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Chancellor's Message Regarding the Termination of DACA

Dear Students and Colleagues,

In a disturbing decision this morning, President Trump has decided to rescind the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program instituted by President Obama in 2012. This decision affects nearly 800,000 dreamers nationwide, many of whom reside in California and attend our schools and colleges. DACA is of great importance to thousands of community college students nationwide, and this decision heartlessly places them at risk of deportation.

The Riverside Community College District, along with other educational institutions throughout the country, is deeply dismayed with this decision to rescind the program. We are unsure of the future of DACA, but I assure you that we will continue to ceaselessly advocate for our students and for a legislative solution that protects our students. As I have said before, the colleges of the RCCD remain committed to supporting all students and maintaining welcoming and safe educational environments.

We created the Culture of Care webpage <http://www.rccd.edu/cultureofcare> which contains valuable resources, services and answers to frequently asked questions. If you have questions regarding DACA and other student-related programs, I encourage you to visit the site.

Again, RCCD is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We will continue to support all our students.

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