



President's Update

Tuesday, September 5, 2017



To All Members of the Campus Community:

It was with great sadness and frustration that I learned today of President Trump's rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. DACA has been vital in allowing young people who came to the United States without documentation to pursue the life they deserve.

In the wake of this decision, we must continue to protect these valuable members of our Hornet Family.

America is home to hundreds of thousands of these young people. Their lives should not be destroyed to make a political statement. DACA has been successfully defended repeatedly by the federal government as a constitutionally sound and lawful program. DACA makes sense for our country, and it makes sense for the well-being of the undocumented youth for whom America is home.

In the wake of this decision, we must continue to protect these valuable members of our Hornet Family. We must have the courage and integrity to support our fellow Hornets during this frightening, turbulent, and uncertain time.

As Congress begins its work on a replacement policy, we will continue to share information. In the meantime, I ask that you continue to attend your classes and report to work. The Department of Homeland Security is stating that it will not accept new applications from undocumented immigrants for DACA, but those currently enrolled in DACA will be able to continue working until their permits expire. If your permit expires before March 5, 2018, you will be permitted to apply for a two-year renewal before Oct. 5, 2017. Please be expedient in your renewal if this applies to you.

If you need support or you notice someone struggling with despair or hopelessness, please reach out to one of the following campus resources for help:

[The Dreamer Resource Center](#)
[Student Health and Counseling Services](#)
[Full Circle Project](#)
[College Assistance Migrant Program \(CAMP\)](#)
[The Multi-Cultural Center](#)
[The Serna Center](#)

Please continue to work with the Dreamer Resource Center during this uncertain time. On Friday, Sept. 8, the Center will host an Open House from 3 to 4 p.m. in River Front Center, Room 1027. I encourage you to attend to learn more about its resources and to support our undocumented student population.

As we shared earlier this year, the Sacramento State Police Department has a policy on [Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Campus](#). If for any reason a student or member of our faculty or staff is stopped on campus by any official asking for information or documentation, please contact the Sac State Police immediately at (916) 278-6000 or by dialing 911 on any campus phone. It is important to remember our students' right to privacy in their student records through FERPA (the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). You can find more information about the release of and access to student records [here](#).

Sincerely,

Robert S. Nelsen