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Dear President Hanlon,

On behalf of the faculty in Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies (LALACS), I am writing to encourage you to circulate to the whole Dartmouth community a message affirming the College's commitment to its undocumented students. As you know, in the wake of the presidential election, there is substantial uncertainty about potential policy changes under the Trump Administration with respect to the status of "dreamers," students currently protected under the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) policy of the Obama Administration.

Upon consultation with Lee Coffin, my colleagues and I were happy to hear that Dartmouth's commitment to our undocumented students is solid, and that admission policies will remain "citizenship blind" regardless of any changes to DACA that might be forthcoming. We were also pleased to learn that the admissions and financial aid staff have already met with students who are concerned about these policies.

We applaud these positions, and we encourage you to send a message to resolve any possible uncertainty in the broader College community about Dartmouth's commitment. As an example of such a message, we are attaching a recent letter sent by NYU President Andy Hamilton, which affirms that institution's similar commitment to its students, regardless of citizenship status.

Professor Horiuchi (email attached with his permission) reminds us of the broader principle involved and the historical precedent at Dartmouth set forth by President Hopkins during WW II who "*established Hanover as a haven during wartime hysteria*" <https://sites.dartmouth.edu/library/2014/05/23/hopkins-and-mitsui/>

Thank you for your attention and your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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LETTER FROM NYU PRESIDENT ANDY HAMILTON

Dear NYU Community Members,

Affected by a sharp national sense of divisiveness, many in our community are worried and unsettled, both by national events and by the echoes here on our own campus. The effects of the election will play out across the country in the coming days and years. Here at NYU, we should remind ourselves who we are as a community: we reject intimidation and discrimination; we strive for diversity and inclusiveness; and we are a community in which each person takes as his or her responsibility the welfare and well-being of others, irrespective of citizenship, faith, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or any of the other identities that might, but surely need not, divide us. A community is defined by its ideals as much as its membership. These are ours. And we should conduct ourselves in accord with them now and at all times.

With that in mind, I wanted to mention two specific items:

First, there was an incident at Tandon School of Engineering earlier in the week that involved the defacement of the door of the Muslim prayer room. The police were called and you can [read here the statement](#) we posted which clearly states that this behavior is unacceptable.

Also, I know that many on our campus have specific concerns about the status of undocumented students at NYU. The university's [program to provide funding to undocumented students will continue](#); it will not be affected by any changes in federal funding. As is the case now, undocumented students will be treated exactly as all other students at NYU with regard to housing, privacy and all other matters.

Our home city, New York, is a "sanctuary city." This means that municipal law enforcement agencies do not alert federal immigration authorities about the immigration status of undocumented individuals except in very specific circumstances, such as in response to a judicial warrant for an individual wanted for a violent or serious felony. Moreover, NYU's Department of Public Safety officers are not "sworn peace officers" and they do not have police powers; they are not asked to and they do not convey an undocumented individual's status to any other governmental entity.

You will find below a list of resources and events that maybe helpful to you.

Above all please stay connected with your colleagues and friends. This is an unusual time as our government undergoes transition, but rest assured that NYU will remain steadfast in adhering to its values and ideals.

Sincerely,
Andy Hamilton

From: Yusaku Horiuchi <yusaku.horiuchi@gmail.com>
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Subject: Undocumented immigrants

Hi John and Lisa
cc: Deborah

At today's CIP meeting, Deborah said that LALACS faculty members are concerned about the heightened level of anxiety among Dartmouth students who are (children of) undocumented immigrants. She also mentioned that they would ask the President to make a statement that he ensures Dartmouth as a safe space for them. I was also surprised to hear that some alumni are NOT in favor of protecting them at Dartmouth.

You may have heard about the story of Mitsui and Dartmouth after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Takanobu Mitsui '43 was an undergraduate student during the World War II. The then President Hopkins "*established Hanover as a haven during wartime hysteria*" (cited from the following article).

<https://sites.dartmouth.edu/library/2014/05/23/hopkins-and-mitsui/>

Also see the memoir of Takanobu Mitsui:

<http://dartmouthalumnimagazine.com/articles/date-infamy#.WC0eByE8Rek.twitter>

The first article above writes:

Mitsui visited President Hopkins later that day [a day after the Pearl Harbor], who described him merely as "a victim of circumstances." Mitsui recalled how he stood "gazing gratefully into the frank, unwavering eyes of a man who harbored no discrimination whatsoever against someone from a foreign country."

Please feel free to tell this story to the President Hanlon and others, if necessary. He should assure all students that they are safe at Dartmouth regardless of immigration status, nationality, citizenship, race, ethnicity, gender, etc. etc.

Please let me know if there is anything I could do. As the inaugural Mitsui Chair, I would be happy to do whatever I can.

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