

In 'Underwater Dreams,' Robotics Team Puts Lens On Immigration Debate

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The new documentary, produced by Jeb Bush Jr., explores the topic of immigration reform through the lives of undocumented students who win an underwater robotics competition.

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I'm Jacki Lyden and this is TELL ME MORE from NPR News. Michel Martin is away. We've been following the surge of undocumented immigrants, especially minors, at the U.S.-Mexico border in recent weeks. It's been a controversial matter. In Arizona, protesters on both sides of the issue are demonstrating. Immigration remains hotly debated across the country. A new documentary, however, takes a different approach, following four undocumented students who enter an underwater robotics competition in 2004. The group was from Phoenix's Carl Hayden High School, which is predominantly working-class and Hispanic. They were the underdogs, going up against illustrious MIT and other elite schools. Jeb Bush Jr., yes of that famous Bush family, is one of the executive producers of the film and he joins us to talk more about it.

JEB BUSH JR: Thanks so much for having me.