



# SOUTHWESTERN

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## Campus Community:

As a community living, working and learning together, we share a commitment to the safety and support of all our students. Southwestern is, and always has been, a safe and nurturing environment for people of all backgrounds and beliefs to come together to learn and improve their lives. It is our mission to foster a climate of mutual respect and caring, and for everyone to feel included and valued.

Recently, concern has been expressed by some regarding possible immigration law changes and the potential impacts on students. In particular, the concerns regarding the impact any changes may have on undocumented students or those covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

I would like to reassure students and staff that the College's mission, values, and board policies protect diversity and inclusion on our campus.

We support any student that is attending Southwestern under the DACA program and applaud the positive impact it's having on students. The College's Board of Education will continue to evaluate policies and procedures related to the release of student information without consent under the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA), including training faculty and staff, and setting policies for campus access.

Southwestern is committed to ensuring that students have access to information to help them address concerns related to their immigration status and legal rights.

Students' privacy at Southwestern is governed by the FERPA, which prohibits colleges from disclosing records to outside parties without a student's consent.

Southwestern's Student Services department is here to support and help all students. Counselors are available for one-on-one help as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Dean of Students at 541-888-7439.

Sincerely,

Patty Scott, Ed.D.  
President

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