INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

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Dear Cal State LA International Students,

The International Office and the entire Cal State LA campus community want to let you know that we stand side by side with you. We care about your well-being as a person, as a student, as an international scholar.

in addition to the pandemic, we do recognize that this recent guidance from ICE has made your life much more difficult and added additional stress. We have received your communications, we hear your voices.

Our goal is to find solutions so that you can continue your studies at Cal State LA. Currently, the CSU Chancellor's Office (CO) is developing new guidance for all campuses in response to ICE's pending rule modifications. This new guidance should be issued in the next few days. We ask that you allow us the time and opportunity to receive and review this new guidance. Afterwards, an update will be provided to you.

In addition to the CSU, numerous colleges, universities, and associations across the United States have raised similar concerns about the ICE guidance. As you may have heard, Harvard and MIT filed a lawsuit today in federal court seeking a temporary restraining order to keep this federal guidance from taking effect. The lawsuit highlights the significant health and safety risk posed by this new ICE guidance on international students, like you, during the pandemic. It also recognizes the major disruption to your academic goals. So there is a national outcry about the rule changes, along with efforts to stop the modifications from being implemented.

Please know that while everyone is trying to remedy this situation for our international student community, we are available to talk with you about your individual situations.

You can speak with an immigration advisor by making an appointment. You can reach us at lnternational@calstatela.edu or call us at (323) 343-3170.

You can also access campus mental health resources such as Mind Matters https://www.calstatela.edu/WellBeingU or the campus Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) https://www.calstatela.edu/studenthealthcenter/caps

The International Office will communicate, as soon as possible, any new information we learn in the coming days.

You are part of the Golden Eagle family, we are here for you!



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