



## **Statement Regarding Supreme Court's Decision on DACA**

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The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) commends the U.S. Supreme Court 5-4 ruling to block the Trump administration's rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. While the decision does not close the door on future challenges, AICCU and our member institutions remain committed to working with Congress to find a permanent solution that our DACA students deserve.

DACA students contribute to the research, academia, and community at AICCU institutions and make lasting impacts on our community. Our institutions will continue to admit and support meritorious students regardless of their immigration status. AICCU will continue working closely with its partners in the state and Washington D.C. to advocate for equitable access to higher education for all students.

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### **About AICCU**

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