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## **COLLEGE PLANNING REGARDLESS OF STATUS**

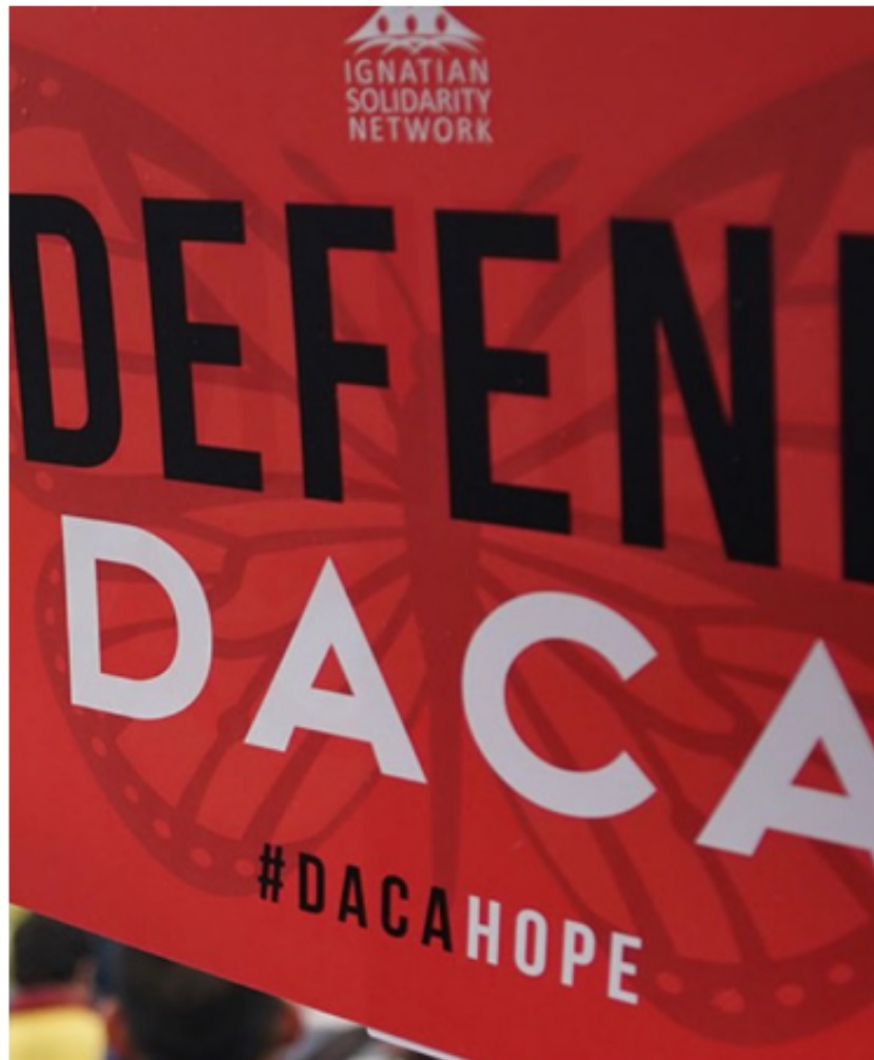
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### **DACA UPDATES**

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Source: <https://www.fwd.us/news/daca-court-case/>



**If DACA renewals are ended, an estimated 1,000 DACA recipients would be forced out of their jobs every week for the next two years.**

**Right now, as many as 400,000 individuals who would be eligible to receive DACA status cannot have their application processed because of Judge Hanen's injunction, according to FWD.us estimates. In fact, nearly all undocumented high school students graduating this year, and in the years to come, will be ineligible for DACA**

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## **1 TEXAS**

We are awaiting a final ruling from the Texas Southern District Court; Judge Hanen previously ruled against DACA and declared the policy unlawful. The judge heard arguments in the case in early June 2023, and is expected to issue a decision any day. Legal experts generally agree that he is likely to continue his streak of ruling that DACA is illegal.

## **2 TIMELINE**

If Judge Hanen rules against DACA, the case will then go to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which previously ruled against DACA. Assuming the Fifth Circuit rules the same way again, the Biden Administration would then likely file a request with the Supreme Court to hear the case. Because of how the Supreme Court chooses and hears cases, the petition for certification may not be answered until 2024, and if granted, the case may not be heard and decided until at least 2025.

## **3 CURRENT DACA HOLDERS**

Judge Hanen's decision cannot stop current DACA recipients from renewing their protections. It's only if the Supreme Court upholds the Texas ruling, and if the Court prohibits the government from processing DACA renewals, that the 600,000 current DACA recipients could be denied of their ability to work legally, and would be exposed to the threat of deportation.

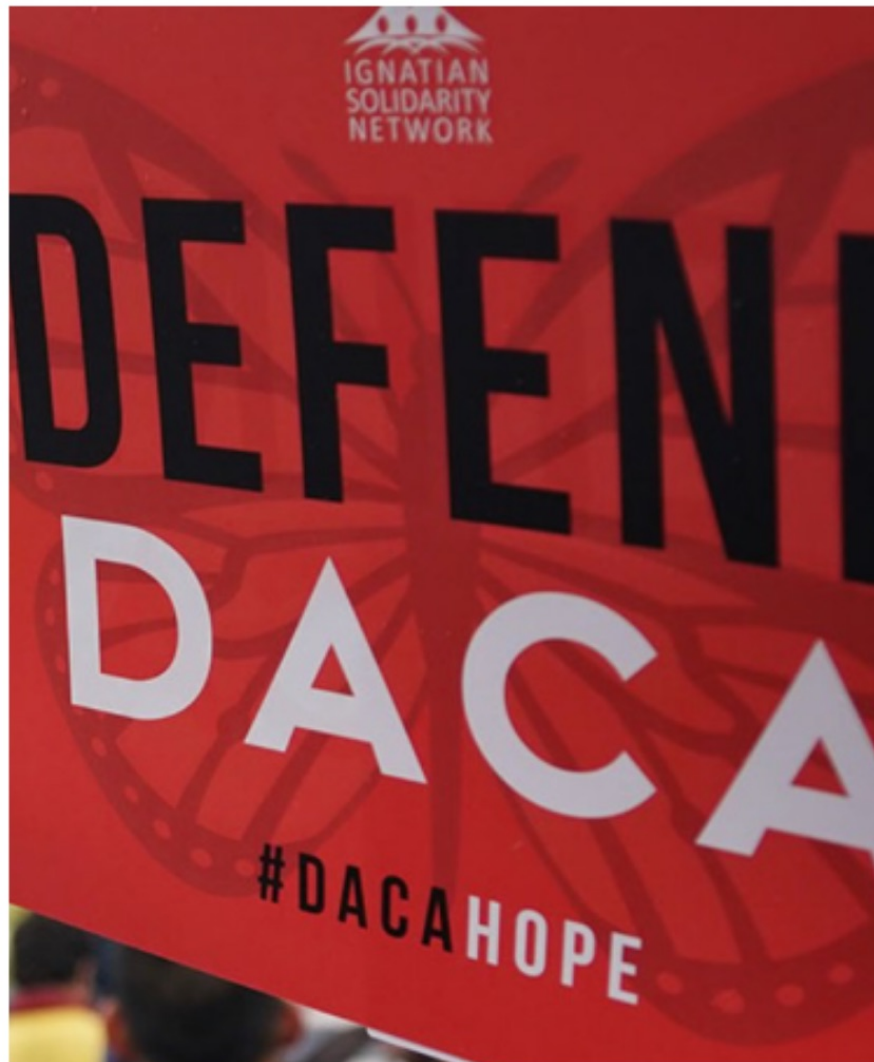
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WHAT CAN WE DO? KEEP READING FOR IDEAS ...



Here's an inspiring example of entrepreneurship here in NC! Code the Dream recognizes that immigrants are more than twice as likely to start their own business, and those businesses create over 25% of new jobs. Code the Dream is a growing nonprofit organization where people from diverse backgrounds — including low-income individuals, immigrants and communities of color — learn to code. After 8 – 12 months of intensive training with Code the Dream's online curriculum and mentors, new coders gain invaluable real-world experience as full-time software development apprentices.

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

People with liminal legal status can be self-employed or business owners, even without a SSN. Immigrants Rising has worked for years to develop tutorials and guides for undocumented entrepreneurs:

<https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/5-tips-to-get-started-as-an-independent-contractor-freelancer/>

## **NETWORKING**

Immigrants Rising also has virtual facilitated groups for undocumented or DACA students to come together and learn with and from each other. The current activity group will introduce you to strategies, resources, tips, and key actionable steps you can take to finance your college education and advocate for more and better campus resources.

<https://immigrantsrising.org/facilitated-activity-groups/>

## **VOTE IF YOU CAN!**

If you are a citizen, this is how you can help to protect or promote the rights of others who are not. Follow this link to see which rights are upheld in your state (tuition equity, professional licensures, driver's license, admission). If there are few to none, then let's vote for change!

<https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/states/>