



On Jan 31, 2013, the Board of Trustees of Colorado Mountain College voted unanimously to support SB13-033, *In-State Classification at Institutions of Higher Education for Students who Complete High School in Colorado*. A previous presentation by a group of students from the Association of Youth United in Action (AJUA) prompted the Board to consider the action. Below are quotes from several Board members following their decision.

*"Students and their families are here because this represents a land of opportunity. I see the legislature being supportive of the continuation of the American Dream, where people come here from elsewhere, hoping to have a better life. We owe it to support this . . . it gives them more opportunity. Hopefully there will be other states that follow the model Colorado is setting."*

*"This is something that will help a lot of Latinos who have been attending schools in our district. It's an exciting time. I wish the Latino population nothing but success."*

*"I have wrestled with this issue for many years. What is our responsibility to our taxpayers, and if this is the correct way to go? No amount of arm-twisting from adults was as compelling as when those students spoke to us about how it affected their life directly. I feel it's in the best interest of CMC to go right ahead with this. One young man said he'd lived in Carbondale since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and his tuition was much higher. I would encourage CMC to advocate for this, because I think it would help a lot of our students."*

*"The fiscal situation seems that it would be positive to colleges & communities in Colorado. The number of students who would be able to afford to go to college because of in-state tuition rate would bring in revenue to colleges."*