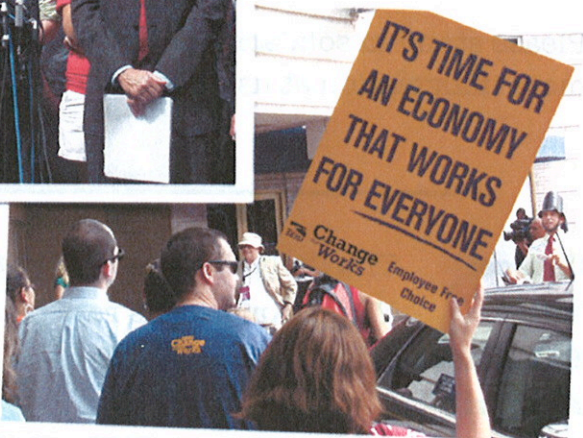
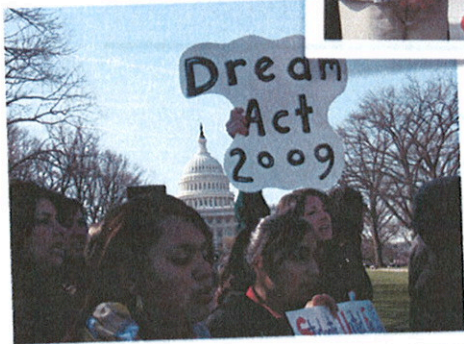


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Source: The Daily Bruin, University of California, Los Angeles
Title: Act for SAFRA, which would reform federal financial aid system
Published: November 9, 2009
Author: Sarah Dobjensky, Susan Li, Emilio Lacques
Quoted: Susan Li, Golden Pacific Chair and Emilio Lacques, People of Color Student Coalition Chair

On campus, students are rallying full speed ahead to make sure this bill passes. CALPIRG and the United States Student Association recently held a "Raising Pell Week of Action," getting hundreds of students to call their senators, add their name and testimonial to a Student Debt Yearbook and add a personalized brick to a real-life Wall of Debt.

The United States Student Association is the oldest and largest college student organization in the country, serving as the official voice of all students in the Department of Education and on Capitol Hill.

Please stand in solidarity with thousands of students across the country and get more information at usstudents.org

Source: The Daily Barometer, Oregon State University
Title: Young Americans rate progress of Obama administration
Published: November 13, 2009
Author: Kate Welter
Quoted: Desiree Segura, USSA student and former board member

According to the USSA website, the press call happened in conjunction with the release of "One Year Later," a youth report on the federal government's progress on a diverse range of subjects from health care to veteran affairs to higher education.

OSU student Desiree Segura, a philosophy major and an ASOSU senator, previously held an elected development and finance position within the USSA board of directors. She stresses the importance of students becoming involved with the organization, especially those who are passionate about current relatable issues, such as their higher education.

"The greatest thing about USSA is that it's the only student recognized voice on [Capitol] Hill, the White House and the Department of Education," Segura said.

"I encourage OSU students who are sick and tired of being unable to graduate on time, of unnecessary and high textbook prices, of there not being enough financial aid or who are upset about the rising tuition costs to become involved with USSA. There is literally a place for every single person in the organization."

USSA is a student-comprised and student-led organization, which represents a coalition of students in regards to their identity, as well as state wide associations.

Segura also recommends that interested students check out the USSA website, <http://usstudents.org> to find out more information about how to become involved.

Find a complete listing of the articles at <http://www.usstudents.org/press-room/ussa-in-the-news>

