



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear LACCD Students and Your Families,

I hope you and your families are all safe and healthy. I want to share an important update about recent actions by the federal government concerning the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Whether or not you are one of about 10,000 DACA students we serve at the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), the actions taken by the Trump Administration are a concern to all. Please take time to read and share my message that underscores the District's continued support for DACA students and employees.

On July 27, 2020, the Trump Administration announced it would refuse to process new DACA applications and to cut in half the program's renewal timeline from two years to one. This latest action by the President is in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on July 18, 2020 to [block his efforts](#) to end the DACA program. We anticipate—and will support—that this new action also will be challenged in the courts.

Meanwhile, I want to reiterate the District's steadfast support for the DACA program—and our Dreamers who benefit from it—and our unwavering commitment to fight for DACA's continuation. As I have always said to our Dreamers: "*We have your back!*"—and we do!

On July 13, 2020, LACCD Board of Trustee member Gabriel Buelna, Ph.D., who chairs the Board's DACA Task Force, and I co-authored a letter that we sent to President Donald Trump urging him to keep the DACA program and accept new applicants until Congress passes legislation that would enable Dreamers a lawful permanent residence and legal pathway to American citizenship.

While we continue to advocate for DACA, I encourage all of you, especially our DACA students, to [complete your education goals with LACCD](#). Fall enrollment is happening now, so [register online](#) for classes before the Fall Semester begins August 31. It is also important for DACA students to apply as soon as possible to [extend your DACA status](#).

We have Dream Resource Centers (DRC) at all nine colleges ready to provide key services, including financial aid, counseling, and a strong referral network for legal assistance and mental health. While in-person services are not available due to the public health emergency, I urge you to contact your DRC if you need help during this time.

I know these are uncertain times, but the U.S. Supreme Court's decision upholding the DACA program gave us all hope that the program must continue. DACA students are integral and valued members of our community college family. They have sacrificed to better themselves, their families, communities, and our country. At LACCD, we have made firm and unwavering commitments to serve our undocumented and under-resourced students and urge all of our students to do the same. As educators, we have invested in their success, and in return, they have made positive contributions to our economy, our classrooms and the broader academic community.

For additional resources or if you have further questions, please go to the [immigration resources](#) page of the District's website.

Stay positive, stay online with LACCD and please stay healthy. We will get through this together.

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