



September 5, 2017

Dear UD community,

Today, the White House announced that the Department of Homeland Security will begin winding down the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). According to the announcement, no new applications for this program will be accepted, and current DACA protections will be phased out over the next 6 to 24 months (for more information, the Department of Homeland Security has issued this [FAQ](#)). President Trump stated that advancement of immigration reform will rely on Congressional attention and decision.

As your President, I want to reiterate that the University of Delaware is committed to upholding the principles of academic excellence, broad access to education and equal treatment for all students, regardless of immigration or citizenship status. We believe that students who were brought to the United States as children through circumstances beyond their control should be allowed to pursue the education that will promote their success and contribute to the betterment of our society. Our young people – the students at UD and so many other institutions across our nation – will define our future. They are the embodiment of innovation, opportunity, talent and progress. During the past year, I have joined the leaders of other colleges and universities, both here in the state of Delaware and nationally, in advocating on behalf of these students. We have been reaching out to Delaware’s Congressional delegation to urge them to work with their colleagues and President Trump to protect these students. It is now even more urgent for our legislative leaders to act.

The University will continue monitoring the situation and remain in contact with students who may be affected. Under the leadership of Associate Vice President/Dean of Students José-Luis Riera, the [Division of Student Life](#) can provide guidance and resources for students concerned about or affected by today’s announcement, including the [Center for Counseling and Student Development](#) and the [Office of the Dean of Students](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dennis Assaís'.

President