



Statement on the Resignation of University of California President Janet Napolitano

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Sacramento, CA—Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities President Kristen Soares issued the following statement on University of California President Janet Napolitano’s announcement that she will step down in August 2020:

“Under President Napolitano, the University of California and its students have thrived with increased enrollment and access. A fierce leader, she has championed support for DACA students and has upheld student protections universally during her tenure. The lasting impacts of her leadership will be missed not only by the University of California, but by all of us in California higher education.”

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