



**A MESSAGE FROM THE SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUPERINTENDENT-
PRESIDENT**

September 5, 2017

Dear SCC Students:

This morning, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) has been rescinded. He has directed the Department of Homeland Security to “wind-down” the program, and has indicated that Congress will need to act in the next six months. This ruling affects our Dreamer students and their families and friends. We have immediately started work to better understand the implications of this decision on our students and staff.

Those currently enrolled in DACA will be able to continue working until their permits expire; those whose permits expire by March 5, 2018, will be permitted to apply for a two-year renewal as long as they do so by October 5, 2017. For now, our message is clear: Stay enrolled in school and, if working, maintain your employment. Do nothing to jeopardize your current status. We will share information as we learn more.

On behalf of the SCC Board of Trustees, I want to reaffirm the College’s commitment as a place where all students can enroll and achieve their educational goals, regardless of their immigration status. Our undocumented students are integral and valued members of our community who have sacrificed to better themselves, their families and their communities, and our country. The President’s decision, while uncertain and unsettling is not defeating, nor will it dissuade us from providing advocacy and support for our students.

SCC has reconfirmed with the Solano County Sheriff’s Office that under no circumstances will students be asked to disclose their residency status during a traffic stop or any other perceived violation of the law. The College has reminded faculty and staff that at no time is student information, other than directory information to be accessed, shared, or used except by those who have “a need to know.” Students may ask the College to withhold their directory information by contacting Admissions and Records. Only admissions and financial aid staff are required to secure residency status information.

If you would like information on available resources for DACA students, please go to www.solano.edu and click on “Resources for DACA students.” To all students, please remain enrolled at SCC and know that we support you and are here to help you reach your goals.

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