

**ICE out of Cornell**

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# ICE History of Unrelentless Policy Enforcement

"Brutal policy of raids, deportations and family separations of immigrants, some of whom are apprehended at the border, some of whom have lived peaceably here in our country for decades before being stripped of their rights and ripped from their families and communities."

# Contracts

Cornell has multiple contracts with ICE for education and training services and technological equipment:

- PALANTIR
- ANDURIL

On campus recruitment events

Cornell Tech

# Undocumented Student Presence at Cornell

Undocumented student population on campus

- Administration refuses to share the estimated number of undocumented students on campus and claim this to be for safety reasons. However they also use this as a counter argument, claiming that there aren't "enough" undocumented students at Cornell, access to resources aren't a priority.

Students whom form part of mixed status families

International students

# Increased ICE presence

Ithaca Airport expansion → CBP

Lack of proper student detention  
procedure:

- Whatever lack of a protocol we currently have for this stressful situation, DT members were told that the best way to disclose deportation preparedness is through word of mouth.

# What we are asking...

For Cornell to abolish all professional, academic and financial ties with ICE

For Cornell students and faculty to refuse to participate in research funded by DHS

For Cornell administration and students to boycott and ban recruitment with entities affiliated with ICE

# Sanctuary Campus at Cornell

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# What is a sanctuary campus?

“Any college or university that implements policies to protect students, faculty and staff who are undocumented immigrants”



# Current Cornell Position

Statement by Martha Pollack in 2017:

“Cornell, since its founding, has been committed to diversity and inclusion, and DACA students are an integral part of our community. They were brought to this country before they had a choice in the matter, have grown up here, and are succeeding here despite significant challenges and obstacles. I believe they deserve a chance to fulfill their dreams”

Disclaimer: Martha, to this day, has never attended a CCSUS (Cornell Committee to Support Undocumented Students) meeting in the 3 years CCSUS has been established. No Cornell president has shown any physical solidarity for undocumented students.

# Cornell detainment procedure

CUPD has no formal protocol if a student is detained

The current procedure is unstructured and unreliable

- What undocumented students are expected to do is call CUPD, CUPD will then connect the student to the crisis team ( we still do not know who exactly is on the crisis team, nor what kind of training they have for deportation protocols). The crisis team's job is then to contact the student's family and professors to let them know they will be absent the next couple days.
- THERE IS CURRENTLY NO FORMAL LEGAL SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS ATTENDING CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

# Policies seen at other institutions

Preventing ICE from entering campus  
without a judicial warrant

Refusal of information sharing of  
immigration status with ICE

“Dont ask dont tell” policy

Campus wide education events

Confidential legal support

# Past incidents

Student threats to call ICE on undocumented peers

Tompkins county sheriff's deputy calling ICE on man seeking medical attention

Multiple ICE arrests in January of 20 18

# Student health and lifestyle

The risk of ICE and CBP interactions contributes to increased levels of fear, anxiety and worsening of mental health

Repression of comfort on campus and the surrounding areas

Undocumented students have consistently taken leaves of absences for mental health and/or extenuating circumstances—extending their time at Cornell due to the lack of resources that are unavailable and/or inaccessible for the undocumented student population.

# In Conclusion

Cornell University must commit to fostering a safe and nourishing environment for undocumented students by establishing a Sanctuary Campus, including but not limited to:

- Barring ICE officers from campus unless they possess a valid judicial warrant.
- Instructing campus police not to cooperate with ICE or CBP against members of the campus community when an official judicial warrant is unavailable;
- Refusing to share information about faculty or students' immigration status with ICE absent a court order, given FERPA rights; and
- Implementing a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy on student or faculty immigration status
- Facilitating “undocu-ally” workshops to educate students, faculty, and staff
- Providing confidential legal support to students with immigration law questions and issues
- Establishing an Undocumented Resource Center at Cornell University, overseen by the Associate Director for Student Empowerment and Undocumented/DACA Student Support.