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Dear LACCD Family,

On June 18th, 2020, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a ruling blocking the Trump administration from ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Signed as an executive order under President Obama in 2012, DACA provides temporary work permits and deportation protection to 700,000 DACA recipients nationally and across LACCD. DACA has opened pathways not only for students but for LACCD staff and faculty who are essential members of our college community.

LACCD Dream Resource Center (DRC) coordinators and support staff across all nine campuses agree with the Supreme Court's decision and continue to work in support and advocacy of our undocumented community. Today's decision is a tremendous victory for, and by, our students but it does not signify the end. As a diverse and multi-ethnic community, we rejoice in this week's supreme court decision protecting the labor rights of our LGBTQIA+ community, but also elevate our voices to defend Black lives. We acknowledge this decision comes at a time when our nation struggles to confront issues of racism and institutional barriers and stand united to create a more equitable vision of liberty and justice.

We continue our mission of supporting students to access, persist, and graduate from LACCD and serve toward their educational and career goals. We recognize many undocumented students do not benefit from DACA and we will work to ensure everyone has access to educational supports, legal consultation, physical and mental health services, and other supports, regardless of citizenship status.

All nine LACCD campuses have dedicated Dream Resource Center staff to support students and answer any questions you may have. The decision opens the possibility for new DACA applicants, and we encourage you to connect with our legal partners CARECEN and CHIRLA for a free legal consultation. Their immigration attorneys can help answer questions surrounding your legal options. Please, contact your campus Dream Resource Center to set up an appointment.

The LACCD Dream Resource Centers are the main hub of support, information, and services for undocumented students and our campus community. While this represents a victory for the DACA program, we continue to advocate for a permanent solution including the passage of HR 6: American Dream and Promise Act of 2019.

Included you will find information on how to connect with your campus Dream Resource Center. We are with you; we will always be with you.

In Solidarity,
LACCD Dream Resource Centers