



Dear GWC Students, Faculty and Staff,

At Golden West College, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to being a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for every member of our community.

We also recognize that our community is facing new challenges and uncertainty. This is particularly true for our undocumented community and those with mixed status households.

As we face the uncertainty of potential policy changes head on, please know that Golden West College is here for you and we will navigate this together. Our campus is taking proactive and collective approach to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, faculty and staff. We have the resources and programs to ensure challenges do not keep you from achieving your educational and professional goals.

In keeping with our values, Golden West College ensures for All Students, Faculty, and Staff:

- **Student Privacy:** Your personal and educational information is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- **Immigration Status Protection:** We will not release student nor employee information to immigration enforcement authorities without a valid subpoena or court order.
- **Non-Discrimination:** We do not inquire about citizenship or immigration status except as required for financial aid or tuition determination for students.

Additionally, please see the [Attorney General's Office model policy and relevant guidance](#), regarding students' rights under state and federal immigration laws.

California and its Community Colleges remain sanctuary jurisdictions. The California Legislature enacted [Senate Bill 54](#), known as the California Values Act, and [Assembly Bill 21](#), to ensure that public and private institutions of higher education in California foster a campus community that is safe and supportive of all students, faculty, and staff, regardless of immigration status.

Your safety, well-being, and success remain our top priorities. You are not alone – we see you, we value you, and we will continue to stand alongside you.

In community and solidarity,
Golden West College