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ASCA Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Higher Education Decision

The Supreme Court's decision in *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard* and *SFAI v. University of North Carolina* is a step backward for college admissions opportunities for students of color and for the United States. This ruling ignores the positive impact of equitable policies and could perpetuate practices that contribute to systemic oppression.

As advocates for the equitable treatment of all students, school counselors work to remove barriers and close achievement and opportunity gaps. Affirmative action in college admissions has played a valuable role in promoting equity and ensuring diverse campuses and richer learning environments for all students.

"All students deserve access to higher education," said Jill Cook, CAE, ASCA executive director. "This egregious decision removes protections that help students from historically marginalized populations have equitable access to resources to help them reach their education and career goals."

Although the impact on K-12 schools is unknown at this time, school counselors will continue to create equitable opportunities and inclusive environments for all students.

[Read ASCA's joint statement](#) with the National Association of College Admission Counselors and access NACAC's [resources for colleges admissions](#).