

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Fall 2017 President's Cabinet Update

Context

- Former President Barack Obama launched the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Policy in 2012. The policy states that government will not deport those who meet certain criteria, including but not limited to:
 - Children who arrived here before the age of 16 and are under 31 years of age on June 15, 2012
 - Individuals who are in school or possess a high school diploma
 - Applicants who have lived here for at least five years
 - People who have not committed serious crimes

Meeting these criteria will allow undocumented residents to obtain a driver's license and Social Security number and a 2 year work authorization.

- On Tuesday, September 5, 2017 President Donald Trump rescinds DACA, gives Congress six months to take action.

Campus & Community Reaction

Chancellor and Presidents Message to DACA Students, All Students, and the SDCCD

By Office of Communications
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UPDATE: DACA Memo from California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Dear DACA Students, All Students, Colleagues, and Friends:

The San Diego Community College District is deeply committed to the inclusion of all people, regardless of their race, ethnicity, heritage, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, medical condition, or disability. We believe that America is a great and compassionate country and that our students and employees should be fully supported in that context.

One program in particular epitomizes our values of access and success for all students. This very special program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), has provided support to young people who were brought to this country as children, not under their own volition. It was established via executive order by the previous presidential administration to provide a fair and practical way for these young people to be treated. Most of these young people have only known the United States of America as their home and they have prospered in the many endeavors they have pursued in our great educational systems, including schools, community colleges, and universities. In our District, City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges, and Continuing Education enroll DACA students and are proud of them.

This morning, the President of the United States ordered the elimination of the DACA program, announcing that the administration will "initiate a wind down process," thereby creating "a time period for Congress to act – should it so choose." We have heard that this will be a period of six months, but we need to confirm that, as well as the process Congress will follow. We will do whatever we can to restore this important program. Up-to-date information will be posted for students and employees, as we receive it, at sdccd.edu.

DACA students are called "Dreamers" in view of their relationship to the DREAM Act, proposed legislation that would



San Diego Community College District Chancellor's Statement on the Elimination of DACA

Today was a sad day in America when the Attorney General announced the Presidential decision to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, a program that provides support, especially educational opportunities, for young people who were brought to this country as children.

In the San Diego Community College District, these students are among the best and highest achieving students at City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges, and Continuing Education. Nationally, many are earning graduate degrees and are already giving back to their communities through services, expertise, and taxes. This country is the only country they know and deporting them would be a horrible injustice. Our District, our Board of Trustees, our Colleges, our faculty and staff, and our student leaders will commit themselves today to provide whatever advocacy they can to Congress, urging our representatives to undue this reprehensible action and restore opportunity to these special young people, the Dreamers, who so richly deserve them.

Dr. Constance M. Carroll
Chancellor
San Diego Community College District

http://www.sdccd.edu/docs/District/chancellor/Letter_to_President_Trump_DACA.pdf

San Diego Dreamers 'facing nightmare' after President Trump's DACA decision

BY: Emily Thode

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TOMORROW: September 6

Come simply to show your support and help our students see that they remain a valued part of our community:

- AVANZA Student Engagement Center, 14-203
- Starting at 2:30 (ending time 3:30? 4:00?).

Hosted by R.I.S.E. & Borderless Scholars



SDCCD Resolution & CCCCCO Press Release

September 14, 2017 & September 18, 2017

Resolution of the Board of Trustees San Diego Community College District

The San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees stands in support of students from all backgrounds, cultures, immigration status, and religions.

WHEREAS, the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff support and value the District's purpose and mission of providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students who can benefit from a higher education, without regard to race, ethnicity, heritage, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, medical condition, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that neither California nor the United States of America will prosper without affording respect, opportunity, and support to its diverse population; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the District and its campuses are to educate students, to be inclusive and supportive of student diversity, and to provide an educational environment that protects students from pressures and intrusive actions that would disrupt or impair their education; and

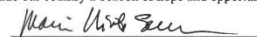
WHEREAS, the District complies with federal and state laws and regulations, such as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) that governs the privacy of student records, AB 540, and the California DREAM Act, which exempt undocumented students from non-resident tuition and provide other benefits; and

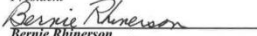
WHEREAS, the District supports the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) that provides a temporary reprieve from deportation for students who were brought to this country as children and who are high achievers and on the path to success, and are deserving of being able to continue their studies;

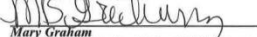
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SDCCD Board of Trustees does not support and vehemently disagrees with the President's decision to terminate the DACA program in six months, putting nearly 800,000 young undocumented immigrants nationally at risk of deportation; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SDCCD Board of Trustees supports the continuation of the following District practices: the SDCCD will not (1) allow federal immigration officials on campus absent legal authority; (2) act on behalf of federal agencies to enforce immigration laws or aid in deportation; or, (3) share student records containing immigration or citizenship status with immigration officials, absent a court order or other legal authority; and, (4) College Police will not participate in any voluntary program of immigration enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SDCCD Board of Trustees urges members of Congress to restore the DACA program and support and pass the Dream Act, a bill that would provide a path to legal status for undocumented young people who came to the country as children, in order to win back the values and ideals that made our country a beacon of hope and opportunity for the entire world.


Maria Nieto Scour, Ph.D.
President

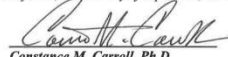

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Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the
San Diego Community College District in San
Diego, California, this 14th day of September, 2017.


Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.
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September 18, 2017

California Community Colleges Board of Governors Calls on Congress to Preserve DACA

Santa Ana, Calif. -- The California Community Colleges Board of Governors, in a resolution adopted by unanimous vote, today called on Congress to immediately and permanently preserve the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and further work toward comprehensive immigration reform. The board declared its unequivocal support for DACA recipients and other undocumented students in the California Community Colleges system.

The action is the latest in a series of measures the system has taken following the Trump Administration's announced plans to eliminate the DACA program after a six-month pause allowing Congress to address the issue. Unless Congress acts, DACA benefits held by tens of thousands of students in the California Community Colleges system will begin to expire in March of 2018.

"Rescinding the DACA program punishes young people for actions over which they had no control," said Board of Governors President Cecilia V. Estolano. "We all benefit from this program, which enables hardworking members of society to contribute to their communities, serve in our armed forces and make better lives for themselves and their families at our colleges. Congress must step up sooner, rather than later, and do the right thing."

The resolution unanimously adopted today at the Board of Governors meeting in Santa Ana cites studies showing that deporting all DACA recipients in the United States would cost the federal government \$60 billion and cause \$280 billion in economic losses over 10 years.

"The California Community Colleges Board of Governors is unwavering in its support and promotion of programs, initiatives and policies designed to instill values associated with community and inclusion," states the resolution, which also notes California's diversity is a critical source of innovation and industry that creates one of the largest economies in the world and an economic engine for the country.

Resources/Support

Fall 2017 Immigration Information Sessions at SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Monday, September 25, 2017
2:30 - 4:00pm, 14-207

Friday, October 13, 2017
12:30 - 2:00pm, TBD

**Do you have questions
or concerns about
recent legislation?**

If so, please join us at
one of our DACA
Information Sessions.

This presentation will offer
information on the status of
DACA recipients after its rescission.
It will also present information on
legislative actions by the state
of California to support the
immigrant community.

Sessions will be led by an Immigration Attorney from Casa Cornelia Law Center

For questions or more information, please contact the
Vice President of Student Services Office at 619.388.2678, located in 14-401.

Request for disability related accommodations should be made no later than 5 (five) working days prior to the event



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**Get a \$495
scholarship
for your DACA
renewal in
under 48 hours**

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LC4DACA.ORG**

Earlier this week, California Legislative Leadership and Governor Brown announced a deal to provide \$30 million to support California's undocumented immigrants. The proposal provides \$20 million in additional funding for immigration legal services under the One California program, and an additional \$10 million in financial aid for Dreamers in the California Community Colleges, California State University and University of California systems. CSU will receive \$2 million and UC will receive \$1 million to support the existing Dream Loan Program. The California Community College Chancellor's Office will receive \$7 million. This funding will be made available to local colleges so that they can provide emergency financial aid resources to students affected by President Trump's decision to rescind the DACA program. More details will be made available as enabling legislation and guidance becomes available.

DACA Updates
September 7: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Pacific Time



Webinar Overview



Stay Informed

Mesa College


January 27, 2017

SDCCD pledges support of students regardless of immigration status, religion

By San Diego Community College District
Office of Communications

The San Diego Community College District joined a growing number of colleges and universities around the country today when its Board of Trustees approved a resolution reaffirming support of its students.

The resolution, passed unanimously, urges President Donald Trump to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which allows undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children to work and study in the country without fear of being deported. Former President Barack Obama launched the policy in 2012.



"The Board resolution reflects the values of the district's faculty, administrators, staff, and student leaders," said SDCCD Chancellor Constance M. Carroll. "The campus presidents and I have sent a message to students, sharing the Board resolution and assuring them that we will do everything in our power to support their educational opportunities despite the challenges that may be on the horizon."

► **Read the Board Resolution**

The resolution affirms the district's support for its diverse student population, including those who may lack legal authorization to be in this country, commits to not cooperating with any federal effort aimed at creating a registry of individuals based on religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation, precludes immigration officials from being on campus absent legal authority, and

"Our goal in passing this resolution value each and every one of our students, regardless of race, ethnic medical condition."

Mesa College Resources for Students, Faculty and Staff

- **Immigration Information**
(Updated Aug. 2017)
- **Borderless Scholars**
- **DACA: Current Status and Options**

Students

International Students: Students from the affected countries who are attending Mesa on a student visa are encouraged to contact the International Student Admissions Office at 619-388-2717 where they can receive additional support and guidance. www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/international-students/index.shtml

Student Health Services offers a wide range of services including psychological counseling, to support students with a variety of concerns. Crisis counseling is available in the Health Center I4-209 from 8-6 Mon-Thurs, and 8-3 on Friday. Students may either drop-in or make an appointment to be seen by a Therapist. www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/health-services

Student Clubs and Organizations provide a rich and exciting multi-cultural dimension to college life at Mesa. Faculty and classified staff advisors serve on a voluntary basis and are approved by the College President each semester. www.sdmesa.edu/campus-life/get-involved/student-clubs

Faculty/Staff

The Office of Professional Development: Professional learning enables campus employees to develop the knowledge and skills to assist themselves and students to be successful in college and address students' learning challenges. Call 619-388-5019 www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/professional-development

District Employee Benefits Office: The San Diego Community College District Benefits Office provides faculty, staff, administrators, retirees and COBRA participants with support on the District's health, welfare, and retirement benefits plans by providing one-on-one counseling and assistance over the phone, in person, and via email, and maintaining an effective benefits communication program. 619-388-6587 or <http://hr.sdccd.edu/benefits/beneindex.cfm>

District

Resources for Undocumented Students

The following information is intended to help students and colleges in the time of uncertainty about immigration policies related to the incoming administration in Washington D.C.

Document	Source
Chancellor Oakley's DACA Update	California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Combined English and Spanish DACA Talking Points	California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Chancellor's Office Post-DACA Decision Update	California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Scholarships for DACA Renewal Costs	Mission Asset Fund
NILC Top 5 Things to Know about Trump's Action to End DACA	United We Dream National Immigration Law Center
Legal Memorandum Regarding Sept. 5, 2017 Federal Decision to Effectively End DACA	California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
California Dream Act "Follow Your Dreams" Video	I Can Afford College
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Video <ul style="list-style-type: none">Video Transcript	Incoming Chancellor Eloy Oakley
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Joint Letter	California Community Colleges, The University of California, The California State University
Chancellor's Office Statement of Principles	California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
DACA: Frequently Asked Questions	Undocumented Student Program University of California, Berkeley
Immigrants' Rights FAQs Under a Trump Presidency	Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
California Dream Act Fact Sheet	www.icanaffordcollege.com
What Do I Need to Know if the DACA Program Ends?	Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Immigration Legal Services	California Department of Social Services
Immigration and Legal Services	Ready California