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Campus Community,

There is a lot happening across our country that impacts our safety, wellness, and health. Less than two weeks ago, I wrote to you about the growing social unrest related to systemic racial inequities and the ongoing threats of violence against our Black communities. Today, I need to address another national issue, one that also directly impacts many students and families at CSU Pueblo.

JUST-IN-TIME INFORMATION

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

In the coming weeks, we anticipate the Supreme Court of the United States will issue a decision as to whether or not the current administration can end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. DACA programming provides work permits and protections for more than 700,000 recipients, including many students and families right here in our CSU Pueblo community.

CSU Pueblo is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution. We take that status seriously, and we are incredibly proud of the work that our faculty and staff do every day to make college accessible to every student. With the Supreme Court decision pending, I believe it is important to make our position clear. **We support DACA and other undocumented members of our community and their families.** At CSU Pueblo, our DACA students are respected members of campus, and we are committed to ensuring that they will always have the learning and support systems they need in order to be successful.

To our DACA students, staff, and families who may be impacted by the upcoming Supreme Court decision: we stand beside you; you have CSU Pueblo's support, and we promise to commit ourselves to decisions and actions that build a better, brighter future for all current and aspiring Americans.

CONNECTING THE PIECES

Over the last few months, cross-functional teams have been hard at work establishing next year's budgets, prioritizing teaching and learning, and embracing creative ways to ensure that every student will have an exemplary experience in our classrooms and on our campus— regardless of the modality. For us, protecting the safety and health of every employee, student, and community member remains central to every decision we make — now and in the future.

We continue to wait for additional guidance on our return to campus from the Office of the Governor and the Colorado Department of Higher Education. In the meantime, we have been hard at work creating a flexible reentry plan, and I am looking forward to sharing more details with you on Monday, June 15. Look for that message in your email and on the web site.

With sincere wishes for your continued health and safety,

Dr. Timothy Mottet
CSU Pueblo President