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To: All Faculty, All Staff, All Grad Students, All SAGE Students, All Traditional Students, All Adjuncts

Subject: DACA decision

Dear Campus Community:

Tuesday, President Trump announced the intention to phase out and then end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. DACA has given protection to nearly 800,000 immigrants, including students at Cedar Crest College, who have grown up calling the United States home. President Trump has called on Congress to act and create legislation that will protect these young people from losing their homes, their families, and their future. Last year, Cedar Crest College joined 600 other colleges in supporting the BRIDGE, which advocates for the extension of the DREAM act and the continuation and expansion of DACA. We now urge Congress to work together to protect the DREAMers of our nation from deportation, to create a pathway to citizenship and to uphold the promise we as a country made to them.

As a community, we have different political perspectives across our campus. These differences are healthy and a critical part of our diversity. Throughout our differences, however, remains the imperative that we all treat members of our community with respect and support each other's needs. Current students or employees who have questions or concerns about the impact of changes to DACA for themselves or their families are encouraged to contact the Center for Diversity and Inclusion for support. Students may also contact Academic Services for their support needs.

As we celebrate our 150th year, Cedar Crest College stands committed to providing access to higher education to those students who need it most. We will continue to be an institution that values opportunity and inclusive excellence in the education we provide.

Sincerely,

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