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Dear CSU Pueblo Campus Community—

We are living through incredibly complicated times. Our world, our country, the state of Colorado, and our own Pueblo community are working carefully to respond to the many health, economic, and social needs of our fellow humans — with compassion for the inequities that have plagued us for so long. Today, our country took a big step toward righting a specific injustice.

This morning, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) issued a decision about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and have allowed the program to continue. The ruling is good news for CSU Pueblo, our community, and the more than 700,000 recipients in the United States who are issued work permits and other protections through this program.

CSU Pueblo is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution. This is a status that we take seriously, and we are incredibly proud of the work that our faculty and staff do every day to make college accessible to every student. Additionally, as a regional comprehensive institution, with a vision to become the people's university of the southwest United States, our work to provide quality educational opportunities also drives economic development in our community and beyond. As a part of the Colorado State University System, we are charged with closing the achievement gap and improving the 4-year college attainment rate for all Colorado citizens. Indeed, in order to **be** the people's university, we believe we must serve **all** the people.

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 all employees, students, and our community remains central to every decision we make — now and in the future.

We support DACA and other undocumented members of our community and their families, and we know that today's ruling is just the beginning of a much longer process. To our students, staff, and families who are impacted by today's Supreme Court decision: congratulations! We continue to 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.

With sincere wishes for your continued health and safety,

Dr. Timothy Mottet
CSU Pueblo President