



KATI

XI GAMMA CHAPTER at
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

A KAPPA DELTA PI CHAPTER

Children of Unauthorized Immigrants: Panel Discussion

2016 Chapter Program
Award Winner

The Basics

The Xi Gamma Chapter hosts multiple PD events throughout the year, but the member-organized panel of experts on children living with unauthorized immigrant parents stood out. The event was organized in order to foster dialogue among and educate a university-wide audience about the difficulties this population faces.

Getting Started

The Chapter partnered with multiple on-campus organizations and invited four local experts, ranging from professors to a speech language specialist, and a high ranking government worker who grew up as an undocumented student. Providing a Q & A time along with structured pre-planned questions allowed multiple aspects of the experts' experiences to be covered.

The Experience

As immigration has become a political hot-button, the group was careful to provide accurate information and open dialogue by bringing in experts. More than 80 chapter members attended the event to learn about serving and difficulties facing children of undocumented parents.

The Impact

Following the event, members relayed the value of hearing first-hand experiences from those who grew up undocumented and those who work daily with those in the situation. Members reported increasing their empathy for the community, as well as increased knowledge. The event also deepened on-campus partnerships



"Students and faculty alike got the chance to step into the metaphorical shoes of people in this country who face struggles and experiences many of us never have to even consider" - Catherine Gonzalez, program organizer

Make This Event Your Own

- Create a panel of experts on a hot political issue
- Choose a specific population to learn more about and to provide a full range of experience, from firsthand accounts to those who work daily with that community
- Have a chapter member with a particular passion area or diverse experience share their story or expertise

Fast Facts

80

Participants

1.5

Hours

It was a chance to catch a glimpse into the firsthand experience of those who come to this country with nothing for the small possibility of building a better life. -- Attendee

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