To Our LACCD Undocumented/DACA Students:

I am writing to urge you to take advantage of a newly announced opportunity for eligible students to apply for deferred action under DACA. Over the weekend, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services resumed accepting requests for deferred action. Despite public attempts to repeal this protection, there is now a federal court order that legally requires the government to accept DACA renewal applications. We recognize that many of you are facing unique challenges in completing your educational goals at a time of uncertainty. Securing DACA status can make a big difference and allows you to apply for financial aid and work. If you are DACA eligible and have not applied, apply now.

This link has many available resources for you, including important facts, low or no cost legal and immigration services, and financial aid information: [http://www.cccco.edu/ResourcesforUndocumentedStudents.aspx](http://www.cccco.edu/ResourcesforUndocumentedStudents.aspx)

For our students who are already covered under DACA, stay enrolled in school and preserve your current status. For those of you who are just beginning your college journey, we encourage you to enroll today at one of our LACCD nine community colleges. The spring semester begins on February 5.

You are extraordinarily talented students who have made great sacrifices to better yourselves and your families, our communities, and our country. The LACCD Board of Trustees and I reaffirm our commitment to making all institutions of LACCD places where all students can enroll and achieve their educational goals. Our undocumented/DACA students are integral and valued members of our LACCD family. We will continue to advocate fearlessly and unapologetically for the rights of all students, regardless of their immigration status. The Los Angeles Community College District is proud to serve you and we are here to support the completion of your educational dreams.

With great admiration,

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez
Los Angeles Community College District