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University Advising/Retention

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We, in University Advising, support and are in solidarity with our undocumented students, staff, and faculty during this uncertain time.

There are many challenges we are collectively facing as we navigate our new realities. We want to express continued support of our students, faculty, and staff who have the additional burden of navigating this reality as undocumented and DACAmented individuals.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an Obama-era program that protects eligible undocumented people from deportation and grants work authorization for two-year periods. Nearly 200,000 DACA recipients live in California alone. Some DACA recipients are Cal Poly students and employees. In September 2017, the current administration sought to end the DACA program, which resulted in multiple lawsuits challenging the program's termination. In November 2019, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments to determine whether the current administration provided adequate explanation for ending the DACA program.

The decision by the U.S. Supreme Court states that Department of Homeland Security's decision to end DACA was "arbitrary and capricious". We are currently waiting on legal analysis of the decision and will have more information about what this means exactly for DACA recipients and the future of the DACA program as soon as possible. The decision is a judicial win, but it is not a permanent answer for DACA or undocumented people. In other words, the fight is not over.

We recognize this has been and continues to be a tumultuous time for many of us and that this decision and future decisions weigh especially heavily on our DACAmented students and employees, other undocumented students, students from mixed-status families, and their allies. We see you, and we are committed to ensuring your success at Cal Poly despite these challenges.

University Advising is working in conjunction with university-wide efforts to ensure the campus is prepared to continue supporting our undocumented and DACAmented community.

Please visit the Dream Center website <https://dreamcenter.calpoly.edu/> for updated information and resources as this situation develops. Currently, direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to CSU students and employees. Attorneys are available to assist with general consultations, DACA renewals, and more (see below). The Dream center will also continue working to provide increased paid fellowship and research opportunities for students in an effort continue working towards creating an inclusive campus for our undocumented community.

Counseling services are available virtually for Cal Poly students 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by calling 805-756-2511. [The Employee Assistance Program](#) (EAP) provides confidential counseling services to all Cal Poly employees and their families. Please call their 24-hour support hotline at 800-367-7474.

University Advising is here to support you. Please reach out to Retention@calpoly.edu or an ally via <https://dreamcenter.calpoly.edu/contact-us>.

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#HereToStay

#UndocuAlly

#OurDreamsUniteUs

#DreamsWithoutBorders

Cal Poly Legal Clinic Times

Appointments below as well as the webinar are available to students, staff, faculty and family members of the Cal Poly community. We have two appointments available per each half hour slot, which is 20 slots per clinic day. [Register here](#).

June 29, 2020 10am-3pm

July 14, 2020 10am-3pm

July 30, 2020 10am-3pm

August 12, 2020 10am-3pm

August 25, 2020 10am-3pm