



September 5, 2017

Members of the OCCC community,

This morning the U.S. Department of Justice announced that in six months it will end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). I want to assure you that Oregon Coast Community College remains committed to its students with DACA, undocumented students and students from mixed-immigration status families.

Since 2012, DACA has provided temporary protection against deportation for young undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as minors. Rescinding DACA will negatively affect students attending Oregon Coast Community College and hundreds of thousands of college students nationwide.

We hope members of Congress will work to find a solution to ensure that these young people are able to remain in the U.S. and contribute to society by attending college, working and paying taxes, improving their communities, and serving in the military. Your U.S. Representatives are Senator Ron Wyden (<https://www.wyden.senate.gov/contact/>), Senator Jeff Merkley (<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/contact/>) and Representative Kurt Schrader (<https://schrader.house.gov/contact/>).

OCCC will continue to enroll and find ways to help DACA students, as well as undocumented students, and students from mixed-immigration status families. In addition to acting with understanding and compassion, faculty, staff and students can learn more about immigrant rights at <https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Birgitte Ryslinge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "B".

Birgitte Ryslinge
President