

University of Maryland Statement on Amicus Brief in Support of DACA

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The University of **Maryland** issued the following news release:

The University of **Maryland** has joined 164 colleges and universities across the nation to support a legal challenge to rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Filed in federal court last week and coordinated by the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, the amicus **brief** seeks to advocate for the rights of roughly 700,000 young immigrants to study and work in the United States under legal protection. The **brief** further argues that revoking DACA status for the thousands of students across private, public and community institutions is not only unethical but unconstitutional.

"As institutions of higher education, we see every day the achievement and potential of these young people, and we think it imperative for both us and them that they be allowed to remain here and live out their dreams.

"Once at college or university, DACA recipients are among the most engaged students both academically and otherwise.

"They work hard in the classroom and become deeply engaged in co-curricular activities, supporting communities on and off-campus.

"Indeed, it defies rationality to prevent the government from utilizing its discretion to protect this set of young people from removal."

On Nov. 12, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments on a series of consolidated cases and determine whether the administration's rescission of DACA was lawful.

DACA recipients help build and nourish **Maryland's** robust community, from their academic excellence in research and science to their entrepreneurial and industrial spirit through business and the arts. The university will continue to identify avenues for offering support to our DACA students and advocate for a restoration of their legal protections.

This **brief** is filed on behalf of the following 165 institutions of higher education located in 32 states and the District of Columbia:

Adler University

Agnes Scott College

Alamo Community College District

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American University

Amherst College

Arizona State University

Augustana College

Austin Community College District

Barnard College

Beloit College

Benedictine University - Mesa

Berklee College of Music

Boston University

Bowdoin College

Brandeis University

Bryn Mawr College

Bucknell University

California Community Colleges Board of Governors

Carleton College

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Christian Brothers University

Claremont Graduate University

Claremont McKenna College

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Colorado State University

Colorado State University-Global

Colorado State University-Pueblo

Columbia College

Connecticut College

Connecticut State Colleges & Universities

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Asnuntuck Community College
Capital Community College
Central Connecticut State University
Charter Oak State College
Eastern Connecticut State University
Gateway Community College
Housatonic Community College
Manchester Community College
Middlesex Community College
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Northwestern Community College
Norwalk Community College
Quinebaug Valley Community College
Southern Connecticut State University
Three Rivers Community College
Tunxis Community College
Western Connecticut State University
Contra Costa Community College District
Cornell College
Dominican University
Elon University
Emerson College
Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Fort Lewis College
Franklin & Marshall College
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Grand View University
Grinnell College
Guilford College

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Haverford College

Illinois Institute of Technology

Indiana University

Ithaca College

Kalamazoo College

Knox College

Lafayette College

Lawrence University

Lewis and Clark College

Los Angeles Community College District

Loyola University of Chicago

Macalester College

Maricopa County Community College District

Marietta College

Maryland Institute College of Art

Marymount University

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

MassBay Community College

Menlo College

Metropolitan State University of Denver

Middlebury College

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Moravian College

Mount Holyoke College

National Louis University

Nevada System of Higher Education

College of Southern Nevada

Desert Research Institute

Great Basin College

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Nevada State College

Truckee Meadows Community College

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

University of Nevada, Reno

Western Nevada College

Northampton Community College

Northeastern University

Northern Essex Community College

Northwestern Community College

Oberlin College

Oglethorpe University

Oregon State University

Passaic County Community College

Pima County Community College District

Pomona College

Quinsigamond Community College

Reed College

Rhode Island School of Design

Rhodes College

Rice University

Riverside Community College District

Rochester Institute of Technology

Roosevelt University

Rutgers University-Camden

Rutgers University-Newark

Salisbury University

San Bernardino Community College District

Sarah Lawrence College

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Seattle Pacific University

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Seattle University

Simmons University

Smith College

Southeastern University

Southern New Hampshire University

St. Edward's University

State Center Community College District

Swarthmore College

TCS Education System

Pacific Oaks College & Children's School

Saybrook University

Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Santa Barbara & Ventura Colleges of Law

College of Wooster

New School

Trustees of the California State University

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