



Dreamers are Bulldogs

Ferris State University, throughout its history, has viewed inclusiveness as the essential core value of the institution.

Dreamers is the name given to individuals that came to the United States as children, but have not yet been able to gain legal status in the country. Students with this status are currently protected by a legal designation referred to as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). There are several DACA students at Ferris and even more students whose family members are protected from deportation by this program. We believe these students have earned their place as bulldogs and contribute significantly to the learning environment of the University on a daily basis.

The protections of DACA are set to expire on March 5th. In January of 2016, when the federal government announced the possible ban on visitors to the United States from several countries, President Eisler made clear, in an open letter to campus, that Ferris is a welcoming community that embraces all international students. His words affirmed our inclusive community culture.

As the DACA policy debate in Washington continues, the University reaffirms its commitment to our diversity and to those referred to as Dreamers.

The offices of Diversity and Inclusion, Center for Latin@ Studies, Office of Multicultural Student Services, International Education, and the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are working together to support DACA and DACA-eligible students throughout this period of uncertainty.

If you have questions regarding academic support, counseling, connection with other students, or any arena at the University, please contact any of the individuals listed below:

Academic Affairs – Paul Blake  
Diversity and Inclusion – David Pilgrim  
Financial Aid – Melanie Mulder  
Center for Latin@ Studies – Kaylee Moreno  
International Office – Piram Prakasam  
Office of Multicultural Student Services – Matt Cheney  
Student Affairs – Jeanine Ward Roof, Joy Puhfal

Our core values remain at the heart of this institution, and we maintain this commitment to opportunity, diversity and inclusiveness for all.