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Dear campus community,

As we approach the close of the semester and prepare for a season of rest and renewal, we want to take a moment to reflect on the values that bind us together as a campus. At CSUSM, we stand united in our unwavering commitment to every member of our diverse community, including our undocumented, mixed-status or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) students, and international faculty and staff.

We remain steadfast, rooted in equity, inclusion and a belief in the transformative power of education. CSUSM continues to champion these ideals, guided by California laws such as AB21 and SB540, which ensure equitable access to education for all, regardless of immigration status. To deepen our efforts and commitment in the spring semester, we will be launching a presidential task force. Teams across campus also are working diligently to put in place resources and accurate information – as well as upcoming trainings and informational sessions – to meet the needs of all students, faculty and staff.

As we shared in last week's information session on resources and support for CSUSM's undocumented, mixed-status and TPS students and employees, the CSU system has a comprehensive policy designed to protect and support our undocumented community by establishing clear protocols for interactions with immigration enforcement agencies. The CSU also has provided a resource page for easy access to support and information.

Additionally, for our international students, faculty, staff and DACA recipients, we are sharing important guidance from the CSU Chancellor's Office to ensure uninterrupted access to education and employment.

**For International Students (F-1 and J-1 Visa Holders)**
If you are traveling outside the United States or planning to do so during winter break, we strongly encourage you to return before Jan. 20, 2025. While no policy changes have been announced, past transitions in federal leadership have occasionally brought unexpected actions that could affect international travel.

**For Faculty and Staff on Work Visas (H-1B and J-1 Visa Holders)**
Please consider adjusting your international travel plans to return to the U.S. before Jan. 20, 2025. Being back in the country ahead of this date will help you avoid potential disruptions due to policy shifts.

**Guidance for DACA Students**
Students with DACA status are advised not to attempt any travel outside of the United States for 2025. Challenges with reentry may arise, and we want to make sure that your education remains uninterrupted.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to the following offices and teams who are here to help:

- **Global Programs and Services Office / Global Education for international students and faculty**: dmcmarti@csusm.edu
- **DREAMer Resource Office for DACA students:** dreamers@csusm.edu

As we step into a new year and a new semester, let us move forward with the same resilience, care and unity that define our CSUSM community. Together, we will continue to create an environment where every individual can thrive.

With gratitude and resolve,

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