

Dear Campus Community:

As you all may have learned this weekend, President Donald Trump signed an executive order affecting foreign nationals from seven countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Leaders at Gallaudet are currently reviewing all the information available and the impact it may have on the University community. We are concerned about the potential implications for our students, employees, and families. Until the situation is clarified, individuals holding legal visas and who are from the seven countries specified in the executive order may not want to leave the country.

In order to keep the Gallaudet community informed, we are taking the following steps:

- On Friday, January 27, the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) manager, Mona McCubbin, addressed an assembly of the English Language Institute on the topic. On Monday, the office will send a notice to all international students inviting them to come to the ISSS office to discuss their options in person.
- Faculty and staff who may be affected can address questions and concerns with Human Resources Services Director Christina Shen-Austin [\(202\) 250-2419](tel:202-250-2419) (VP) and [christina.shen-austin@gallaudet.edu](mailto:christina.shen-austin@gallaudet.edu).
- [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)\[click.iwsend.com\]](http://click.iwsend.com) is available for students in need. CAPS is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is closed each day between 12-1 p.m. for lunch.
- Students in need of assistance in any other area can contact the [Office of Student Affairs and Academic Support.\[click.iwsend.com\]](http://click.iwsend.com)

Gallaudet is proud to be a University that welcomes and supports deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing international students, faculty, and staff from all over the globe. Our international community members bring to Gallaudet rich cultural heritages as well as signed and spoken native languages that add to the wonderful diversity of our campus. Showing our collective support for our international community is especially critical at this time.

We will continue to monitor this evolving situation and will share more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,  
Roberta J. Cordano  
**President**