

# AASCU

## ADVOCATES FOR

# “Dreamers”

**A**ASCU and its member schools have stood strong in supporting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, fighting for the protection of “Dreamers,” the more than 800,000 young people who were brought to the United States as children.

In September, AASCU President Muriel Howard released the following statement regarding the termination of the DACA program:

“We are profoundly disappointed with, and strongly oppose, the administration’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, under which individuals brought to the United States as children have been provided temporary reprieve from deportation from the only country many of them have ever known.

The announcement to end DACA is all the more unfortunate in light of the administration’s failure to articulate a solution to the plight of the more than 800,000 young people whose lives are turned upside down by this action. On multiple occasions, the president himself has expressed personal sympathy for young Dreamers, giving them hope that his administration will lead the effort to devise a legal solution to address their undocumented status. In terminating the program without proposing policy alternatives, the White House is abandoning these young and talented individuals to a fate that is as unnecessary as it is cruel.

We call on Congress to act immediately by passing legislation to resolve this human tragedy.” **P**