



October 25, 2017

**TO:** THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

**FROM:** SANFORD C. SHUGART  
President

**RE: Request for Congressional Action to Support Students Benefitting from the  
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Policy**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "Memorandum on Rescission of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)" rescinds DACA as of September 5, 2017, but allows some recipients to renew their protection from deportation and work permits before March 5, 2018. It also permits current recipients to retain their protection from deportation and work permits until their deferred action and Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) expire. The new memo rescinds the June 15, 2012, memorandum establishing DACA, ends DACA recipients' protection from deportation once their deferred action expires, bars initial DACA applications received after September 5, 2017, prohibits recipients with deferred action and EADs that expire after March 5, 2018, from renewing, and prohibits DACA recipients from receiving advance parole to travel outside the United States.

Valencia College joins the requests for action made by countless bipartisan groups - from business to education - all seeking clarity and stability for "Dreamers" and for the American economy, which "Dreamers" strongly support. In terms of numbers in the state of Florida, it is estimated that 105,000 persons had been eligible for DACA.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College authorize the college to send, on its behalf, a letter to members of the Central Florida Congressional Delegation requesting legislative action on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, and quickly pass a long-term legislative fix to protect student "Dreamers," in a form substantially as presented.

  
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President