

Dear UCLA LGBTQ Community –

Today the U.S. Attorney General [announced](#) today that the White House is immediately rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program instituted by President Obama in 2012. Across the U.S., 787,000 Dreamers have signed up for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and have been able to seek work permits, attend college and build a future in the U.S. At UCLA, we have over 700 undocumented students and many are affected by the White House's decision.

Immigration is an LGBTQ issue. Many LGBTQ students at UCLA have utilized the DACA program in their time here as scholars, or have family members who are undocumented. The DACA program has been critical in their ability to attend UCLA, gain work experience and hold various leadership roles on campus.

The UCLA LGBT Campus Resource Center is and will continue to be a space for all members of the LGBTQ community, especially those at the intersections race, gender, sexuality, immigration, ability, religion and more. Structural barriers such as racism, xenophobia, transphobia, biphobia, homophobia, etc., impact our students, all while trying to achieve the very thing that institutionally promises them a better foundation for the next stages of their life. We uphold our mission to “support intersectional identity development” and foster a community where justice and equality guide our work. In the words of Black Feminist Lesbian writer, poet and activist Audre Lorde, “There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.” The UCLA LGBT Campus Resource Center upholds our intersections and the impact of this current policy decision on many people in our community.

The UCLA Undocumented Student Program will be open all day today (just across the hall from the LGBT Campus Resource Center) with representatives from the Counseling and Psychological Services, Case Management and Legal Services.

For students impacted by the latest statements by the Executive Branch, here are some resources for support and updated information:

Community Events:

UndocuMedia, CHIRLA and the CA Dream Network [will be holding a rally at Placita Olvera](#) in downtown Los Angeles at 5 p.m. (*Placita Olvera is located at 845 N Alameda Street in downtown Los Angeles*)

DACA Healing Circle (for DACA recipients only) at 7 p.m.

CHIRLA will be holding a safe space for DACA recipients tonight at their L.A. offices to “lift up the spirits of individuals who have been affected by the decisions and treatment towards immigrant communities by this administration, provide an immediate safe space for those seeking companionship amongst those directly affected and encourage individuals to take part in support activities, conversations, and testimonies.” This event is only open to DACA recipients and will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CHIRLA is located at 2533 W. Third Street in the Westlake neighborhood.

Source: http://laist.com/2017/09/05/daca_trump_protests.php

Resources:

UCLA Undocumented Student Program: <http://www.usp.ucla.edu/>

UC Immigrant Legal Services: <https://law.ucdavis.edu/ucimm/>

Resources on Immigration Policy Changes: <https://equity.ucla.edu/know/immigration/>

Café 580: www.580cafe.com

Actions:

Contact your Representative: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Contact your Senator: <http://www.senate.gov/states/CA/intro.htm>

Attend a Town Hall: <https://townhallproject.com/>

Call the White House: (202) 456-1414

News and Information:

UCLA Chancellor's Statement on DACA: <http://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/statement-from-chancellor-block-on-the-ending-of-daca>

UC President's Statement on DACA:

<http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2017/09/letter-from-president-napolitano-on-administrations-decision-to-end-daca-program.html>

DREAMers Resources: Know Your Rights:

<https://lacitycollege.libguides.com/c.php?g=629568&p=4473344>

PBS Article on the potential impact of revoking DACA:

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/column-trump-revokes-daca-will-create-humanitarian-crisis/#>

Updates from the National Immigration Law Center: <https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/daca-update-5-things-to-know/>

Williams Institute Report on LGBTQ DACA Students

<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/LGBT-DREAMers-and-DACA-February-2017.pdf>