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Dear Southwestern College students:

The phase out of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program just announced by the Trump Administration will impact many members of our college community, including students at Southwestern College. The DACA program has allowed young immigrants to live, work, and study in the United States without fear of immediate deportation.

While the actions of the Trump Administration will cause concern to the almost 800,000 young immigrants protected under DACA, the State of California, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and our representatives in Congress have expressed their support of DACA and their commitment to defend it. We will work with all of these groups to ask Congress and our representatives to create legislation that will protect these young immigrants.

We want to assure you that Southwestern College is committed to providing a welcoming learning environment for all our students and college community, regardless of immigration status or country of origin. Our college leadership (Governing Board, faculty, staff, administrators), has expressed unwavering support and commitment to our DACA students and our DREAMers. Southwestern College will continue to advocate on their behalf to ensure that they have the right to live and learn without fear.

As part of this commitment, we continue to take the following actions:

- We will continue abiding by our policy not to provide personal information to any agency without the permission of the student or court order.
- We will continue to advocate for educational opportunities for students, regardless of immigration status, at the state and federal level.
- We will continue to work diligently to ensure all students feel welcome and supported at Southwestern College.

If you have questions or are in need of any support, please visit the Cesar Chavez Student Services Building 1400 or the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at its new location in room 651. Students can also visit the [SWC Cares page](#) and our [undocumented student resources page](#) for more information about the resources and services available to them. The Chancellor's Office has also released a [list of resources for undocumented students](#).

We will continue to share more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Kindred Murillo, Ed.D.
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