



Members of the EOU Community,

Today, the Department of Justice announced that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) executive order is being rescinded. Attorney General Jeff Sessions shared the rationale for the decision and called on Congress to take legislative action and establish a permanent solution. The program will be suspended in six months.

At Eastern Oregon University, numerous students are with us under the aegis of DACA. More broadly, this decision will significantly impact more than 800,000 students and their families throughout the nation.

We join universities, businesses, organizations and state and local governments in urging congress to take action immediately to establish a permanent solution. Education is an incredible opportunity that changes lives and enables our nation — a nation of immigrants — to grow and to prosper.

Let me assure you that, consistent with our previous statements, we are doing everything we can to support all of our students regardless of their national origin or immigration status. DACA students are important members of our community. They belong here.

Our priorities and commitment remain the same: we will continue to promote social responsibility through kindness and compassion, respect for self and others, acceptance of differences and a focus on the success of our students. As a university, we value the opportunity to learn. As a community, we value having a safe and open environment. Together, we will continue our work to uphold these values.

We are directly contacting our students who are impacted by this change to ensure they know they are supported and have access to services at EOU. There are several important resources we should all be aware of:

- For ongoing information and updates related to DACA students and policy at EOU and nationally, visit: eou.edu/dacamented
- The [Department of Homeland Security](https://www.dhs.gov) has posted information on the changes to DACA: [dhs.gov/news/2017/09/05/rescission-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/09/05/rescission-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca)
- For personal contacts regarding DACA students and their status, please reach out to EOU's Office of Student Affairs:
 - Bennie Moses, Multicultural Center Director: bmoses@eou.edu, 541-962-3741
 - Colleen Cascio, Director of Student Relations: ccascio@eou.edu, 541-962-3476
 - Lacy Karpilo, Vice President for Student Affairs: lkarpilo@eou.edu, 541-962-3635
- Should an immigration official contact a member of the EOU community and ask about information regarding an EOU student or employee, please contact the Office of General Counsel at 541-962-4101 or cburford@eou.edu.

It is important that we take time and make an effort to understand those around us; it is through knowledge and awareness that we are able to make progress as a country. EOU embraces our shared value of altruism – giving selflessly to empower one another and the university community through inclusiveness, appreciation and stewardship. We are one Mountaineer family working together supporting our DACA students.

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