



Aerial view of the San Diego State University campus. (Photo: Sandy Huffaker Jr.)

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DACA Resources for SDSU Students, Faculty and Staff

California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White released a statement last week.

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Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up a key case dealing with the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, saying a lower court should rule on the case first. This development means DACA recipients will continue to receive the protections afforded to them under the program for now.

In response to this ruling, California State University Chancellor **Timothy P. White** sent a message to the CSU community that encouraged all eligible students and employees to apply to renew their DACA protections as soon as possible. Free legal support services are available throughout the state.

The chancellor's full statement can be read [here](#).

SDSU President **Sally Roush** also urged eligible Dreamers to renew their DACA protections.

"All of our students, faculty and staff are valued members of our university community, regardless of immigration status," she said. "They have excelled as students, as hard-working colleagues and as responsible friends and neighbors. They exemplify the type of people that our nation has always relied on to grow its economy and protect its democracy."

SDSU offers a number of resources to help students, faculty and staff who may have concerns, either about their own immigration status or that of their families.

As a reminder to all members of our campus community, our students' immigration status is part of their educational records, and it is protected in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). For more information on FERPA, visit: <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/registrar/privacy.html>.

Additionally, immigration enforcement is the jurisdiction of the federal government and falls outside the scope of the University Police Department (UPD). The newly announced change does not change or influence the mission of UPD. If any member of our community is approached on campus by federal immigration officials, please contact UPD for further information at 619-594-1991.

Students

Associated Students provides free legal assistance to students through a partnership with a local legal services organization. Students concerned about their immigration status can find information on how to access legal services at: <http://as.sdsu.edu/azteclegal/>.

Students experiencing an emergency related to food or housing security should

contact the **Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT)**, a group of on- and off-campus members who connect SDSU students with resources when they have an immediate need. Email ecrt@mail.sdsu.edu or visit the website: http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/ecrt. Also, **Associated Students**, which may be reached at 619-594-6555, operates a Food Pantry and sponsors other food insecurity initiatives for SDSU students. More information is available online: <http://as.sdsu.edu/foodinsecurity/>.

The **Office of Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP)** works closely with students of low-income, underserved backgrounds, including many of our undocumented/AB540 students. EOP's dedicated on-campus academic counselors are available for consultation. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact the office at 619-594-6298 or visit the website: <http://eop.sdsu.edu>.

Counseling and Psychological Services offers a range of services to help support students with a variety of concerns. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 619-594-5220 or visit the website: http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/cps.

The student organization **Education Without Borders** was established in 2009. Fully student-run, the organization provides a social and academic network of resources, and support. To learn more, visit the website: <http://empower.sdsu.edu/>.

Dean of Students **Randy Timm** is available to address any individual student concerns. His office may be contacted at 619-594-5221 or email via deanofstudents@mail.sdsu.edu. Students at SDSU's Imperial Valley Campus can contact **Miguel Rahiotis**, assistant dean of student affairs, at 760-768-5598 or via email at mrahioti@mail.sdsu.edu.

For students and employees, the California State University system also provides information and resources related to enrollment, employment and travel and also ways to interact with immigration officials. Information is available online: <http://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Pages/faq-daca-update.aspx>.

Faculty and staff

Concerned faculty can contact the **Office of Faculty Advancement** at 619-594-6111.

Concerned staff can contact the **Center for Human Resources** at 619-594-6404.

The **Employee Assistance Program** offers SDSU faculty and staff confidential support for a variety of concerns, including emotional, relationship, health, legal and

workplace issues. Information, resources and tools are available online at www.mylifevalues.com (Login: sdsu; Password: eap) or by calling 1-800-342-8111.