



Dear Manhattan College students, faculty and staff:

We know that many of you are concerned about the Trump administration's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA Program. Manhattan College remains steadfastly committed to the core values of our Lasallian Catholic tradition, which calls us to support all of our students, regardless of their immigration status, citizenship or nationality.

As the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said in a statement released Tuesday, the cancellation of DACA "causes unnecessary fear for DACA youth and their families. These youth entered the U.S. as minors and often know America as their only home. The Catholic Church has long watched with pride and admiration as DACA youth live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society: continuing to work and provide for their families, continuing to serve in the military, and continuing to receive an education. Now, after months of anxiety and fear about their futures, these brave young people face deportation. This decision is unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as Americans . . . . We strongly urge Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution."

Should you have any questions or concerns about your status, please contact Debra D'Amico, Director of International Student Services, at [debra.damico@manhattan.edu](mailto:debra.damico@manhattan.edu), Walter Matystik, Associate Provost, at [walter.matystik@manhattan.edu](mailto:walter.matystik@manhattan.edu), or Tamara Britt, General Counsel, at [tamara.britt@manhattan.edu](mailto:tamara.britt@manhattan.edu).

Here are some other resources from outside organizations to assist those who may be affected by the decision on DACA:

- [The Immigration Legal Resource Center](#) recently published an advisory with helpful information for those affected by the decision regarding the DACA Program.
- Catholic Charities operates the [New York State New Americans Hotline](#). This statewide multilingual immigration information and referral phone service provides fast, confidential and accurate answers about immigration and citizenship-related questions – and offers an expanded menu of over 200 language options.

Our diversity is a powerful expression of our Lasallian mission, as we work in solidarity, "together and by association," on behalf of our students and in service to the common good. As a valued member of the Manhattan College community, please be assured that the College is here to support you in any way.

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