Since the repeal of DACA in 2017, I have advocated for a legislative solution that will need the uncertainty and give talented and motivated individuals a way to earn permanent residents, and eventually, U.S. citizenship, a decision that would honor the nation's highest ideals of fairness, compassion, and justice.

President Peter Salovey, June 21, 2018

The young people who benefit from DACA have overcome significant challenges, demonstrating the talent, values and grit that foreshadow their contributions to the civic and economic life of our country….A decision to maintain DACA will allow Congress time to act on legislation to establish a legal pathway to citizenship for Dreamers.

President Peter Salovey, August 30, 2017

Yale’s commitment to its students is long-standing, and I am dedicated to maintaining and strengthening the supports and resources we have in place. We admit students without regard to immigration status, and our financial aid policies assure that no student will be denied an education because of immigration status. These policies will continue.

President Peter Salovey, November 18, 2016

Support for Undocumented Students at Yale

Yale University will provide resources to help students navigate this extremely difficult and uncertain time, including access to experts, lawyers and financial support to help any Yale student who faces legal action as a result of any changes in the DACA program. For more information contact ann.kuhlman@yale.edu [1].

- Applying to Yale. Yale is proud of its strong commitment to equal opportunity and accessibility to all candidates from any part of the world who show great academic and personal promise. We extend our need-blind admissions policy and holistic application review to all students without regard to citizenship or immigration status. For more information on application requirements and policies for all applicants, consult the Admissions website [2].

- Financial Aid. Yale University’s financial aid policies are the same for undocumented (with or without DACA) students, as they are for all admitted students. For all undergraduates with financial need, our aid awards meet 100% of a family's demonstrated need without using loans. Consult the Financial Aid website.
Yale faculty and staff with questions about undocumented and DACAmented students, or DACA in general, are also invited to contact OISS [1]. For information other immigration matters that may be a concern as a result of the recent presidential election, click here [9].

DACA in the Federal Agencies and the Courts

As DACA continues to evolve frequently and quickly, we link to two websites that maintain reliable and current information: AILA [10] (American Immigration Lawyers Association), and the National Immigration Law Center [11].

January 22, 2019: The U.S. Supreme Court took no action on a request from the Trump administration to review the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, meaning the program remains in place for the time being. If the court accepts the case at a later date and follows its usual procedures, the case would not be argued before October 2019, with a decision likely issued in 2020, according to the Washington Post [12].

On January 9, 2018, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California issued an order [13] that allows current DACA holders to renew their DACA status and on January 13, the USCIS posted initial guidance [14] on submitting DACA renewal applications in light of the January court decision.

- No applications for Advanced Parole based on DACA will be accepted by USCIS
- No new applications for DACA status will be accepted by USCIS
- Applications for DACA renewal are being accepted by USCIS including for individuals whose DACA has already expired.

The USCIS guidance is still in effect, however according to the Council for Global Immigration “in April, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued an opinion [15] vacating the Trump administration’s September 5, 2017 rescission of DACA, but gave the administration 90 days to issue a new memorandum providing “a fuller explanation for the determination that the program lacks statutory and constitutional authority.” Nielsen’s new memorandum [16] was submitted on June 22, 2018.

Yale students and staff interested in renewing their DACA status are strongly advised to consult with an
immigration attorney before taking any action. Yale will continue to make legal consultations available which will be arranged through OISS [17].