

## From the Office of the President

## Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Greetings NMT students, faculty and staff:

The Trump administration on Tuesday formally announced the end of DACA – a program that offered deportation protection to nearly 800,000 young undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.

The Department of Homeland Security will stop processing any new applications for the program as of Tuesday and rescinded the Obama administration policy, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

I want students, staff, and faculty to know that we provide assistance where we can to those affected by this new ruling. New Mexico Tech is proud to be a diverse and welcoming place for students, faculty and staff from many nations around the world. We come from a wide range of experiences, backgrounds and perspectives.

New Mexico Tech continues to be committed to providing support for students who need to reach out to express their concerns or require guidance. I – along with my administration – am here to assist you.

It is not clear how this new decision may impact college students across the nation; however, we will assist any DACA recipients on campus before the March 2018 deadline. If you – or someone you know – needs counseling in this area, please contact the Human Resources Office in Brown Hall.

The New Mexico Tech community is enriched by our diversity. We aim to take the necessary steps to ensure that all students and employees have the same opportunities to succeed and achieve their goals. We are at our strongest when we support each other in our mutual mission to maintain a sense of community here at NMT.

Sincerely,

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