

Jesuit College & University Presidents Speak Out to Protect DACA



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On Tuesday, September 5th, President Donald Trump announced the rescission of the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program. The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) issued a [statement](#) urging Congress to enact legislation that would protect the 800,000 students and young professionals affected by the program's rescission. Many presidents of the nation's Jesuit colleges and universities joined AJCU in issuing statements of their own in defense of the program. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Statements of support for DACA were also issued by our colleagues at the [Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States](#), [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#), [American Council on Education](#), [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) and the [Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities](#).

Above: Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) met with students from **Georgetown University** at the Capitol on Tuesday night. This photo was provided to AJCU by Georgetown for this issue of *AJCU Higher Ed News*.

Jesuit Colleges & Universities Welcome Class of 2021 to Campus



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Across the country, members of the class of 2021 are moving onto Jesuit campuses and beginning a new chapter in their lives as college students. For several schools, the class of 2021 is their largest freshman class ever. Click [here](#) for highlights from move-in week, including videos and photos of the newest Jesuit-educated students on our campuses!

(Above: University of Detroit Mercy president Dr. Antoine M. Garibaldi welcomes a family to campus during move-in day.)

Jesuit Network Supports Relief Efforts for Hurricane Victims

After Hurricane Harvey struck Houston last month, Jesuit colleges and universities immediately began to assist in relief efforts by taking up collections during Mass (**Canisius College, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Loyola Marymount University, Regis University, Rockhurst University, Santa Clara University, Seattle University, University of Scranton, Wheeling Jesuit University and Xavier University**) and organizing donation drives ([College of the Holy Cross](#), [Loyola University Chicago](#), [Saint Joseph's University](#), [Saint Louis University](#) and [Spring Hill College](#)).

Across the country, many college athletic departments are sending clothing and shoe donations for Houston residents: among those are [Canisius College](#), [Marquette University](#) and [Xavier University](#).

Two Jesuit high schools are located in Houston, **Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory** and **Strake Jesuit College Preparatory**. Students from Strake were recently lauded for their humanitarian efforts in the aftermath of the hurricane in a story for [America Magazine](#). Click [here](#) to make a donation to either Strake or Cristo Rey through the Jesuits U.S. Central and Southern Province.

News from Jesuit Colleges & Universities

On Monday, [Fordham University](#) announced that former CIA director John Brennan (FCRH '77) will serve as a distinguished fellow at the University's Center on National Security. This week also saw another Jesuit alumnus in the news: [College of the Holy Cross](#) alumnus and former member of Congress, Tim Bishop, penned an op-ed on the need to save Perkins loans for *The Hill*.

[Gonzaga University](#)'s School of Law launched a Center for Civil and Human Rights; [John Carroll University](#) announced the appointments of 18 new faculty; the [University of Scranton](#) installed Rev. Herbert B. Keller, S.J. as interim president; and [Xavier University](#) hosted a national summit on artificial intelligence and health care.

In the wake of the recent incidents in Charlottesville, VA, [Regis University](#) president Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J. penned an op-ed for *The Denver Post* and [Saint Joseph's University](#) president Dr. Mark C. Reed issued a letter to the Saint Joseph's community condemning the attacks.

RIP: Rev. John Bucki, S.J.

Last week, Rev. John Bucki, S.J., rector of the Jesuit community at **Le Moyne College**, died from lung cancer. Fr. Bucki was a beloved figure in upstate NY, having previously served as the director of campus ministry at **Canisius College**. He was also a longtime member of the AJCU Conference of Campus Ministry Directors. Fr. Bucki's funeral will be held next Saturday, September 16th, at the Panasci Family Chapel at Le Moyne. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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