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U.S. Supreme Court to allow the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to continue

Congress Must Act Swiftly to Provide Legal Status to DACA Recipients

Home IS here, and today we applaud the U. S. Supreme Court for its decision, which upholds the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and found that the Trump Administration’s decision to rescind DACA was arbitrary and capricious stating, “...we conclude that the Acting Secretary did violate the Administrative Procedures Act, and that the rescission (of DACA) must be vacated.”

We are grateful for the leadership of President Janet Napolitano and the University of California’s Board of Regents, who led the lawsuit against the Trump Administration’s actions and in defense of DACA. We are especially proud of our Board Chair and President and General Counsel of MALDEF, Thomas Saenz, who has been a national leader defending DACA on behalf of students and families in the U.S. judicial system.

California recognizes the tremendous value immigrants bring to the fabric of our state and the inextricable ties that bind our collective future. College opportunity is key to ensuring that California can meet its economic goals, maintain its global standing, and keep up with technological advances. As California’s economy becomes increasingly reliant on a better-educated workforce and further connected to a global marketplace for its services and products, immigrants are poised to make major contributions to future growth.

In a statement released today, Thomas Saenz stated, “Despite Donald Trump’s tenacious efforts to punish the nation by targeting immigrants, we will not see the precipitous removal of teachers from the students they inspire, health care workers from the patients they treat, essential employees from the businesses they sustain, soldiers from the nation they protect. Integrity won the day, to the benefit of all.”

Nearly 27 percent (three million) of the United States’ undocumented immigrants reside in California. Immigrants have been at the heart of building our nation and making it great. Losing or even underutilizing talented immigrants and students poses a threat to our state’s workforce and economy, considering that California needs an additional 1.65 million college-educated workers by 2030.

The ruling is a temporary victory, so we call upon Congress to further protect DACA recipients by passing the American Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6), which would provide a path to citizenship for DACA recipients and other Dreamers not currently covered by DACA. All Californians deserve the opportunity to pursue an education and contribute to the communities and country they call home. Our state and nation are made stronger by the contributions of immigrants.

Tell your senators to pass the American Dream and Promise Act.
Additional Resources

Resources and information for students
New DACA applications can now be submitted. Make an appointment with a legal service provider to learn more about the process. Always seek the advice of legal experts.

- For UC students, immigration legal services are still available remotely.
- CSU students and employees can access free immigration services provided through local agencies. Visit this page for more information about what is available near you.
- Community college students also have access to free legal services through the Community College Immigration Legal Services Project. Visit this page for more information as it becomes available.

Virtual Gatherings:
- Immigrants Rising

Stay current on DACA Updates in California Higher Education:
- California State University DACA Updates
- University of California DACA Updates
- California Community Colleges DACA Updates
- President’s Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

Webinars and Information for Educators:
- By UnitedWeDream
- By University of California
- For college leaders and policymakers seeking additional ways to support undocumented students, Read In Their Voices: Undocumented in California Public Colleges and Universities

Read today’s announcement by the U.S. Supreme Court here.

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