

# Statement from DC-CAP President on US Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action



I'm deeply disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision today to overturn 45 years of precedent around the importance of diversity in higher education and admissions. As a lawyer, an educator, and a college success advocate, I think it is critical that we be clear-eyed: diversity in higher education is absolutely critical. Our classrooms, neighborhoods, offices, boardrooms, and our democracy are stronger when we have a diverse set of people at the table.

Today the Supreme Court made it that much harder for students of color to have a seat at that table.

Whether it is NAEP scores, youth mental health surveys, or college success data, it's clear that decades of educational progress have been wiped away by COVID-19 and that the gaps for our black, brown, and low-income students are that much worse. We will have to double down our efforts against the status quo to educate and prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.

While the Supreme Court ruled today that it is unconstitutional for colleges to consider race in their applications, it will never be unconstitutional to donate and support organizations that are trying to make college a reality for students of color.

As an act of solidarity and hope, please join me today in supporting these organizations: **UNCF, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, APIA Scholars, American Indian College Fund, TheDream.US, Thurgood Marshall College Fund.**

I'm proud that the **DC College Access Program** this year supported more than 1,300 students with more than \$6M in college scholarship funding. Nearly 90 percent of our scholars are students of color. A donation to our org will continue to fund college success for DC's students. [You can donate here.](#)

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