

Over the last few months, NACAC, ACCIS (the Association of College Counselor in Independent Schools), and other educational organizations have made statements regarding recent legislation that could allow for the discrimination of individuals based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Since our Miami conference, the Presidential team and the Board have been discussing whether or not SACAC should join with those organizations in issuing a statement. With Lauren Sefton and Jessica Sant's help, the Board has approved the following statement that will be placed on our website.

"SACAC stands in support of the civil rights of all students and educators, no matter their race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, familial status, or ability. We remain committed to our mission to support and engage our collaborative network of enrollment and counseling professionals by promoting ethical responsibility, professional growth, access, advocacy, and outreach to help all students realize their postsecondary educational goals.

We support our colleagues as we collectively continue the daily work of guiding all of the students in our care.."

We are aware that there are many views on the subject, but we believe our statement both allows for those differing opinions yet supports our mission. You can access NACAC's statement here. Please feel free to contact me, Lauren Sefton, or Connie Scrivens if you have any questions or concerns.

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