after all California resident students have received Competitive awards for which they are eligible.
- Therefore: Be it resolved, that the Santa Rosa Junior College Associated Students Senate support the California DREAM Act and urge the State of California legislature to pass and Governor Brown to sign AB131.