

Resources and Ideas for Campus Supporting Undocumented/Dreamer and DACA Students¹

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With the release of the new DHS DACA rule and as we await the 5th Circuit ruling on DACA, we are hearing from a number of campuses interested in hosting informational sessions or symposia on DACA developments, preparing for teach-ins for when the Fifth Circuit decision is issued, or receiving resources and talking points. The Presidents' Alliance staff is ready to help, with reading materials, ideas for speakers, policy or legal analyses, and more. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for individualized consultations (contact info@presidentsalliance.org). As a start, we have collated a few ideas here.

Context and Talking Points.

- While the issuance of the new DHS rule on DACA helps to fortify the current DACA program, the future of the popular and successful program is still at risk in the courts.
- Despite ten years demonstrating the success of DACA and why opportunities for immigrant students and alums strengthen the country, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will soon rule on the future of DACA and may rule in a way that harms the program.
- The continued legal challenges to the program make the urgent case for legislative action.
- As the Fall semester commences, campuses can support DACA and Dreamer students and help with awareness, education, and advocacy. See additional talking points [here](#).

Informational Sessions, Teach-ins, or Symposia

For campuses interested in convening an event on campus, you can consider the following concepts:

- Develop and host a forum or symposium event designed to educate and spotlight the importance of DACA to your institution/community and the urgent need for legislative action to build on the program's successes, especially in the face of continued threats to the future of DACA.
- Organize a panel and discussions, featuring DACA recipients and Dreamer students on campus and alumni in the workforce; relevant college leaders and professors; perhaps area employers who have hired graduates with DACA; DACA recipients who have become employers during the 10 years of the program's existence; and even local media as would be appropriate.
- Coordinate a teach-in, with faculty, students, and staff, that covers the history and current moment, including DACA and other immigration developments, DREAM legislation, testimonials, readings, and resources.

¹ **Terminology note:** Your campus may use different terms to refer to undocumented students on your campus, including "Dreamer" students, "DACAdmented and undocumented" students, or "DACA and other Dreamer/undocumented" students. Please use the terms that fit your campus environment.

Other campus activities could include:

- Campus messages or public statements in support of DACA and reaffirming campus supports for undocumented students.
- Drafting/placing a local op-ed from university leaders.
- Amplification and highlights of events or resources posted on social media and in your institution's communications channels/website.
- Using the same channels to spotlight examples and stories of students and alumni who demonstrate how DACA - and future legislative opportunities - strengthens their futures AND the future of your community and the nation.

Additional Resources

- [The FAQs on the new DACA rule](#) - FAQs on DHS's new DACA rule that was released August 2022
- [Directory of Presidents' Alliance Resources to Support DACA and Institutions of Higher Education.](#)
- **Campus Resources:** [Beyond DACA: An Updated Checklist for Campuses to Support Undocumented Campus Members](#); [How can your college or university protect & support undocumented students?](#) (FWD.us); [Fellowships & Scholarships: Creating Inclusive Eligibility Requirements for Undocumented Students.](#)
- **Legal Resources:** Watch the June 2022 Presidents' Alliance legal webinar: "[DACA's Precarious Future: A Conversation with Legal Experts and Advocates](#)"; National Immigration Law Center (NILC)'s DACA [updates](#).
- Also see Presidents' Alliance op-eds, "[DACA recipients have helped build the American dream. It's time to give them a path to citizenship](#)" and "[What campuses can do to prep for post-DACA world.](#)"

DACA and Immigration-Related DatesPrevious

- June 15, 2022, the 10-year anniversary of the announcement of DACA
- August 15, 2022, the 10-year anniversary of the official start of DACA

Upcoming Fall Dates

- August 30, 2022, publication of the new DHS DACA rule, which goes into effect on October 31, 2022
- September 5, 2022, the fifth anniversary of the Trump administration's announcement of rescinding DACA, while October 5, 2022 is the fifth anniversary of the Trump administration's attempt to start the sunset of DACA protections.
- September 9-18, [Welcoming Week](#), a national week to affirm importance of welcoming and inclusive places
- The month of October includes National Immigrants Day (October 28, 2022)
- November 2, 2022, the announced date for the 7th annual "I stand with Immigrants Day of Action"

No Date Announced

- 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will rule on the future of DACA