

Senate Resolution 10.15.18:

Undocumented Students Week of Action, October 15-19, 2018

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges are committed to providing an open and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age gender, language, socio-economic status, gender identity or expression, medical condition or disability;

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's decision on September 5, 2017, to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, placed the safety, security and educational future of thousands of undocumented students in doubt;

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges have advocated to Congress and the Administration to preserve DACA and respect the contributions of undocumented immigrants, and on January 26, 2017, the Board of Governors passed a resolution expressing its support for DACA and firm commitment to serving all students who can benefit from a postsecondary education;

WHEREAS, Solano Community College embraces the Chancellor's Office Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students and reaffirms that we will not release any personally identifiable student information without a judicial warrant including data related to immigration status, or participate in any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on protected characteristics;

WHEREAS, Solano Community College created partnerships with community organizations to help our undocumented students access legal assistance and other services in local communities;

WHEREAS, the Solano Community College Governing Board passed a resolution in support of the work of the Chancellor's Office to identify and share best practices for assisting undocumented students, to provide referral to legal services in the community, and reinforce policies that protect student's rights and privacy, as well as, disseminating information to students and to the community about applying for and enrolling in classes at SCC, eligibility for financial assistance, and services, and in declaring October 15-19, 2018, as "Undocumented Students Week of Action":

WHEREAS, despite efforts by organizations in California and across the nation, the preservation of DACA and the adoption of an effective solution for undocumented students remains elusive;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College support the Student Equity and Success Council, a Senate subcommittee, in sponsoring an event on the Solano Community College campus for the Undocumented Student Week of Action.

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College distribute a list of local resources for undocumented individuals to the campus community in order to better support and serve our undocumented students and the residents of Solano County.