



Office of the Chancellor

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## Official College Statement

September 11, 2017

Dear Colleagues:

On the beginning of this fourth week of the semester, I want to share with you the following timely information:

- **Support for DACA and undocumented students.** The college has created a website for resources and information for all faculty, staff and students. Please see:  
<http://www.ccsf.edu/en/student-services/DACA.html>

This is just the beginning of our program of services and political action. *Please let me know if there is anything else you need as we move forward.*

- **Disaster recovery in Houston and Florida.** Again we send our well wishes to all of our colleagues who have been affected by the recent hurricanes. It is very likely that many of us have family and friends in the affected areas. If you or anyone in our CCSF community needs special assistance or an accommodation to see to family in the affected areas, please let me know. *ALSO:*
  - THANK YOU! The Harvey Help Campaign ended Friday, September 8 resulting in a total of five large bins of new clothing, "Rams Heart - Support Houston" t-shirts, shoes and \$200 in donations. This donation will be shipped to former Vice Chancellor Santos at the University of Houston tomorrow.
  - We will continue to develop college-wide responses to assist our colleagues in Florida and other areas.
  - All of this alerts us to the need to update our own Emergency Preparedness Plan. I have obtained a copy of our plan, dated 2008, and will soon form and charge a college-wide group to update this plan this year.
- **The 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11.** Like me, many here in the CCSF family grew up or have lived in New York City. Today I wanted to take the occasion of the anniversary to thank in particular all first responders everywhere. We thank all first responders for answering the call of duty everywhere and at all times.

I'll close with this poem that a faculty member was kind enough to share with me. It aired this morning on Garrison Keilor's, *The Writer's Almanac*.

# Nine-Eleven

By Charlotte Parsons

You passed me on the street  
I rode the subway with you  
You lived down the hall from me  
I admired your dog in the park one morning  
We waited in line for a concert  
I ate with you in the cafes  
You stood next to me at the bar  
We huddled under an awning during a downpour  
We dashed across the street to beat the light  
I bumped into you coming round the corner  
You stepped on my foot  
I held the door for you  
You helped me up when I slipped on the ice  
I grabbed the last Sunday Times  
You stole my cab  
We waited forever at the bus stop  
We sweated in steamy August  
We hunched our shoulders against the sleet  
We laughed at the movies  
We groaned after the election  
We sang in church  
Tonight I lit a candle for you  
All of you

Sincerely,

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