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# DACA program 'in limbo again'

#### Fatima Gamez Lopez SPANISH EDITOR

A McAllen immigration attorney says the DACA program is "in jeopardy" because of a federal judge's latest ruling.

"It's definitely in limbo," immigration attorney Carlos Moctezuma Garcia said. "A lot of people run the risk of losing the benefit that they've gained from DACA. These are students at UTRGV ... doctors, lawyers, teachers, principals, nurses, construction workers, accountants."

Garcia said DACA recipients run the risk of losing their work permit, based on the decision made on the case in which Texas and other states sued the United States.

Judge Andrew Hanen of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas filed on Sept. 13 a decision finding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Final Rule unlawful.

"While sympathetic to the predicament of DACA recipients and their families, this Court has expressed its concerns about the legality of the program for some time," Hanen stated in the Sept. 13 ruling. "Congress, for any number of reasons, has decided not to pass DACA-like legislation."

DACA, an executive order issued by President Barack Obama in 2012, prevented the deportation of hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought into the United States as children and granted them temporary permission to legally stay in the country. Hanen stated the court must continue to "interpret the law and the Constitution as written."

"The Final Rule was purposefully designed to preserve the 2012 DACA Memorandum as written," Hanen wrote. "While the Final Rule may have used somewhat different wording ... the substantive portions are materially the same as the 2012 DACA Memorandum."

He determined that there "are no material differences" between the 2022 Final Rule and the 2012 DACA memorandum and held that the 2022 DACA rule is unlawful.

Hanen ended the ruling stating the "order nor the accompanying supplemental injunction requires the DHS or the Department of Justice to take any immigration, deportation, or criminal action against any DACA recipient, applicant, or any other individual that would otherwise not be taken."

On May 1, 2018, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia filed a lawsuit against the United States, the secretary of Homeland Security, the commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the deputy director and acting director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the acting chief of the U.S. Border Patrol. The plaintiffs asked the court to issue:

-an order enjoining Defendants from issuing or renewing any DACA permits in the future;

-a declaratory judgment that



Tania Chavez, director of Management Analysis at La Unión Del Pueblo Entero (LUPE), leads a "¡Sí, se puede!" chant during a community rally Oct. 10, 2022, in front of the federal courthouse in Brownsville. The rally was in response to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on Oct. 5, which made the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program illegal.

DACA violates the Take Care Clause;

-a declaratory judgment that DACA is procedurally unlawful under the APA;

-a declaratory judgment that DACA is substantively unlawful under the APA; and

-any and all other relief to which plaintiff states may be entitled.

Garcia represents intervenor defendant Karla Perez, "a DACA recipient at the time."

"In this case, the State of Texas sued the United States of America ... because the United States of America was the entity that implemented DACA," he said. "The State of Texas was one of the states that decided to sue the United States government, because they felt that the program was unconstitutional. And so the intervenors ... are the people that are actually being affected by this case.

"DACA recipients were actually not part of the original case until they intervened, and they intervened through the help of the attorneys representing them, which I am part of, but the main organization that's leading that charge is MALDEF, which is Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund."

On July 16, 2021, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas held that the DACA policy is illegal, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

"The judge had previously ruled that it was illegal," Garcia said. "We were arguing that because there was a new memorandum

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## Visual art students, faculty raise concerns University officials provide update on prospective art facility



### Natalie Lapsley

Last Thursday, over 100 students and faculty from the School of Art and Design met in the Visual Arts Building in Edinburg to hear updates on projects, including a proposal for a new facillity in Brownsville. In an interview last Tuesday, Dean of the College of Fine Arts Jeffrey Ward told The Rider he sent the proposal to UTRGV central administrators on Sept. 18. The proposal, which outlines possible new programs, building specifications and requests for new faculty

"[Programming] really dictates what the space needs to look like," he said during the interview. "What are the specifications for the spaces for those programs? So, square footage, major equipment [and], especially, ventilation that those programs would need to be Board of Regents rejected the proposal.

Ward replied that the contingency is a STEAM building that would house science, technology, engineering, art and math courses. Monies to build a STEAM facility would come from the Permanent

#### Ryan Lugo/THE RIDER

Jesmil Maldonado, lecturer and School of Art gallery director (center left), guides fine arts junior Gissel Lopez during a drawing 1 course in the Visual Arts Building in Edinburg.

and staff lines, was composed following surveys and conversations with faculty, students and area high schools.

Some of the programs poised for expansion or creation include painting, printmaking, ceramics, visual communication design and metals. Ward said another goal is to offer foundational courses, such as drawing and art history, in Brownsville. successful."

The 70,000-square-foot Visual Arts Building in Edinburg, a

#### Room for Creativity: Third in a Series



former Walmart, served as a model for planning the spaces needed, according to Ward.

He said one goal is to offer as much of the visual art curriculum in Brownsville as possible.

During Thursday's town hall in the Visual Arts Building, Donald J. Lyles, an associate art professor, asked Ward what would happen if the University of Texas System University Fund, however, Ward said the new art building is more likely because of the support it

has from the campus community.

Art senior Amanda Montelongo raised a concern about security in the Visual Arts Building.

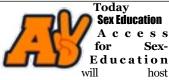
"Unfortunately, last Wednesday, here in the parking lot, I came out of my class and my window was shattered,"

Montelongo said. "So, I informed University [Police] and they told me they'd look into it. Called on Monday for an update. ... They hadn't even assigned someone to look into it. They got somebody. They called me later on that day with an update and, unfortunately, they told me that the cameras in the parking lot don't work."

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# 2 On Campus

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



educational sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Student Union on the Edinburg campus. Free goodies will be provided.

#### K.I.S.S.

The Korean International Student Society will meet to talk about Korean culture, music and language from 4 to 5:30 p.m. through Thursday in Liberal Arts Building South on the Edinburg campus.

#### **Boot Camp**

University Recreation will host a traditional boot camp-style exercise for the entire body from 5 to 5:45 p.m. today and Wednesday in the University Recreation Center on the Edinburg campus. All fitness levels are welcome. The event will also take place from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the same location.

#### Zumba Workout

Recreation University will host a Zumba fitness program that combines Latin and international music dance

#### moves from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. today and Wednesday in the University Recreation Center on the Edinburg campus.

#### **Boxing Workout**

University Recreation will host a group training workout that sculpts the body and burns calories while practicing boxing from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. today and Wednesday in University Recreation Center Studio 2 on the Edinburg campus. Tuesday

#### Super Smash Bros. Tournament

The Student Union will host "Super Smash Bros.' а tournament in celebration of Mario Bros. Day from 11 a.m. to noon in the Student Union Game Room on the Brownsville campus and from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Game Room on the Edinburg campus. The first-place winner will receive VBucks.

#### Peaches Cup

The Campus Activities Board will host a Mario Bros. trivia competition from 11 a.m. to noon in El Comedor on the Brownsville campus and from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Food Court on the Edinburg campus. The grand prize is **\$100 in VBucks**.

#### **Edinburg Bible Study**

Christians at RGV will host Bible study from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in Student Academic Center Room 1.103 on the Edinburg campus and from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Music, Science & Learning Center Room 1.114 on the Brownsville campus.

#### **Environmental Awareness**

The Environmental Awareness Club will meet from noon to 2 p.m in Student Union Room 2.418 on the Edinburg campus to discuss fundraisers, field trips and symposiums.

#### German Club

**RGV German Club** members will **meet** from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in Main Building Room 2.502 on the Brownsville campus.

#### Wednesday **Brownsville Tabling**

Christians at RGV will host a meet and greet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Student Union lawn on the Brownsville campus.

#### **Anthropology Club Meetings**

All majors are welcome to attend the Anthropology Club meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Liberal Arts Building North Room 106 on the Edinburg campus. Students will learn about

linguistics, medicine, biology, evolution and archaeology.

#### Filipino Student Association

The officers of the Filipino Student Association will host a general meeting to discuss club activities from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Student Academic Center Room 1.102 on the Edinburg campus. There will be **free food.** Thursday

#### **Enactus Meeting**

Enactus will host a general meeting from 2 to 3 p.m. in Education Complex Room 1.534 on the Edinburg campus. There will be **free food**.

#### **Hazing Prevention Luncheon**

The Center for Student Involvement and Fraternity and Sorority Life will observe National Hazing Prevention Week during a luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Center Bronc Room. Information on hazing prevention and support resources at the university will be discussed.

#### Cycle Fit

University Recreation will host cycle classes that cover the foundational yoga postures practiced to align, strengthen and promote flexibility in the body from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on the Texas Southmost College

**Recreation Center Upper Fitness** Floor in Brownsville.

#### Friday **First Aid Course**

University Recreation will host an American Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED **course** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Recreation Center on the Edinburg campus. Participants will learn how to recognize and care for a variety of first-aid emergencies and how to respond to them. Students will receive a first-aid certification valid for two years.

#### **Reading Workshop**

The Student Union on the Brownsville campus will host a reading workshop from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Salón Gardenia. Students can learn new strategies to help have a better understanding when reading. Sunday

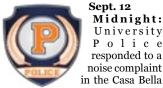
#### **Mass Celebration**

The Catholic Student Association will celebrate Mass from 3 to 4 p.m. in the St. Newman University Chapel, located at 1615 W. Kuhn St. in Edinburg.

--Compiled by Alfredo Garcia

### **POLICE REPORTS**

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Sept. 12 and 18.



in the Casa Bella apartments on the Brownsville campus. Officers spoke with the residents but did not notice any loud noise.

No similar reports occurred that night. a.m.: А university 7:19

subcontractor reported that unauthorized material was dumped into a construction dumpster in Lot E-19 on the Edinburg campus. The case is under investigation.

9:43 a.m.: A student reported a traffic collision that occurred off campus involving a university vehicle. A report was filed with the Brownsville Police Department.

2:53 p.m.: University Police responded to a non-affiliated man and woman arguing in the Marialice Shary Shivers Building on the Edinburg campus. Officers spoke with both parties and determined that no crime occurred. The two individuals left campus without further incident.

5:20 p.m.: University Police responded to a student sitting on top of a walkway covering on the second floor of the Mathematics & General Classroom building on the Edinburg campus. Upon contact with UTRGV officers, the student stated he was having lunch and taking photos. Officers informed the student to refrain

#### Sept. 14

Upon inspecting the window, he sustained a small cut to his finger. A work order was placed for repairs. 2:17 p.m.: A student reported finding damage to her vehicle on Sept. 12 while it was parked in Lot E-16 on the Edinburg campus. The case is under investigation.

2:24 p.m.: University Police conducted a welfare check on a student at the Casa Bella apartments on the Brownsville campus. Officers confirmed the student's well-being. The student stated he was stressed due to work and school. University Police informed the student of the counseling services UTRGV offers. 3:10 p.m.: A non-affiliated woman reported observing a man who appeared to be in distress walking barefoot from the Edinburg campus to a local convenience store. Officers checked the surrounding areas but were unable to locate the man.

4:49 p.m.: A student reported he left his Apple AirPods in Sabal Hall on the Brownsville campus. When he returned, they were missing. The case is under investigation.

7:17 p.m.: A student reported finding damage to his vehicle while it was parked in Lot B-1 on the Brownsville campus. The case is under investigation.

7:18 p.m.: A student reported that the rear passenger window of her vehicle was shattered while it was parked in Lot E-41 on the Edinburg campus.

8:58 p.m.: University Police observed three juveniles jump the fence into Casa Bella and run through the parking lot. Upon searching for the juveniles, University Police observed them exiting the parking lot by jumping over a fence. Officers were unable to locate the three individuals.

#### 1:52 a.m.: University Police responded to an active burglar alarm in the Student Services building on the Edinburg campus.

The area was found undisturbed. 7:47 a.m.: A UTRGV employee reported shattering a window of

a driving vehicle while cutting grass in Lot E-22 on the Edinburg campus. No injuries were reported. 1:26 p.m.: A student reported swallowing a piece of plastic while drinking from a water bottle on the Edinburg campus.

3:14 p.m.: A student reported a verbal dispute between two students and two unknown men in the Student Union on the Brownsville campus. Vulgar language was used toward the student during the verbal dispute. The case is under investigation.

4:48 p.m.: A UTRGV faculty member reported that a student submitted a resume with concerning words. Detectives later spoke with the student who said it was a misunderstanding.

#### Sept. 15

12:35 a.m.: An employee reported an unknown person writing with permanent markers on the walls inside of a classroom in Liberal Arts Building South on the Edinburg campus. A work order was submitted to have the wall cleaned. The case is under investigation.

12:54 a.m.: University Police heard what appeared to be someone yelling near Liberal Arts Building South on the Edinburg campus. Officers conducted a perimeter check of the area but were unable to locate anyone in need of help. **1:45 a.m.:** University Police assisted the Brownsville Police Department with a single-vehicle collision on Expressway 77.

10:59 a.m.: University Police received an anonymous stalking complaint communication via the Campus Shield app. Officers checked the location of occurrence but were not able to locate anyone in need of assistance. The anonymous reporting party advised it would reach out to police later.

3:19 p.m.: A student reported she accidentally left personal electronics Sept. 13 in Performing Arts Complex C on the Edinburg campus. When she returned to look for her property, it was no longer there. The case is under investigation.

**4:30 p.m.:** A student reported that he fell off his bicycle while attempting to avoid a vehicle Sept. 14 in Lot E-37 on the Edinburg campus. The student sustained injuries as a result of the fall and was transported to a hospital by emergency medical services for further evaluation.

8 p.m.: University Police observed a group of unknown individuals running north of University Boulevard and into the brush area behind the Research Office Building on the Brownsville campus. The U.S. Border Patrol was notified and responded to the location. A search of the area was conducted and two juvenile men, both Mexican nationals, were apprehended. Sept. 16

12:11 a.m.: University Police responded to the brush area east of the Music, Science and Learning Center to assist U.S. Border Patrol in the search for five possible immigrants. A search was conducted but the group was not located.

walking on campus. The man was found lying down on the brush area near the Social Work and Occupational Therapy building on the Edinburg campus. University Police determined he had no official business on campus and issued him a criminal trespass warning. A criminal history check revealed the man had a prior entry for assault. 9:56 p.m.: A student reported that an unknown social media user requested sexually explicit photos of him, which he found offensive. When the student refused the request, the user released his picture via social media depicting the student and added sexual content. The case is under investigation. Sept. 18

1:09 a.m.: University Police assisted U.S. Border Patrol in the search for several possible immigrants who were believed to be inside the construction site in Lot B-1 on the Brownsville campus. U.S. Border Patrol located and detained four adult men and one adult woman inside the construction area.

12:49 p.m.: A UTRGV employee reported injuring his eye during training in the Academic Support Facilities Complex on the Edinburg campus.

5:57 p.m.: University Police observed an Edinburg Police Department officer in a foot pursuit with a non-affiliated man. University Police assisted with apprehending the man and placing him under arrest.

8:13 p.m.: A parent reported that she was concerned about the wellbeing of her daughter, a student, after not hearing from her for some time. The parent later reported that her daughter was located and confirmed her well-being. --Compiled by Rebeca Salinas

from climbing onto the covered walkway for safety reasons.

#### Sept. 13

**10:41 a.m.:** A subcontractor reported finding a shattered window in the Psychology Clinic building on the Edinburg campus.

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9:51 a.m.: University Police observed а suspicious man



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# Edinburg City Council decreases property tax rate

#### <u>Eduardo Escamilla</u> THE RIDER

The Edinburg City Council has approved a \$155 million budget for Fiscal Year 2024 and adopted a 1-cent decrease in the property tax rate.

The tax rate will be reduced from 64 cents to 63 cents per \$100 valuation, according to a Sept. 6 news release from the City of Edinburg.

During the council meeting last Tuesday, Mayor Ramiro Garza Jr. told residents in attendance the budget reduces the property "tax rate to 63 cents, which will be the lowest tax rate since 1991."

The decision to decrease the tax rate is to provide relief to Edinburg residents and businesses amid economic challenges, according to the news release.

"I do want to state that this doesn't mean we're reducing services," Garza said. "Actually, we're going to add services through the different areas that are included in the budget."

Key parts in the budget

--no increase in residential solid waste collection rates --no increase in water and

sanitary sewer rates -64% increase in the

--a 7.64% increase in the contribution the city will make to the health insurance for fulltime employees, according to Roxanne Lerma, director of communications for the City of Edinburg.

--a \$20,000 increase in funding for the Recreation

Department for the purchase of specialized athletic equipment for the El Tule Facility

"It's important that residents know that we did take everything [into] consideration," Garza said. "I mean, the budget includes our property tax, sales tax and fees for service, but we have to look at everything that's available because our needs are so much.

"Our city is growing, and we need to address a lot of things that this does allow us to still fund \$2.6 million in street improvements," he said.

In other business, the council approved two resolutions. One adds \$5.3 million to the Capital Lease Program; the other \$2.6 million to the American Rescue Plan Act budget for new projects, according to a news release from the City of Edinburg.

"This allows us to fund over \$5 million in additional new projects as well," Garza said. "Under the Capital Lease Program this includes [funding] restrooms at some ... parks."

He said Frontier Park, Pioneer Park, Bicentennial Park and Memorial Park will soon have new restroom facilities.

"This includes investing in a new [pothole] patch truck," Garza said. "We're also adding some turf fields."

Residents who wish to review the budget can access it on the City of Edinburg website.

"Based on what's been approved tonight, not only the budget, Capital Lease and now the [American Rescue



Plan Act], the total funding for<br/>Edinburg 2040 Committee is<br/>\$5.3 million," Garza said.promo<br/>and a<br/>ones,"

The Edinburg 2040 Committee is a communitydriven planning initiative to develop a long-range vision for the city, according to the City of Edinburg website.

At the start of the meeting, Garza signed a proclamation recognizing Sept. 25, 2023, as National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

"This national remembrance day is an essential way of promoting public awareness and remembering our loved ones," he said.

"In 2022, the Rio Grande Valley experienced about 40 murders, affecting about 400 close relatives and an estimated 2,017 homicides in Texas, leaving over 20,170 affected ... a number higher than that of direct homicide victims," Garza said.

Robert Garcia, founder of the Rio Grande Valley Family and Friends of Murdered Children, was joined by fellow members of the group to witness the signing of the proclamation.

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Garcia honored the victims by saying their names during the meeting.

"We have what we call the empty chair," he said. "... It never becomes less empty during the holidays without our loved ones. I know what deep sorrow means, but I also recognize the unspeakable joy of living together in each other's hands."

#### Brownsville City Commission

# \$12.2M GBIC budget approved

#### Julissa Hernandez THE RIDER

The Brownsville City Commission has approved the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corp.'s \$12.2 million budget for Fiscal Year 2024, which includes \$5 million for industrial park development and infrastructure.

Bret Gardella, executive director and new CEO of the GBIC, presented the proposed budget to the commission last Tuesday.

The nonprofit organization was created to oversee the disbursement of a quarter-cent sales tax collected in the City of Brownsville, according to its website.

The budget is separated into three sections: strategic initiatives budget, operating budget and project commitments. Expenditures total \$12,269,412.

The strategic initiatives include industrial park development and infrastructure, job/workforce development and training, spacerelated activities and pro studies. The total amounts to \$5.7 million. Industrial park development and infrastructure is budgeted at \$5 million. Gardella said the GBIC has had conversations with industry partners and the nonprofit has "720 acres we need to build out." Gardella's vision is to use the front part of the acreage to build what they are currently calling the "Greater Brownsville Center for Excellence." He wants class A office space to educate people for a fouryear degree. "The most prominent need that we have right now is in engineering," he said. "We've heard that, certainly, from our two biggest partners right now, with Next Decade and Bechtel, on moving forward on the types of people they need to just build that one location." Next Decade is an energy company and Bechtel is an engineering, construction and project management corporation. Gardella said there are at least



consulting and marketing services, \$360,000; and landscaping/ maintenance, \$60,000. The total is \$2,951,412.

Gardella said that there is good and bad news regarding commitments, or financial incentives for companies.

The good news is that GBIC has reached out to many businesses, but the bad news is that it has not done enough follow-ups and they are stagnant. The total for the commitments is \$3,618,000.

GBIC can support businesses with financial incentives but those companies have to do what is required for approval.

Gardella said some businesses have not gotten paid because of lack of documentation. He wants to get the money to those businesses, which in turn can go back to employees to train or hire.

He said that GBIC can work jointly and help these businesses but they have to "help us to help them."

"Our goal for this year is to get at least up to 50%," Gardella said. "If we can get 50 of our commitments done, in, out the door, then good for us."

Estefenia Ramirez/THE RIDER

Bret Gardella, executive director and CEO of the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corp., speaks last Tuesday before the Brownsville City Commission about UTRGV potentially being a partner in the Greater Brownsville Center for Excellence, a campus for local education opportunities. He said his most prominent need is in engineering.

two companies "coming online" that are going to be in the "petrochem or LNG fields," which are going to need master's and doctoral candidates on the staff who have engineering backgrounds.

The CEO said he has been having conversations with UTRGV regarding a potential partnership, but nothing has been confirmed yet. GBIC will create a campus located near Paredes Line Road and FM 511/State Hwy. 500 that will be leased to educational institutions.

"It's my goal to be able to create this type of educational system within our community," Gardella said. "We have the ability to do it, we have the property to do it, and I think we have the vision to move forward with it."

He also mentioned a workforce training center that GBIC wants to build so that students can stay in the Rio Grande Valley for training instead of having to go elsewhere.

"I'm hopeful [Texas Southmost College], for example, to come in and run this program for us," Gardella said. "I don't care what we teach. It could be plumbing and pipe fitting. ... I don't care. What I do care about is that we are providing the opportunities for our working folks in our city to be here."

He said that not only does this help the community, but it could also attract people to come here. Gardella has a master plan for the industrial phases of the buildings but said it may change because nothing is solidified. He said that after the budget is approved, he can resume with the plans.

"The goal is to get out there and start moving dirt by the first quarter of next year, which I do believe we can do," Gardella said.

The budget's operating expenses consist of personnel services and benefits \$1,218,100; a city administrative services agreement, \$136,312; materials and supplies, \$243,500; maintenance of building and structures, \$117,500; miscellaneous, \$456,000; professional services, \$360,000; "I'd just like to say, you really hit the ground running and I really appreciate the ... attitude and energy that you've brought to the organization," Mayor John Cowen Jr. said.

District 3 Commissioner Roy De los Santos said that what he is most impressed with and appreciates the most is Gardella, just in his sixth week, valuing the staff.

"This is something that this commission has shown is very important to us, is valuing the staff," De los Santos said. "And that's something just in five weeks I've already seen from you, so I think you're off to a great start."

De los Santos made the motion to approve the GBIC budget and it passed unanimously.

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### Who is your role model?



"My role model would be my friend Monica Valderez, because she strives me to be better."

**Lily Fernandez** interdisciplinary studies freshman



"My mom. She is a single mom and she worked for 13 years as a nurse at Day & Night Clinic, and I will always look up to her, because even when she was sick throughout her pregnancy, she never had any excuse to not miss a day off of work. So for school, I'm just, like, 'I'm sick.' 'OK, get up and stuff,' my mom would [say and] get mad at me. ... She always makes sure I am always thinking positively.'

Victoria De La Rosa kinesiology freshman

"Mi modelo a seguir es Michael Phelps porque en la escuela estaba en el equipo de natación y me gusta nadar".

Francisco Garcia estudiante de segundo año de ciencia de la salud integrada



"I would say my role model is my mom, because of her strong work ethic, everything she has accomplished and, I think, overall her status in,

**Chantal Patiño** psychology sophomore

--Compiled and photos by Silvana Villarreal, Teresita Dominguez and Daniela Martinez Salazar

# Living in the moment



Azenett Valdez PHOTOGRAPHER

We frequently find ourselves wondering about our plans for the future or if we will have enough time to do certain tasks during the day. I find that I have a terrible habit of worrying about the next thing I have to accomplish for the day when I'm already doing something else.

I discover that I am constantly rushing and not present at the moment. I believe that since we don't live in the moment, we frequently lose out on significant life events. Although doing so can make you feel anxious, breaking the habit is simple.

We may splurge on the simple things if we make an effort each day to take our time and "smell the roses" around us.

Particularly, college as students, we always consider the future. This refers to potential employment prospects, career paths, educational chances and programs. I catch myself doing this quite frequently. I constantly put things off until after I

graduate from college or enroll in dental school.

Worry about one thing at a time and let the rest of the unnecessary things flow into the right time. Last semester, I found myself doing this a lot because I was applying for early acceptance into dental school. Every day I constantly worried about receiving an email from admissions letting me know their decision. I finally got the email I had been waiting for. It stated that I was selected into the final round of applicants and needed to prepare for my interview.

got the news I had been waiting

Life should be enjoyed every single day because we never know if it's our last day. If something is causing you to be upset or anxious, let it go.

for months to receive. I prepared for my interview for three weeks straight after that email. I found myself on the weekends still writing and wondering what they would ask me.

When that day came, I felt content and confident about my answers. Then, it was just a waiting game for the final decision. Until one day, I saw a familiar name on my email list and opened it to see it was from the admissions team and their decision.

I opened the letter and read

that the admissions team chose someone else for the program. I was devastated, but quickly realized that my summer days were coming to a fast end. I soon realized that I had spent the majority of my summer worrying and stressing about an email instead of living in the moment and making memories with my friends and family, and I completely regret it.

Life should be enjoyed every single day because we never know if it's our last day. If something is causing you to be upset or anxious, let it go. That includes a partner, friendship, job or anything in your day-to-day

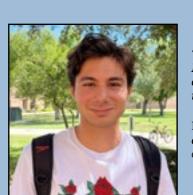
routine. We as humans have the power to take control of our lives and instead change it to something enjoyable. We cannot hold onto things that we can't control or moments from the past.

Doing mental and physical exercise can help

relieve stress and let us live in the moment. These include meditation, yoga, physical exercise or any activity that brings you happiness.

I enjoy reading and it definitely makes me slow down a bit more from my busy life and helps relieve any stress I have.

At the end of the day, only you know what may work for you. But the point is to "smell the roses" around you.





I was ecstatic that I finally



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# Programa DACA 'de nuevo en el limbo'

Fatima Gamez Lopez EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Un abogado de inmigración de McAllen dice que el programa DACA está "en peligro' debido al último fallo de un juez federal.

"Definitivamente está en el limbo", dijo el abogado de inmigración Carlos Moctezuma Garcia. "Mucha gente corre el riesgo de perder el beneficio que obtuvo de DACA. Estos son estudiantes de UTRGV [...] médicos, abogados, maestros, directores, enfermeras, trabajadores de la construcción, contadores"

Garcia dijo que los beneficiarios de DACA corren el riesgo de perder su permiso de trabajo, con base en la decisión tomada en el caso en el que Texas y otros estados demandaron a Estados Unidos.

El juez Andrew Hanen del Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito Sur de Texas, presentó el 13 de septiembre una decisión que declara ilegal la Regla Final de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA por sus siglas en inglés).

"Si bien comprende la situación de los beneficiarios de DACA y sus familias, este Tribunal ha expresado su preocupación sobre la legalidad del programa durante algún tiempo", afirmó Hanen en el fallo del 13 de septiembre. "El Congreso, por diversas razones, ha decidido no aprobar una legislación similar a DACA".

DACA, una orden ejecutiva emitida por el presidente Barack Obama en el 2012, impidió la deportación de cientos de miles de inmigrantes traídos a Estados Unidos cuando eran niños y les otorgó permiso temporal

para permanecer legalmente en el país. Hanen afirmó que el tribunal debe continuar "interpretando la ley y la Constitución tal como están escritas

diseñada Regla Final fue "La específicamente para preservar Memorando DACA de 2012 tal como está escrito", escribió Hanen. "Si bien la Regla Final puede haber usado una redacción algo diferente [...] las partes sustantivas son materialmente las mismas que las del Memorando DACA de 2012".

Determinó que "no hay diferencias materiales" entre la Regla Final del 2022 y el memorando de DACA de 2012 y sostuvo que la regla de DACA de 2022 es ilegal.

Hanen finalizó el fallo afirmando que "la orden ni la orden judicial complementaria que la acompaña requieren que DHS (por sus siglas en inglés) o el Departamento de Justicia tomen cualquier acción de inmigración, deportación o penal contra cualquier beneficiario, solicitante o cualquier



Abraham Diaz, proveedor de servicios de inmigración en La Unión del Pueblo Entero, comparte su experiencia como ex beneficiario de DACA durante una manifestación comunitaria el 10 de octubre de 2022.

otro individuo de DACA que de otro modo no se tomaría".

El 1 de mayo de 2018, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Luisiana, Nebraska, Carolina del Sur y Virginia Occidental presentaron una demanda contra Estados Unidos, el secretario de Seguridad Nacional, el comisionado de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza de Estados Unidos, el subdirector y el director interino del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de Estados Unidos, el director de los Servicios de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de Estados Unidos y el jefe interino de la Patrulla Fronteriza de Estados Unidos. Los demandantes solicitaron al tribunal que emitiera:

-una orden que prohíbe a los demandados emitir o renovar cualquier permiso DACA en el futuro:

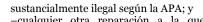
-una sentencia declarativa de que DACA viola la Cláusula de Cuidado;

-una sentencia declarativa de que DACA es procesalmente ilegal según la APA (Ley de Procedimientos Administrativos);

-una sentencia declarativa de que DACA es



Fuente: Servicios de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de EE.UU. Aura Velasquez/GRÁFICA THE RIDER



–cualquier otra reparación a la que los estados demandantes puedan tener derecho. Garcia representa a la demandada interventora Karla Perez, "beneficiaria de

DACA en ese momento". 'En este caso, el Estado de Texas demandó a los Estados Unidos de América [...] porque los Estados Unidos de América fueron la entidad que implementó DACA", dijo. "El Estado de Texas fue uno de los estados que decidió demandar al gobierno de Estados Unidos, porque consideró que el programa era inconstitucional. Y entonces los interventores [...] son las personas que realmente están siendo afectadas por este caso.

"Los beneficiarios de DACA en realidad no formaban parte del caso original hasta que intervinieron, e intervinieron con la ayuda de los abogados que los representan, de los cuales yo formo parte", dijo. "Pero la principal organización que lidera esa acusación es MALDEF (por sus siglas en inglés), que es el Fondo Mexicano Americano de Defensa Legal y Educación".

El 16 de julio del 2021, el Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito Sur de Texas sostuvo que la política DACA es ilegal, según el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional.

"El juez había dictaminado previamente que era ilegal", dijo Garcia. <sup>\*</sup>Estábamos argumentando que debido a que había un nuevo memorando, esencialmente el programa podría avanzar. Pero el juez no estuvo de acuerdo". Dijo que "existe la posibilidad" de que la

decisión del tribunal sea revocada.

"La forma en que funciona este proceso es que ahora que el juez negó el caso, el caso será apelado ante el Tribunal del Quinto Circuito", dijo Garcia. "Después de que el Tribunal de Apelaciones del Quinto Circuito tome una decisión sobre el caso, el caso será apelado ante la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos. .. Este caso probablemente terminará en la Corte Suprema".

"DHS continuará aceptando la presentación de solicitudes de DACA tanto iniciales como de renovación", afirma su sitio web. "Sin embargo, de conformidad con la orden del 16 de julio de 2021 del Distrito Sur de Texas, DHS tiene prohibido otorgar solicitudes iniciales de DACA y las solicitudes adjuntas de autorización de empleo".

El fallo no pone fin al programa DACA, que permite a casi 600,000 beneficiarios continuar renovando sus solicitudes, según el sitio web del Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de Estados Unidos.

Garcia dijo que la decisión afecta a las personas que son elegibles para DACA. "El gobierno de Estados Unidos no puede

revisar su solicitud y determinar si califican o no", dijo. "Así que cualquiera que actualmente no tenga DACA ya no puede obtener DACA".

Una beneficiaria de DACA de 22 años, que fue traída al Valle del Río Grande cuando tenía "entre 3 y 4 años", dijo que el programa le brindó más oportunidades de educación.

Durante su primer año en la escuela secundaria, hubo una excursión a College Station pero no pudo asistir.

"No me permitieron ir a esa excursión porque no era de aquí", dijo. "Y así fue como conocí DACA. De hecho, uno de mis profesores lo hizo por mí la primera vez. Ella me lo presentó, pero yo ya lo conocía porque mi hermana [y] mi hermano ya habían obtenido DACA'

La beneficiaria de DACA ha estado en el programa durante siete años y no está de acuerdo con el fallo de Hanen.

Otra beneficiaria de DACA, una madre de 28 años con dos hijos que está esperando otro en camino, ha estado en el programa durante unos seis años.

Tenía 11 años cuando su madre soltera la trajo a ella y a sus hermanos al Valle del Río Grande.

Cuando solicitó DACA por primera vez, no fue aceptada porque necesitaba mucho papeleo. No fue hasta la segunda vez que presentó su solicitud que ingresó al programa.

"Nos ha ayudado mucho", dijo la mujer de 28 años. "Podemos trabajar aquí legalmente. Tenemos nuestra Seguridad Social. Pagamos impuestos como todos los demás. Tengo mi licencia. Puedo estar aquí tranquila con mis hijos porque ya no tendré miedo de que me deporten o algo así".

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**Carrera:** Administración Clasificación: Estudiante de tercer año graduación: Fecha de Primavera 2025

Nombre: Samuel Whitehead

Ciudad natal: Launceston, Tasmania, Australia

Actividades extracurriculares: "Juego tenis [aquí en UTRGV] y salgo con amigos".

¿Cuálessonlasdiferencias entre tu ciudad natal y los Estados Unidos? "Muchas diferencias. Culturalmente, la comida y la forma de vida se ven completamente diferentes. [...] La comida aquí es mucho más picante. Pero estoy tratando de acostumbrarme a eso, pero

Si solo pudieras comer un alimento por el resto de tu vida, ¿cuál sería y **porqué?** "Probablemente pollo a la parmesana. En Australia, es una comida popular".

todavía tengo dificultad".

¿Qué hay en tu lista de "Quiero viajar a deseos? Europa".

¿Quién es tu ejemplo a seguir? "Probablemente Rafael Nadal, tenista profesional. Siempre lo admiré cuando era más ioven".

¿Por qué elegiste administración como tu carrera? "Me interesan los negocios y [...] pensé que esa

¿Cuál es tu recuerdo favorito de la infancia? "Diría que todas las veces que viajé como parte del equipo estatal de tenis [en mi ciudad natal]. Jugar con todos mis amigos y viajar por todo el país fue muy divertido".

era mi mejor opción".

¿Qué consejo le darías otros estudiantes internacionales? "Estar preparado para un choque cultural. Pero no tengas miedo de meterte entre ellos". --Recopilado por Fatima Gamez Lopez

#### **DACA** Continued from Page 1

that, essentially, the program would be able to move forward. But the judge did not agree."

He said there "is a possibility" the court's decision could be overturned.

"The way this process works is now that the judge denied the case, the case is going to be appealed to the 5th Circuit Court," Garcia said. "After the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals makes a decision on the case, then the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. ... This case will likely end up at the Supreme Court."

"DHS will continue to accept the filing of both initial and renewal DACA requests," its website states. "However, pursuant to the July 16, 2021 order from the Southern District of Texas, DHS is prohibited from granting initial DACA requests and accompanying requests for employment authorization."

The ruling does not put an end to the DACA program, allowing nearly 600,000 recipients to continue renewing their applications, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website.

Garcia said the decision affects people who are eligible for DACA.

"The United States government cannot review their application and determine whether they qualify or not," he said. "So anybody who currently does not have DACA can't get DACA anymore.

A 22-year-old DACA recipient, who was brought to the Rio Grande Valley when she was "about 3 to 4 years old," said the program gave her more opportunities for an education.

During her freshman year in high school, there was a field trip to College Station but she could not attend.

"I wasn't allowed to go on that field trip because I wasn't from here," she said. "And that's how I got introduced to DACA. One of my teachers actually did it for me the first time. She introduced me to it, but I had already known about it because my sister [and] my brother had already gotten DACA."

The DACA recipient has been in the program for seven years and disagrees with Hanen's ruling.

Another DACA recipient, a 28-year-old mother of two who is expecting another child, has been in the program for about six years.

She was 11 years old when her single mother brought her and her brothers to the Rio Grande Valley.

When she first applied for DACA, she was not accepted because she needed a lot of paperwork. It was not until the second time she applied that she got into the program.

"It has helped us a lot," the 28-year-old said. "We can work here legally. We have our Social Security. We pay taxes like everyone else. I have my license. I can be here with peace of mind with my children because I will no longer be afraid of being deported or something like that."

She feels "hurt" by Judge Hanen's decision and said she has a friend who is a single mother and has been impacted by the ruling.

"She has two jobs and she was able to send her paperwork but, unfortunately, since [the applications] stopped, they just stayed there," the 28-year-old DACA recipient said.

In a news release after the Sept. 13 ruling, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas stated he was "disappointed by the ruling and uniquely qualified to say that DHS believes DACA is lawful and Constitutional."

"The ruling preserves the stay, which means current DACA recipients will not lose their protection from removal," Mayorkas stated. "But this ruling does undermine the security and stability of more than half a million Dreamers who have contributed to our communities. The United States is the only home they have ever known."

He also stated Congress failed to act and now Dreamers face an uncertain future "waiting to receive the permanent protection they deserve."

"Consistent with the ruling, USCIS will continue to process DACA renewals, and DHS will continue to advocate on behalf of DACA recipients every day, in the courts and through our actions," Mayorkas stated. "We stand ready to work with Congress on an enduring solution for our Dreamers."

The Biden administration also expressed its disappointment with the ruling.

"On day one of his Administration, President Biden issued a memorandum directing the federal government to take all appropriate actions to 'preserve and fortify' the DACA policy," White House Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre stated. "The Administration has defended the DACA policy from legal challenges, and issued a final rule codifying this longstanding policy."

Hanen wrote on the supplemental order of injunction filed on Sept. 13 that "a final judgment has not been entered in this case, so all matters not being addressed by an appellate court are still pending in this Court and subject to its jurisdiction."

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As other students reacted by clamoring among themselves, she added that the broken security cameras raise major security concerns, especially since some classes end as late as 10:20 p.m.

Ward thanked Montelongo for bringing the matter to his attention and added he was not aware the cameras were not working.

"I'm so sorry this happened to you," he said. "Thank you for sharing this with me. I had no idea that the cameras weren't working. This is something we definitely need to take a look at."

Other students brought up the limited food options inside and near the Visual Arts Building, citing the five vending machines in the building that sometimes are out of order.

Ward replied that one idea is for the university to reach out to its new vendor, Chartwells, about setting up a food option inside the building. In the meantime, he advised students and faculty to place notes on the machines when it is out of order to notify the workers who come to restock the machines.

Another student, fine arts sophomore Mia Nuñez, suggested the university consider partnering with food trucks and placing them in or near the building's parking lot.

Some voiced concerns regarding travel between campuses, especially with the Valley Metro service that transports students and faculty from the main campus in Edinburg to the Visual Arts Building.

Graphic design junior Julie Castillo said she takes a bus from the main campus in Brownsville to the one in Edinburg, then catches the Valley Metro to the art building four days a week.

"There's a lot of problems with the [Valley] Metro," Castillo said. "... There's not enough space on the Metro and, also, the, like, time and stuff is, like, off. ... I'd come over here and [when heading back] I would have to meet, like, the connector and I would, like, miss the connector by 10 minutes. ... I had to wait, like, an hour for the next connector."

She suggested the university contract two buses going back and forth constantly to double arrival and departure times, a proposal Ward agreed might be a solution.

During Ward's interview, The Rider asked if any improvements have been made to Rusteberg Hall, a building UTRGV pays \$292,416 a year to lease from Texas Southmost College to house visual art classes in Brownsville, according to the third amendment to the space lease agreement between the two entities, a copy of which The Rider obtained after filing a public information request with UTRGV and Texas Southmost College.

"I would characterize that as more of maintenance rather than improvements," Ward replied. "I guess you could say it's kind of an as-needed basis. ... When we have issues, we report them and ... our Facilities folks speak with their counterparts at TSC and they come up with [a] solution.

"So, I think communication is good between the two parties."

Ward said the building proposal "is a huge step forward in providing safe and appropriate facilities" for the School of Art and Design.

"Fine arts is similar to the sciences in that, you know, they have lab space that have to have certain specifications," he said. "... I've been so grateful to the university and the leadership of the university to recognize that and find solutions so that we can provide the best education for our students and the best venues for the people of the [Rio Grande] Valley to come and be a part of what we do."



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# Soccer, Track & Field center to be completed in fall

Abigail Ollave SPORTS REPORTER

The Soccer and Track & Field Complex will soon include an operations center as an estimated \$10 million part of the now \$85 million plan toward construction projects within the UTRGV Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Men's and Women's Soccer and Track & Field teams and staff will receive amenities such as new locker rooms, offices and a sports medicine facility.

The operations center consists of a track and field facility that measures 8,008 square feet; the soccer facility measures 7,450 square feet.

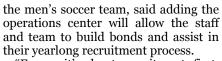
Chasse Conque, vice president and director of Athletics, said it is an exciting and busy time for UTRGV Athletics. Currently, only four teams at UTRGV have permanent locker rooms.

"And the thing that, that I'm probably most grateful for and proud of, is that we're addressing some needs that have been needed to be addressed for a

long time,' Conque said. "And, there so, were 12 of our Division 1 programs that those student

athletes didn't have a permanent locker room, some not even a portable building. ... And to be able to compete at the Division 1 level, and to be able to expect our teams to have success, we need to make sure that their day-to-day lives were improved."

Bryheem Hancock, head coach of



"For us, it's about recruitment, first, student-athlete experience," Hancock said. "For them, we go to a portable locker room set up to a state-of-the-art locker room facility, where they'll have an area that they can call home, where they can spend time to bond together as a group, you know, to be able to do academic work; a place that's close to the coaching office where they get to speak to us daily.'

He said the team will have more time to work on tactics and answering players' questions.

'It just benefits us in proximity to the field," Hancock said. "Or I get the advantage of now being able to look out the window and see who's doing extra outside of practice."

Senior forward Jason Robles said there are benefits in transferring from a portable locker room to a building.

"Having ... a true locker room will help us be closer as a team," Robles

said. "And think, like, that bonding as a team in the locker r o o m eventually leads to, like, better

Asked if there were any concerns with the ongoing construction of the operations center, Cesar Baltazar, junior midfielder, replied there are none, but

'Just thankful that they're getting stuff done for us, for really paying



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The operations center for the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex on the Edinburg campus is expected to be completed this semester.

#### attention to us," Baltazar said.

The construction at the Soccer and Track & Field Complex is expected to be completed in the fall, though there is no set date.

'It's one of those things where we're at the mercy of the construction guys, right?" Hancock said. "Obviously, there's always things that you can't expect. But we hope to have it, you know, next few weeks, hopefully sometime, late September or October.

He said the work being done beside their field is not their center of attention.

"But for us, we're not focused on that," Hancock said. "We're worried about what we do on the field and making sure that ... we're doing our work and

doing well in the classroom. And then we'll do some community service this preseason, so we put our footprint around the Valley, as well."

The UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex was built in 2014 on the Edinburg campus.

Originally, the maximum number of seats was 555, but was later increased to its current 1,250-seating capacity. In 2015, UTRGV Athletics added lights to the complex to allow for matches and events to be hosted at night.

Before the 2022 soccer season, the university installed a new press box and sound system.

# Structure' behind people: student gallery open in Rusteberg

#### <u>Silvana Villarreal</u> A&E REPORTER

"Structure," an exhibit of paintings, photographs, sculptures and prints by studio art junior Sean Hughes, continues through Thursday in the Rusteberg Art Gallery in Brownsville.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Engaged Scholarship and Learning Office and the Office of Student Success. Engaged Scholarship and Learning awarded Hughes a \$2,000 scholarship to produce the exhibit. He was mentored by Carl Vestweber, a professor in the School of the Art and Design.

Hughes' works were inspired by familiar spaces within the Valley, photography, screen printing, pop art and an alternative way to use different media and materials, said Jesmil Maldonado, director of galleries at UTRGV. The artist started the process of compiling the art pieces for the exhibition in Spring 2022, when he began to learn the ropes in silkscreen printing. The idea behind most of his art pieces, Hughes said, is that instead of taking pictures of people, the structures are



UTRGV studio art junior Sean Hughes explains the repetition pattern of the EXIT sign. "This is sort of, like, symbolizing the idea of this inner struggle wanting to leave," Hughes said. "... On the outside you look calm, but on the inside you are screaming to get out of here." Hughes' artworks are on exhibit through Wednesday in the Rusteberg Art Gallery on the Texas Southmost

College campus in Brownsville. and people see themselves in the structure.

Hughes said that by seeing the abandoned buildings,

"It's like second chances," he said. "Everybody would love a second chance, a do-over, so buildings get that. So in turn, it's symbolic of people." A piece in the exhibit showcases signage that reads "EXIT.'

in a place, you just scream and get out."

"But on the outside, you look normal," he said.

Lysset Santibanez, Rusteberg Art Gallery assistant and an art education senior at UTRGV, said visitors have been enjoying the exhibit, and although it may look simple, there is a lot of technique that was used to create the art pieces.

'Sean Hughes' exhibition is showcasing a lot of techniques and works that I feel like our department in Brownsville is lacking," Santibanez said. "Or, in general, I feel like it is showing undergraduates that you can step out of your comfort zone."

She said art like Hughes' work should be featured in order to give artists the room to explore more of themselves and what it is they want to present.

"We really need to learn how to pave our own way and our own style besides what is being taught, and I feel like Sean's work brings just that, Santibanez said.



performance on the field."

rather gratitude.

"So [the buildings] are mostly abandoned," he said. "It's the idea that [at] any certain age, you should be able to identify in some way. ... So by seeing it and walking past these buildings that normally we don't think about, it's like walking past people on the street and not even giving them a second thought.'

the spectators should see themselves and how little things and people in their daily life go ignored.

One of the reasons Hughes decided to photograph and get inspiration from old buildings is that the buildings get reused and reinvented, giving them "the breath of second life."

Hughes described the piece as the idea that everyone has a level of depression, or low anxiety and "sometimes you're

The closing reception for "Structure" will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the gallery, which is located on the Texas Southmost College campus in Brownsville.

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supposed to represent people,

Se siente "herida" por la decisión del juez Hanen y dijo que tiene una amiga que es madre soltera y que ha sido afectada por el fallo.

"Ella tiene dos trabajos y pudo enviar su documentación pero, desafortunadamente, como [las solicitudes] se detuvieron, simplemente se quedaron allí", dijo la beneficiaria de DACA de 28 años.

En un comunicado de prensa posterior al fallo del 13 de septiembre, el Secretario de Seguridad Nacional, Alejandro N. Mayorkas,

declaró que estaba "decepcionado por el fallo y excepcionalmente calificado para decir que el DHS cree que DACA es legal y constitucional".

"El fallo preserva la suspensión, lo que significa que los actuales beneficiarios de DACA no perderán su protección contra la expulsión", afirmó Mayorkas. "Pero este fallo sí socava la seguridad y estabilidad de más de medio millón de Dreamers que han contribuido a nuestras comunidades. Estados Unidos es el único hogar que han conocido". También afirmó que el Congreso no actuó

y ahora los Dreamers enfrentan un futuro incierto "esperando recibir la protección permanente que merecen".

"De acuerdo con el fallo, USCIS continuará procesando renovaciones de DACA y DHS continuará abogando en nombre de los beneficiarios de DACA todos los días, en los tribunales y a través de nuestras acciones", afirmó Mayorkas. "Estamos listos para trabajar con el Congreso en una solución duradera para nuestros Dreamers".

La administración Biden expresó su decepción con el fallo.

"El primer día de su administración, el presidente Biden emitió un memorando ordenando al gobierno federal que tomará todas las medidas apropiadas para 'preservar y fortalecer' la política DACA", afirmó la secretaria de la Casa Blanca, Karine JeanPierre. "La Administración ha defendido la política de DACA de impugnaciones legales emitió una norma final que codifica esta política de larga data".

Hanen escribió en la orden judicial suplementaria presentada el 13 de septiembre que "no se ha dictado una sentencia definitiva en este caso, por lo que todos los asuntos que no están siendo abordados por un tribunal de apelaciones aún están pendientes en este Tribunal y sujetos a su jurisdicción". --Traducido por Fatima Gamez Lopez.

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