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Dear campus community,

Earlier today, the United States Supreme Court voted to uphold Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that has enabled scores of students to attend and graduate from Western Oregon University. We are thrilled by this positive decision and wish to share this exciting news with the campus community. We also hope this decision will be a positive force for Congress to find a permanent path to citizenship for our affected students and employees.

The WOU students who have been part of the DACA program over the past years have made significant contributions to our university. Our community is better for their presence, and we look forward to supporting new students as they earn their degrees.

I also want to take this opportunity to underscore that WOU has always nurtured a caring, inclusive community, and that we reaffirm our commitment to the principles of diversity, inclusion and community. Our strategic plan states “(WOU’s) practices are guided by...equity and inclusion; a fundamental basis in human diversity; appreciation for the complexity of the world; and strength drawn from our variety of backgrounds, abilities, cultural experiences, identities, knowledge domains and means of expression.”

To the DACA students and employees affected by this decision, I hope this ruling removes a weight from your shoulders and allows you to move forward. WOU will continue walk beside you on that journey because together we succeed.

Sincerely,

Rex Fuller  
President