

March 25, 2019

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Dr. Robert C. Robbins – President, University of Arizona The University of Arizona Tucson, AZ 85721

Re: Student Code of Conduct Complaint Denisse Mureno-Melchor / ASUA

Dr. Robbins:

On March 20, 2019 *The Daily Wildcat (see attached)* published an article entitled "UA students protest presence of Border Patrol agents on campus." The article stated, "University of Arizona students protested U.S. Border Patrol's presence on campus during Spring Career Days on Wednesday, March 20...Denisse, a Mexican-American studies major, organized the protest." At or around the same time, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona publicly published a letter with the University's name and logo (*see attached*) regarding the Border Patrol agents' visit and invitation to the campus of the University of Arizona. Within the letter, student leadership communicated concern for those engaged in illegal conduct by stating, "...USBP on campus creates an environment which negatively impacts our DACA and undocumented community."

On March 22, 2019 at approximately 9:53 a.m. I spoke with Border Patrol Agent Art Del Cueto. Agent Del Cueto is a Vice President of the National Border Patrol Council (*NBPC*) and additionally serves as the President of the National Border Patrol Local 2544 in Arizona. Agent Del Cueto has be a Border Patrol Agent for 16 years, represents over 15,000 Border Patrol Agents nationally and nearly 3,000 agents locally within the State.

Agent Del Cueto spoke to me of an incident which was video-taped, reported on and written about concerning an event his members and fellow agents were involved in on the aforementioned date of March 20th, 2019. Two on-duty uniformed Border Patrol Agents were invited to the University of Arizona to speak at a career day event for criminal justice students. During the agents' presentation within a University classroom, Agent Del Cueto stated a University of Arizona student by the name of Denisse Mureno-Melchor (*see attached*) interrupted the class and used a cell phone to video record her contact. Moreover, upon their exiting the classroom and leaving the campus, Agent Del Cueto said the invited Border Patrol Agents were then followed out by the same student, Denisse Mureno-Melchor. She not only videotaped her pursuit of the agents but also, on the campus and in the presence of others, with a loud voice repeatedly shouted at the agents "Murder Patrol" and in Spanish told them to "Go suck dick."

Denisse Mureno-Melchor's conduct appears consistent with a concern written about and

published by the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA – see attached). ASUA Student leadership communicated their belief that the presence of the U.S. Border Patrol on the University's campus "...will always be immensely harmful to our DACA and undocumented community." This ASUA support of those engaged in criminal conduct is alarming. Furthermore, Denisse Mureno-Melchor's conduct appears in conflict with and in violation of the University's Code of Conduct – Policy 5-308. The tax-payer funded University of Arizona states clearly in their policy, "The educational process is ideally conducted in an environment that encourages reasoned discourse, intellectual honesty, openness to constructive change, and respect for the rights of all individuals." It seems the same policy also defines code of conduct acts demonstrated by Denisse Mureno-Melchor. These acts include but are not limited to:

- endangering
- fabrication
- stalking
- causing reasonable apprehension of harm or engaging in conduct or communications that a reasonable person would interpret as a serious expression of intent to harm
- unauthorized presence
- engaging in discriminatory activities, including harassment
- the commission of any offense prohibited by state or federal law or local ordinance

Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) 13-2904 addresses disorderly conduct. A person commits disorderly conduct if, with the intent to disturb the peace or quiet of a neighborhood, family or person, or with knowledge of doing so, such person engages in:

- seriously disruptive behavior or
- makes unreasonable noise or uses abusive or offensive language or gestures to any person present in a manner likely to provoke immediate physical retaliation by such person or
- makes any protracted commotion, utterance or display with the intent to prevent the transaction of the business of a lawful meeting, gathering or procession

The University's Code of Conduct states the President of the University has the authority to enforce the Student Code of Conduct. This authority extends to students (*Denisse Mureno-Melchor*) and to student organizations (*ASUA*). A goal of this Code of Conduct is to facilitate and encourage self-discipline and a respect for the rights of others.

Judicial Watch is assisting Border Patrol Agent Art Del Cueto in alleging University of Arizona student Denisse Mureno-Melchor's conduct on or around March 20, 2019 is in violation of the University's Code of Conduct and in violation of ARS 13-2904. Additionally, Agent Del Cueto is alleging the aforementioned and attached published letter of the ASUA is in violation of the Code of Conduct. We are requesting a formal investigation of the allegations by you and/or your staff (i.e. Dean of Students) and also an appropriate response, intervention, sanction and/or action if/when the allegations are sustained.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request or any portion thereof, please contact us immediately at 602.510.7875 or mspencer@judicialwatch.org.

Sincerely,

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University of Arizona students protested U.S. Border Patrol's presence on campus during Spring Career Days on Wednesday, March 20.

Denisse, a Mexican-American studies major, organized the protest.

"Yesterday, Border Patrol was invited to campus to recruit at the career fair," Denisse said. "They were also invited by the criminal justice club. I walked out of class and saw two Border Patrol agents in the hallway in Modern Languages, and I was like, 'You're supposed to be at the career fair that ended an hour ago.' So then I was like, 'Get out,' and started chanting, disrupting that space until they left. Literally walked them all the way to their cars until they left."

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Wildcat Family,

Earlier this week, U.S Border Patrol (USBP) was present at a career fair hosted at the University of Arizona. Although we recognize their attendance was solely to recruit students to join their workforce, the presence of uniformed USBP agents on our campus, especially without warning was, is, and will always be immensely harmful to our DACA and undocumented community.

As the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, we have an obligation and a responsibility to protect, support and speak out for all Wildcats, including our DACA and undocumented students. Simply put, unannounced visits by the U.S. Border Patrol are unacceptable. The same day USBP agents were present on campus, a Tueson family was arrested and detained by USBP only mere miles from the UA. The concerns students have of USBP presence on campus are real, they are valid, and they need to be heard.

We want to stress the importance of notifying students, especially our DACA and undocumented students, in advance of visits by USBP. It is also necessary to understand the mere presence of USBP on campus creates an environment which negatively impacts our DACA and undocumented community.

Every single UA student, faculty, and staff deserves and has the right to feel safe within our campus community. ASUA will work with the UA Administration as well as the entire campus community to take the necessary steps to ensure all Wildcats feel safe and supported on campus. These steps include assessing changes to UA policy and procedures that better support our students.

We want to thank every single student and campus member who has raised their voices for our incredible community of DACA and undocumented Wildcats.

In solidarity,

Natalynn Masters

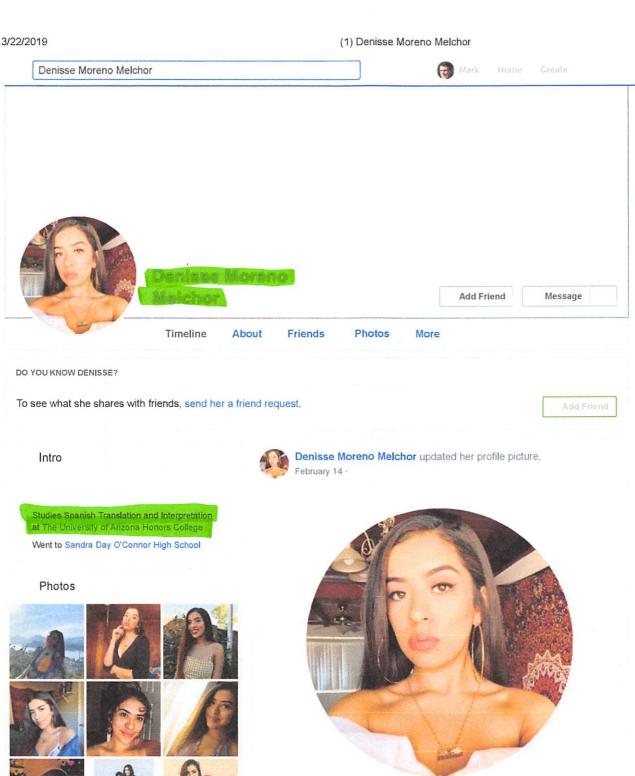
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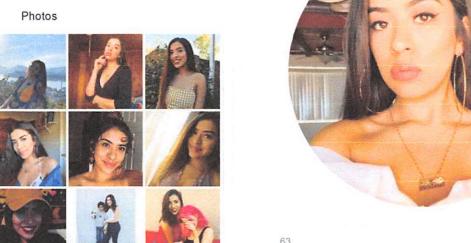
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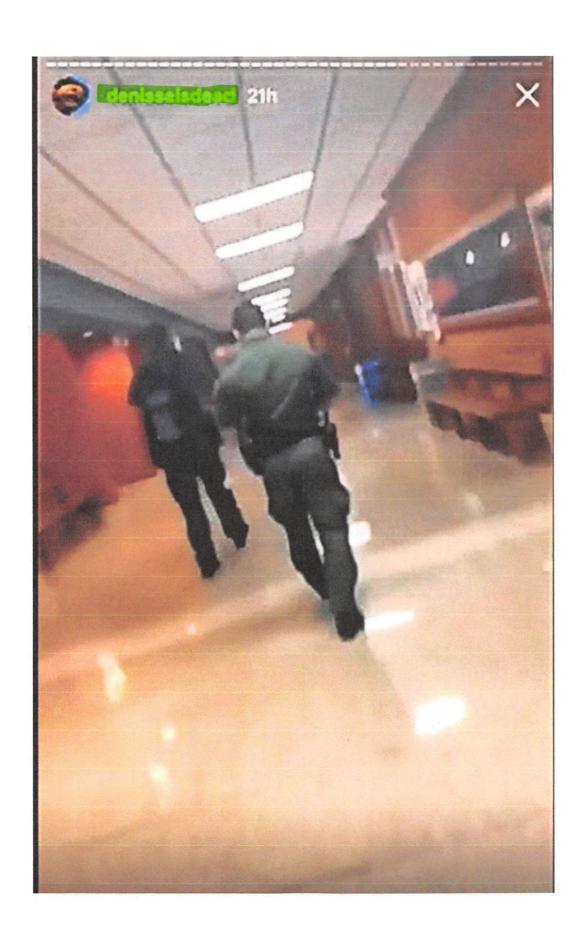






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