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Re: White House Decision to Rescind DACA

John Jay Community,

John Jay's mission is to Educate for Justice and develop Fierce Advocates for Justice. Yesterday, we all witnessed what it means to be a Fierce Advocate for Justice. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and CUNY's Chancellor, J.B. Milliken, chose John Jay College of Criminal Justice as the place to announce the lawsuit filed by Attorney General Schneiderman on behalf of the State of New York, 14 other states and the District of Columbia, challenging the Administration's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA"). One of our own students was given an opportunity to share how the decision to rescind DACA would impact him personally, as well as the larger John Jay community and our country.

Our mission is even more vital given these recent developments. As I said in my letter on August 30th and as the Chancellor made abundantly clear in his remarks yesterday, the entire CUNY system and John Jay are committed to doing everything that we can to support and protect our students, regardless of their immigration status. Through your hard work, you have earned the right to be John Jay students, and we intend to use all of our available resources to ensure that you have an opportunity to succeed.

America is a nation of immigrants, and it is this wonderful mosaic of backgrounds and experiences that makes this country unique and a model for the world.

We will join with the overwhelming chorus of voices speaking out against the decision to rescind DACA, and leverage our resources to persuade Congress to right this obvious wrong. Thank you to the many faculty and staff who have been working together tirelessly to support our students, and who will

continue to post updated information about available resources at the top of the John Jay website: <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/undocumentedstudents>.

Please know that every member of John Jay's leadership team, our faculty and staff are here to support you. You are not alone.

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