

## Talking Points: Solutions for Dreamers and Recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)

- UC continues to support a bipartisan legislative solution that will protect California and our nation's Dreamers and recipients of TPS and DED, and provide them with the opportunity to continue to live, work and contribute to the only country most of them have ever known.
- UC has approximately 4,000 undocumented students, a substantial number of whom have DACA.
- Dreamers at the University of California are studying to be doctors, teachers and engineers. They are pursuing degrees in urban planning, volunteering in our communities and working to solve the greatest scientific and technological challenges of our time. These students are a key part of our nation's future.
- UC community members who have TPS or DED status have lived with uncertainty for years, and sometimes decades. UC has approximately 141 employees with TPS. Now we need to give them the certainty of the future they continue to work toward and deserve.
- UC President Janet Napolitano and the 10 university chancellors are committed to ensuring that all undocumented undergraduate students, graduate student/researchers and staff—and individuals with temporary status—are provided with resources they need to navigate the current situation.

### **Actions taken by the university to protect our Dreamers and recipients of TPS and DED:**

- Continuing to allow California residents who are eligible under AB 540 to pay in-state tuition.
- Maintaining the [DREAM loan program](#) for financial aid.
- Offering [legal services](#) to our undocumented members of the UC community, including immigration counsel workshops on each campus.
- Supporting campus-based student [service centers](#).

- Directing campus police not to contact, detain, question or arrest individuals based on suspected undocumented status, or to enter agreements to undertake joint efforts to make arrests for federal immigration law violations.
- The UC system facilitated access to financial assistance for DACA renewal fees.
  - The Mission Asset Fund, with support from the Weingart Foundation, funded grants that covered the cost of renewing the applications of UC, California State University and California community college students under the DACA program. Other entities also committed financial support to cover the costs of renewal fees.
- The university filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Department of Homeland Security to defend the university's and its recipients' interests in the program. The university's litigation is being handled pro bono, and is likely to be addressed in the Supreme Court. Currently an injunction is in place that allows current DACA holders to apply for renewals.
- In addition to the ongoing federal lawsuit, the university has been working extensively with federal lawmakers to find a bipartisan, legislative solution for both DACA recipients and undocumented students and staff, as well as those with temporary status.
  - Immediately following the DACA program's rescission, President Napolitano sent a [letter](#) to Congressional leadership urging immediate passage of a bipartisan, legislative solution that protects those affected by this decision.
  - In addition, UC President Napolitano joined with other leaders from across California's higher education community – including California State University (CSU) and California Community College (CCC) systems, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities and the California Department of Education – in a [letter](#) expressing the concerns of the community and calling upon Congress "to immediately enact the bipartisan legislation that will protect our nation's Dreamers".
  - On Oct. 16, 2017 President Napolitano and the 10 university chancellors sent a [letter](#) to the California congressional delegation calling on them "to lead bipartisan legislative efforts to protect Dreamers in California and throughout the nation".
  - On Oct. 19, 2017, the University of California system and all ten campuses joined with higher education institutions across the country in a [letter](#) to Congress calling upon Congress "pass a long-term legislative fix as soon as possible to protect Dreamers, outstanding young people brought to our country as children."
  - On March 12, 2019, the Dream and Promise Act of 2019 was introduced, and UC supports passage of the legislation.
  - On March 15, 2019, UC President Janet Napolitano joined CSU Chancellor Tim White and CCC Chancellor Eloy Oakley in a [joint letter](#) of support for the Dream and Promise Act, urging Congress to pass the legislation.