

September 5, 2017

Dear Iowa State Community:

I want to express my care and concern for members of our community who are feeling uncertain, anxious, or fearful as a result of the [Trump administration's announcement](#) today regarding the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The administration has established a wind-down period for the program, thus providing Congress an opportunity to act. Iowa State strives to be a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable place for all individuals, regardless of immigration status. We stand ready with guidance and support for any member of the Iowa State community who is concerned about the future of the DACA program. Our campus resources are available to you.

The DACA program has had a positive impact on our campus. The people who have benefited from this program are an important and valued part of our community. Accordingly, we are working through our national higher education associations to advocate for a legislative solution that promotes stability for individuals eligible through DACA.

Regardless of the future of the DACA program, the way Iowa State University police interact with citizens will not change. The university has no jurisdiction in enforcing federal immigration laws.

The safety and well-being of the Iowa State community are our highest priority. To this end, Iowa State is fully committed to exercising all legal avenues to support the success and well-being of all individuals. This commitment aligns with our university mission and the [February 2017 resolution](#) approved by Student Government in support of DACA and undocumented students.

Iowa State students who are impacted by the DACA announcement and in need of immediate emotional support outside of regular university business hours may contact the national crisis text line: text ISU to 741-741.

The following resources can be accessed during regular business hours:

Student Assistance and Outreach, Dean of Students Office	515-294-1020
Student Counseling Service	515-294-5056

Members of the Iowa State community who have specific questions about what the DACA announcement means for enrollment or financial aid status may contact the following resources during normal business hours:

Office of the Registrar (currently enrolled students)	515-294-1840
Office of Student Financial Aid	515-294-2223
Office of Admissions (prospective students and families)	515-294-5836

Additional support is available through:

[Multicultural Student Affairs](#)

515-294-6338

[Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion](#)

515-294-8840

[University Human Resources](#)

515-294-4800

We are currently planning another discussion in the “Know Your Rights” forum series. Immigration experts and campus resource professionals will be available to address issues and questions related to DACA. Details about the forum will soon be available at campusclimate.iastate.edu. We are here to support you.

Sincerely,

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