



**Associated Student  
Government MiraCosta College  
Attn: Student Life and Leadership, MS# 12A  
One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056**

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Dear Spartan international community,

You are an integral and valued part of our campus community, and we write this letter to you with strength and solidarity. On Monday, July 6, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) issued a statement that restricts online course enrollment for international students on F-1 visas during the Fall 2020 semester. This guidance means that unless international students can take classes onsite, or transfer to an institution offering onsite classes, they are expected to leave the country, putting their safety and dreams at risk. This is shocking and troubling and comes during an already difficult time created by the global pandemic which no student has control over.

We are troubled and deeply saddened by these orders from ICE, which came without any notice, while MiraCosta and many other colleges have planned mostly online Fall classes to ensure the safety of all. ICE's statements do not align with the mission and work of the Associated Student Government or our belief that everyone deserves equal access to education. We believe in maintaining health and safety for all, especially during this time, and we are committed to and proud of our international student body. We are actively working to ensure that our international Spartan community is safe and able to stay enrolled in classes at MiraCosta.

We encourage all international students to reach out to the International Office for resources and support and to reach out to your ASG as we are here for support. While we work to advocate to protect your student status as well as collect resources to assist you, here are some ways that our campus community can take action as well:

- Sign petitions, such as this one on [Change.org](#)

- Call your local Representatives and ask that they do not support this mandate by ICE, and you can find your Representatives [here: http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/](http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/).
- The International Office is working to compile and provide helpful resources and assistance to you.

In solidarity,

Your Associated Student Government

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