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On behalf of Dr. Andrew C. Sund:

Dear Heritage Community:

Today's announcement by the Trump administration regarding the termination of the DACA program leaves me profoundly disappointed.

All of our students are invaluable to the learning process we provide at Heritage. DACA students and those who came before them are not strangers to us. They are our classmates, our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends, and our family.

Heritage University was founded with a mission to provide access to a higher education to all students of The Valley. All races. All ethnicities. All genders. All creeds. All cultures. That mission is as true today as it was 35 years ago.

This lamentable decision to end DACA threatens to rob us of gifted, hardworking, and dedicated young people who are identical to every other student at Heritage except for their immigration status. I, along with my peers from the private and public colleges and universities across the state are urging Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act or legislation that will allow DACA students to continue to pursue their college educations and contribute to the vitality of the Yakima Valley.

This is a stressful time with more and more questions arising daily. I want to provide you with resources to answer questions, provide counsel as well as to gather your thoughts and ideas.

- This following web page provides a directory of resources surrounding various DACA issues. <http://www.heritage.edu/Community/DACA>
- Student seeking information about local resources and support services for immigration related matters can contact the Office of Student Affairs. To schedule an appointment call the HU Asst. Vice President for Student Affairs at 509-865-0411, Internal Ext: 5807 or visit the Hitchcock building.
- Student seeking guidance related to enrollment or financial aid can contact Dr. Celestino Limas, V.P. Student Affairs and Enrollment.  
[Limas\\_c@heritage.edu](mailto:Limas_c@heritage.edu).
- Students seeking confidential mental health and social health counseling can visit the Office of Ability services. To schedule an appointment call the Heritage University Mental & Social Health Counselor at 509-865-8544,

Internal Ext: 1128 or visit Petrie, Office 125.

I would also encourage you to come to my office. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you directly and hear your concerns, questions, and ideas as we work through this challenge together. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email [Sund\\_a@heritage.edu](mailto:Sund_a@heritage.edu) or at 509. 865.8600 Ext: 1734.

This is a challenging issue. But we will persevere as we have with all issues that face our campus.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Sund, Ph.D.  
President