

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
September 5, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

I want you to be aware of a personal message I sent to students today concerning DACA (please see second page). There is a lot of uncertainty and anxiety about next steps. There are many resources that are available to our undocumented students that you can share, including the Chancellor's Office website: <http://www.cccco.edu/ResourcesforUndocumentedStudents.aspx>

Counseling faculty members Lynn Wang (lwang@cerritos.edu) and Rosa Carrillo (rcarrillo@cerritos.edu) are hosting a student resource meeting this week to address any questions and concerns students may have about DACA. Please contact them for more information.

I acknowledge that this is a very difficult time for our students and their families, but please strongly encourage students to stay in school and stay working at their jobs. We have campus resources available to help.

As more information becomes available, I will provide as many updates as I can. I know that I can count on you to stand with me to help support our undocumented students. Please contact me with any concerns.

Thanks!

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Dear Students,

Earlier today, the Trump Administration announced the Department of Homeland Security will begin phasing out the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) by March 5, 2018 and has urged Congress to replace the current policy with new legislation. There are many questions that remain unclear as to what happens next.

In light of the President's decision, I want to reassure all of you Cerritos College stands in solidarity for all students, regardless of your immigration status. The President's decision does not impact students under AB 540 and recipients of the California Dream Act. These policies are protected under California law and reaffirms California's commitment to our students. We understand that this decision will impact many of you and your families and we will do everything we can to support you during this tumultuous time.

- I strongly encourage you to stay enrolled in school. If you are working, maintain your employment, and do not jeopardize your current status.
- [The Chancellor's Office has developed a helpful website related to DACA/undocumented students.](#)
- Faculty members from the Counseling Department will be contacting affected students directly regarding support resources.
- If you need immediate assistance, please contact Counseling Department faculty members Lynn Wang (lwang@cerritos.edu) or by phone at (562) 860-2451 x2408, or Rosa Carrillo (rcarrillo@cerritos.edu) or by phone at (562) 860-2451 x2123.

Cerritos College remains a safe campus to learn and thrive, adhering to the belief our diversity drives our student success. We stand with you and will continue to fight for the dream.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the College's staff.

Sincerely,
Jose

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