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**CONTACT**

[District/College Name] Supports Undocumented Students with Action Week, October 14-18, 2019

[District/College Name] joins community colleges across the state for Undocumented Student Action Week, October 14-18, 2019, to advocate and provide support services for our undocumented students. Since President Trump’s 2017 announcement to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the status and safety of undocumented students on our campus has been uncertain. Lack of action by Congress on DACA and American Dream and Promise Act (H.R.6), as well as recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and detentions have only exasperated the problem causing fear among our undocumented student population.

As the nation’s largest post-secondary education system in the nation and serving the largest number of undocumented students within the state, California Community Colleges are committed to serving all students, regardless of immigration status. When undocumented young people are able to pursue education and careers, they can create new, brighter futures for themselves, their families, and their communities.

[Quote from Chancellor/College President reassuring students that their campuses will remain safe and welcoming places for people of all backgrounds to learn]

This year’s action week serves as an opportunity to highlight the challenges our undocumented students face in today’s current climate, while also advocating for Congress to take immediate legislative action on important federal policies and providing resources to better assist undocumented students on our campus. Undocumented Student Action Week is supported statewide by California Community Colleges, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Community College League of California, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, and Immigrants Rising.

Below is a schedule of events that will be held this week at [College Name]:

Monday, October 14

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

[Description of event]

Tuesday, October 15

Wednesday, October 16

Thursday, October 17

Friday, October 18

Undocumented students, allies, faculty, staff, and community members are welcomed to join us at each of our events. For more information visit [Link to event page or flyer].