

The following message from the Vice President and Dean of Student Life & Learning Kristi Quiros was sent to the entire TLU student body in September 2017.

Dear TLU Students,

As many of you know, the U.S. Attorney General announced yesterday that the 2012 executive order which established the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program will be rescinded in six months. With this announcement the program's future, which allows registered participants brought to the U.S. as children to enroll in college, obtain valid driver's licenses, and legally secure jobs; remains uncertain while we await for possible Congressional action to reestablish the program through legislation.

TLU was founded on the Lutheran values of equality, inclusion, integrity, respect, and leadership through service and social justice. These values play an important role in the current functioning of the University by providing important guidance through these issues. Though there may be feelings of anxiety and uncertainty within our community, we remain committed to ensuring students the right to an education and will continue to follow our current policies that guard privacy and safety for every member of this community. Examples of pertinent policies that TLU has followed for several years and will continue to follow are:

- Information about application for admission and financial aid are provided to prospective students, regardless of immigration status.
- Admitted students will not be asked if they are undocumented, nor will they be asked to provide proof of immigration status. However, the Department of Education may require TLU Financial Aid Office to verify and report the immigration status of financial aid applicants seeking need based assistance.
- TLU Campus Police will not question, hold, or arrest TLU students on the basis of immigration alone.
- TLU Campus Police will not participate in joint immigration enforcement efforts with other law enforcement officials, unless required by law.

This population is often unseen and unappreciated for the contributions they make to our communities within Texas and the nation. They are an indispensable segment of our schools, churches, military, and service communities that rely on their gifts, talents, and contributions. I, along with President Dorsey and my colleagues on his cabinet, support ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's statement for prayers for those who will suffer undue repercussions due to the end of this program and call for actions by Congress to pass long-overdue legislation to protect young people brought to the U.S. as children. Find out the

contact information for your U.S. Representative and/or U.S. Senator to voice your opinion while they craft their legislative response.

God calls us to love our neighbors through an open and welcome heart. May he grant us the grace to walk through this journey in justice and peace as we advocate for the values that bind us all.

Sincerely,

Kristi Quiros, Vice President and Dean of Student Life & Learning