Project Topic:
Assisting undocumented college students find pathways to citizenship and navigate evolving immigration reform in Oklahoma.

Project Overview:
Oklahoma’s growing immigrant populations are not being well represented or educated in the opportunities that are open to them. Oklahoma has an existing infrastructure to assist undocumented immigrants, especially students, attain pathways to citizenship, but efforts to broadcast this information are not substantial to accommodate rising numbers.

Events/Initiatives:

1) Politics and Pizza is our main venue of opening up discussion amongst students in an educational, yet relaxed environment. We will invite various speakers like Akash Patel with the Aspiring Americans Initiative to speak at these events.

2) We will host workshops to educate students on provisions in the DREAM Act that aim to assist undocumented immigrants. We will work with Judith Huerta, our current point of contact.

3) We will work with the University’s existing organizations to organize informational events and spread the word through campus by existing avenues.

Measurable Goals:

1) The percentage of OU student organizations involved on our project.

2) The working relationship between OU’s and another university's undocumented immigrant group.

3) We have established a working relationship with Akash Patel’s non-profit, The Aspiring Americans Initiative. We also have a contact with the DREAM act and we will measure how well they are able to help us; how well we can help Akash, and other aspects of our work relationship.

4) We are going to measure our ability to influence OU students to get involved with this topic. Our end goal, is to educate OU students enough to be strong volunteers for the Aspiring Americans Initiative and other organizations.

How will you collaborate with consortium schools?

The OU Civic Engagement Fellows will be working with undocumented students from OU and another university. Our goal is simple: to establish communication between these
two groups of undocumented immigrant students and have them both work together-under our supervision- to affect public policies regarding the undocumented.