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Time Magazine's "Most Influential" Dulce Matuz to speak at Palo Alto College

WHO: Dulce Matuz, named on *Time Magazine's* "100 Most Influential People in the World" list in 2012. The magazine recognizes individuals who use their ideas, visions and actions to transform the world.

WHAT: To speak at Palo Alto College. She is the cofounder and President of the Arizona Dream Act Coalition, a youth-based and youth-led organization dedicated to fighting for higher education and immigrant rights.

Born in Mexico, Matuz immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 15 as an undocumented student. Her legal status created numerous educational challenges like applying to college without a social security number. After being accepted, Matuz was faced with the effects of Arizona Proposition 300, which required undocumented youth to pay out-of-state tuition and made them ineligible for merit-based public scholarships.

Though confronted with adversity, Matuz graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering but was unable to find employment without documented citizenship. In 2011, the real estate license she had used to financially support her education was not renewed because of new laws requiring a driver license.

Matuz has been recognized numerous times for her activism. In addition to the *Time Magazine* list, she has been named one of the "40 Hispanic Leaders under 40" by *Latino Perspectives Magazine* and received the Stylos Award Activist of the Year and the National Lorraine Lee Latina Leadership Award by Hispanic Women's Corporation.

Matuz is currently a legally documented citizen living in Phoenix, Ariz. She continues to grow international awareness through her work in immigrant youth rights activism while lobbying for the DREAM Act and attempting to reverse other anti-immigrant bills.

WHEN: **Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, 10 a.m.**

WHERE: Palo Alto College, Performing Arts Center, 1400 W. Villaret Blvd

DIRECTIONS: Follow I-35 South beyond Highway 90. Take Exit 149 (Texas Hwy 16/Poteet/Palo Alto). Stay on the access road until the light at Hwy 16. Take a left onto Highway 16/Poteet Jourdanton. Turn left at the fourth stop light onto Villaret Blvd. Turn right at the second entrance (San Jose Drive) and follow the road through campus to the I-410 side (the road will curve to the right). The Performing Arts Building is a red building near the I-410 campus entrance. Parking is available.