

DACA: A Message from the FSU Career Center

The Florida State University Career Center would like to echo our university President John Thrasher's statement in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, also known as DACA.

As career services professionals, we strive to prepare our college graduates for a successful transition into the workplace guided by the eight career readiness competencies as defined by The National Association for Colleges & Employers. Specifically, all graduates should be able to demonstrate global/intercultural fluency through openness, inclusiveness, sensitivity and the ability to interact respectfully with all people and understand individuals' differences in regards to diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations and religions. As a result, DACA beneficiaries enrich the culture of our campus community as well as their future workplaces.

DACA beneficiaries positively impact our country's economy. Career services sees correlation between a strong economy and increased recruiting activity benefiting all FSU students. The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy has estimated that DACA beneficiaries currently pay \$2 billion in taxes annually. DACA recipients are not eligible for government programs, such as welfare, healthcare subsidies, federal student loans, so the taxes they pay are a net gain for the government. Creating a path to citizenship for those on DACA would further increase their positive, financial impact on the country.

During this period of uncertainty, the FSU Career Center will continue to support our students, alumni and community members that are DACA beneficiaries by upholding our vision to provide them with comprehensive and inclusive career and employment services.

Sincerely,

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