



The Arizona DREAM Act Coalition

October 26, 2011

Dear Board of Directors for the Phoenix Anti-Defamation League,

We were surprised and saddened to find out Maricopa Community College District's Chancellor, Rufus Glasper, will be awarded the Jerry J. Wistosky Torch of Liberty Award by the Phoenix Anti-Defamation League.

The Anti-Defamation League has proclaimed to be the "nation's premier civil rights/human relations agency". We believe that Chancellor Glasper is a poor choice for your prestigious award. The Chancellor showed lack of leadership stopping a very biased legal counsel who was determined to price out undocumented students from the Community Colleges with a 230% tuition increase for individuals taking one to six credits. Currently one class cost \$1000 to students whose household income is \$24,000. Predictably, tripling the tuition for these students has caused a drop of more than 5,000 students in the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD).

Chancellor Glasper has forced MCCCD's financial and enrollment departments to report students' immigration status to legal counsel, which ultimately would report to DHS and ICE. Chancellor Glasper has created an Orwellian atmosphere at MCCCD, where faculty will be charged with a misdemeanor if found to have violated the statute that requires the reporting to authorities the immigration status of students.

Although the move was directed to undocumented students, minority students are the ones scrutinized to provide documentation. MCCCD's personnel have suffered a climate of tremendous pressure due to the mandate to report the status of the students and the threats of jail time.

We believe Chancellor Glasper's does not deserve such a prestigious award given by The Anti-Defamation League since under his leadership MCCCD is failing its own mission of bringing accessible education to all. We exhort you to preserve the integrity of your institution by withdrawing your award to Mr. Glasper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dulce Matuz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a blue circular stamp or seal.

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