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To: All Colleges

From: Eloy Ortiz Oakley

Subject: DACA Update

Dear Colleagues,

The Chancellor's Office would like to update you on several items regarding last week's decision by the Trump administration to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) after a six-month delay to give Congress a chance to remedy the situation.

Today Mission Asset Fund, a San Francisco-based nonprofit with a long history of supporting Dreamers, along with generous support from the Weingart Foundation, announced it is now providing \$495 scholarships so DACA recipients can safely renew their status. Any individual whose DACA status is set to expire between now and March 5, 2018 may still apply for renewal. The application deadline for these renewals is Oct. 5. Dreamers can apply for the scholarship at LC4DACA.org and receive a check made out to the Department of Homeland Security within 48 hours. These grants are available to community college, California State University and University of California students. Please help get the word out to students about this resource as quickly as possible. A communications tool kit is available at the following [link](#). Please contact programs@missionassetfund.org with any questions.

Earlier this week, California Legislative Leadership and Governor Brown announced a deal to provide \$30 million to support California's undocumented immigrants. The proposal provides \$20 million in additional funding for immigration legal services under the One California program, and an additional \$10 million in financial aid for Dreamers in the California Community Colleges, California State University and University of California systems. CSU will receive \$2 million and UC will receive \$1 million to support the existing Dream Loan Program. The California Community College Chancellor's Office will receive \$7 million. This funding will be made available to local colleges so that they can provide emergency financial aid resources to students affected by President Trump's decision to rescind the DACA program. More details will be made available as enabling legislation and guidance becomes available.

On the legal front, last week UC filed suit in federal court against the Trump administration for violating the rights of the University and its students by rescinding the DACA program. On Monday, California Attorney General Javier Becerra, joined by the Attorneys General of Maine, Maryland and Minnesota, filed suit in the same federal court against the Trump administration related to the rescission of DACA.

The Chancellor's Office legal team is in contact with both the UC and AG and is exploring options to support their efforts.

We continue to provide updates on the "resources for undocumented students" section of our web site <http://www.cccco.edu/ResourcesforUndocumentedStudents.aspx>. Talking points in English and Spanish are available there, and translations into additional languages are forthcoming. Paid and earned media efforts are under way to remind undocumented students that our colleges continue to welcome and serve them and that financial aid is available through the California Dream Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EOO', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eloy Ortiz Oakley