

## **YOUTH BURY THEIR DREAMS IN COFFIN AT DACA VIGIL**

*Eliminating DACA will place 800,000 young people at risk of deportation*

**What:** Anticipating the elimination of DACA, the group [Dreamers United](#) will host a [DACA Vigil](#) today, Monday, September 4, 2017 in front of the Federal Building from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Wearing black and in graduation caps, they will bury their dreams and aspirations in a coffin.

Dreamers are expected to speak at the vigil and organizers are asking attendees to make signs, dress in black and wear graduation caps for the dramatic and visual act.

Nearly one million youth who want nothing more than to work towards their American dream are at risk of losing their right to work and contribute to the country they call home.

“This is the country that made them who they are today and the country they are now helping build. This is the only country they know. They are our friends, neighbors, leaders, customers, students, colleagues and employees,” says Latino Memphis Executive Director Mauricio Calvo.

It has been reported that tomorrow President Trump will tell 800,000 young people, which were brought to our country as children, they are no longer eligible for a work permit and are now eligible for deportation.

“Join us, and tell Congress that working is not a crime and that you want and need DREAMERS to stay. Keep DACA and pass the Dream Act. It is the right thing to do, and it is the smart thing to do,” said Maria Rosales, DACA recipient and CBU freshman majoring in cyber security and digital forensics.

[DACA](#) has provided 8,300 Tennesseans protection from deportation and the ability to work and attend school. It gave them the opportunity to flourish. As we continue to work to attract much-needed talent to keep our city moving forward, we have these thousands of DACAdmented youth who have dreams and want to work right here in Memphis. Why have we made it a crime to want to work?

**Who:** Dreamers United

**When:** Monday, September 4, 2017 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Where:** In front of the Federal Building

**Visuals:**

DACA youth in graduation attire burying dreams and diplomas in a coffin  
Community supporters with signs

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