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NC State students, faculty and staff:

You are likely aware of concerns being expressed on campuses across the nation about the future of the [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\)](#). We've heard similar concerns at NC State and have seen strong support for our DACA students, most recently from Student Government.

Any changes to this national policy could have a significant impact on our universities, especially for the many DACA students enrolled on our campuses. While no changes are imminent, the unknown future of the program is understandably causing much concern and anxiety to several in our community.

NC State remains dedicated to the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion and the safety of our campus community and will continue to support all DACA students and families to the fullest extent allowable by law. DACA students are valuable contributors to our university and enrich the diversity and quality of our student body.

DACA was initiated by President Obama's administration in 2012 and provides deferred action from prosecution and deportation to undocumented immigrant children brought to the United States by family members or others, who have been in the country continuously since at least 2007, who have applied for and received deferred status and may have attended secondary schools and/or matriculated at colleges and universities in the U.S., including NC State.

Since the beginning of DACA, our campus, state and nation have experienced the benefits of the program for our students, our universities and our communities. DACA students have routinely been outstanding learners and leaders who work hard to achieve their potential and give back to the community. Their opportunities to pursue and achieve an advanced education have ultimately benefitted NC State and the broader communities.

On November 22, 2016, the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU), of which NC State is a member, issued a [letter of support](#) for the continuation of DACA.

Specifically at NC State, in keeping with privacy laws, student records will not be released without direct authorization by an undocumented student, judicial warrant, subpoena, court order or other legal requirement. Legal advice, counseling and other support services available to students will continue to be provided to all students. At this time, no changes to current NC State policies have occurred.

The following internal and external resources are available to help undocumented students and their families and allies, as well as faculty and staff who might know students in need of support.

#### [NC State and Other Information Resources](#)

- If you have witnessed or experienced intimidation, harassment or violence against individuals or groups, we encourage you to file a report with the [Office of Student Conduct](#) or the [Office for Equal Opportunity and Equity](#) so that these incidents can be thoroughly investigated.
- If you are in need of counseling or mental health support, please contact the [Counseling Center](#).
- If you are in need of education, advice or representation within the scope of the prepaid student legal services plan, please contact [Student Legal Services](#).
- [Know What to do If You Come in Contact with Immigration](#) – steps to take if you are approached by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents.

- [United We Dream Tools and Resources](#) – additional DACA and immigration information.
- [National Immigration Legal Services Directory](#) – programs and services provided by local nonprofit advocates, organizers and service providers through the Nonprofit Resource Center’s Immigration Advocates Network.

On behalf of NC State, following the letter from the APLU, we would like to reaffirm this administration’s commitment to all members of the Wolfpack family. We will continue to work for fairness and equity for all students, faculty and staff.

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