

PRESIDENTS' ALLIANCE | ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION

More than 70 U.S. Colleges and Universities Join in Supporting the Legal Challenge to the Administration's Ending DACA

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More than 70 member institutions of the [Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration](#) have signed onto an *amicus* brief filed yesterday supporting plaintiffs who are challenging the Trump Administration's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival ("DACA") program.

This "friend of the court" brief presents evidence of the vital role that the DACA program plays at the institutions and beyond, enabling thousands of previously undocumented students to successfully pursue a college degree while contributing significantly to their campuses, communities, and the nation. The brief also points to the serious harm that would be caused to American colleges and universities and to the nation more broadly if DACA were ended. Representing institutions of higher education, the law firm Jenner & Block prepared and filed the *amicus* brief for the case of *Batalla Vidal v. Trump* in the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. The brief states that DACA students "form a key part of our campus life and as institutions we benefit greatly from the energy and academic excellence they bring." And, that rescinding DACA not only harms the many remarkable young people, but "critically, it will also harm the country, which will be deprived of the many contributions Dreamers would otherwise be able to make."

"This is our talent pool of the future," said Rutgers-Newark Chancellor Nancy Cantor, a founding member of the Presidents' Alliance and co-chair of its steering committee. "Dreamers are a critical part of the diversity that will define the prosperity of our knowledge economy in the decades ahead, just as diversity has always given life and strength to our communities over centuries and embodied our country's founding democratic principle of *E pluribus unum*—out of many, one. Every American needs Dreamers in our colleges and universities. They are our future innovators, entrepreneurs, civic leaders, and artists, just like the previous generations of immigrants who came to our shores from other places to contribute to our prosperity and the vibrancy of our democracy."

The college and university signatories represent the broad coalition of institutions whose leaders are members of the Presidents' Alliance. Located in communities spanning the political spectrum and ranging from urban centers to rural farm areas, collectively they teach and employ millions of people, and include large public universities, private research universities, small liberal arts colleges, and expansive community colleges.

About the President's Alliance

The [Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration](#) brings together American college and university leaders dedicated to increasing public understanding of how immigration policies and practices impact our students, campuses and communities, and supporting policies that create a welcoming environment for immigrant, undocumented and international students on our campuses. The Presidents' Alliance supports policies and practices that create a welcoming

environment for immigrant, undocumented and international students on U.S. campuses. Launched in December 2017, this non-partisan organization includes more than 300 [college and university presidents and chancellors](#). The Presidents' Alliance invites college and university presidents and chancellors who endorse the principles in the Alliance's [Founding Statement](#) to join.

List of Presidents' Alliance institutions joining the amicus brief

Adler University	Pace University
Alamo Community College District	Pacific Lutheran University
American University	Pacific Oaks College
Amherst College	Pomona College
Arizona State University	Rhode Island School of Design
Augustana College	Roosevelt University
Barnard College	Rutgers University - Camden
Bates College	Rutgers University - Newark
Bennington College	Salisbury University
Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education Behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno.	Sarah Lawrence College
Brandeis University	Saybrook University
Bryn Mawr College	Seattle Pacific University
Bucknell University	Southeastern University
California Institute of Integral Studies	St. Norbert College
California State University System	TCS Education System
Carleton College	The College of Wooster
Christian Brothers University	The New School
Clark University	Towson University
Colby College	Trinity Washington University
DePauw University	Truckee Meadows Community College
Drexel University	Tufts University
Elon University	University of Baltimore
Emerson College	University of Maryland Baltimore
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Maryland University College
Frostburg State University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Goucher College	University of New England
Guilford College	University of Puget Sound
Hamilton College	University of Utah
Haverford College	Washington University in St. Louis
Kalamazoo College	Wellesley College
Lewis & Clark College	Wesleyan University
Macalester College	Western Washington University
Manhattanville College	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)
Mills College	Whitman College
Mount Holyoke College	Whittier College
	Williams College