



Dear members of the John Carroll University Community,

On behalf of John Carroll University, we would like to express our disappointment over the decision by the Trump administration to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This decision will affect over 800,000 “Dreamers” across the country—young people who have known only the United States as home and who strive to achieve the American dream, as students, employees, military veterans, business owners, leaders, and as our neighbors. Our communities are enriched by their presence, intelligence, and contributions.

This decision strikes at the very core of our values as a Jesuit Catholic university. In addition to fostering an inclusive, compassionate, and respectful environment in which teaching and scholarship can thrive, our mission calls us to promote a faith that does justice.

As the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities said in its [recent statement](#), we at John Carroll will make every effort to protect the Dreamers in our community. We ask Congress to honor the dignity of undocumented people, quickly pass policies to protect the status of Dreamers, and work for long-term comprehensive immigration reform.

As we heed the call to be men and women for and with others, we encourage you to live a faith that does justice. Reflect thoughtfully on this issue to form your opinion and express your views to our elected representatives. Please, ensure that our campus reflects our solidarity with all people, and especially with those who are poor and marginalized in our society. As we did a few weeks ago, we ask you to greet each person you meet throughout the day. The simplicity of this action gives witness to a truth: that all are unconditionally welcomed here. All protected. All respected.

Sincerely,

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