

Student Leadership Testimonials:

- Aleeza Carruthers, Student Senate President: The Student Senate stand together in condemnation of the proposed “MOA: 287(g) Task Force Model” because it threatens the safety, trust, and community we’ve built on this campus. Santa Fe College prides itself on the exceptional trust between students and campus police, carefully built over years of mutual respect and engagement. Chief Book frequently partners with us on political advocacy efforts and speaks to Senate each semester to address student concerns. Officer Debley served as the advisor for fencing club, demonstrating SFPD’s genuine commitment to student life. Yet, the administration’s intent to use this trust as a vehicle for mandatory immigration enforcement risks eroding it entirely. ICE’s record of ethnic profiling, due-process violations, and documented violence stands in stark contrast to our culture of respect for our country’s constitution and to one another. By signing this MOA, the college would irrevocably link SFPD with ICE. It will jeopardize the trust we have worked so hard to build, particularly for our international, immigrant, and Latino students. It will discourage students from seeking help or reporting crimes, ultimately undermining campus safety for everyone. We ask Board of Trustees to postpone consideration of this agreement until a thorough analysis can be conducted of its impact on student trust and campus safety, and we ask that they involve Students and Student Government in every step of that review.
- Tre Mobley, Journalism Club Senator: My time at Santa Fe has been short, but in that very short period, I have felt accepted and safe. With that acceptance and feeling of safety, I've been able to write freely and comfortably and create a club and magazine that I cherish. I've been able to hang out with my friends, I've been able to go to Senate meetings, I've been able to attend classes, and I fear that inviting ice onto the campus, even just in training, puts that safety and comfort in jeopardy. the position of police officers on Santa Fe campus is to help us maintain that safety, but with this training I don't feel more safe I feel afraid. If the police officers can give me one way, and I really mean just one way, that ice training would make me as an individual safer than I would be for it, but the only thing that this promotes is the restriction of Rights and the destruction of the freedoms that I so truly cherish.

Anonymous Student Testimonials:

- I feel like that the presence of ICE and ICE officers within our campus would create a culture of fear and intimidation throughout the whole campus, they have already hauled students away and arrested them at other colleges and universities due to them being transfer students or simply being another ethnicity, especially after Trump's post on Twitter saying he'll go after homegrown citizens, and having their visas revoked. As a student, I also feel like ICE will also be utilized for going after those with disabilities as well, due to RFK Jr.'s and the Administration's current plans to make it not only more difficult for them, but also more hostile too, and as someone who has autism, I cannot help but feel that with how deep they're going to try and make this rabbit hole go, I cannot help but fear for my own life, as well as fear for the lives of my fellow peers. Up until this point, this semester felt like a place I could feel safe, and hearing that this campus is contemplating on making a deal with the Trump administration and ICE to have ICE officers here make me genuinely horrified, shocked, and appalled, even to the point to where I'm genuinely questioning why I should even keep attending here.
- As someone who immigrated to the USA legally and obtained citizenship legally, I still worry in fear everyday of me or my members of my family getting unlawfully detained. Every time I hear a new story about an immigrant getting detained (whether they're a citizen or not) it genuinely scares me, especially as someone who switches languages with family and is open about my immigration to this country. I fear that one day me or members of my family will be detained and sent back even though we've come here legally and been law abiding citizens. My guard is up when it comes to meeting new individuals because I'm unsure of where they stand and if they could possibly report me. If the ICE agreement were to be signed I don't think I'll feel safe being on campus anymore or at least to the degree in which I've felt in the past.
- I strongly oppose the Santa Fe campus police receiving ICE training because it would undermine the trust and safety of our campus community. As a student, I want to feel secure contacting campus police without fear of immigration enforcement. If our officers were trained by ICE, undocumented students and those from mixed-status families might feel afraid to seek help, report crimes, or access campus resources. This would create a chilling effect, making our campus feel less inclusive and more hostile. I worry about the potential for racial profiling, discrimination, and a shift in priorities—from protecting students to enforcing immigration laws. Colleges should be places of learning and support, not fear. Keeping campus police separate from federal immigration enforcement helps ensure that everyone feels welcome and safe regardless of background.

- When I came to Santa Fe I was on one degree path and as is incredibly common, I ended up changing my path. I fell in love with my on campus job where I help with research on how Santa Fe can make changes to better support its students. I actually want to come back and work for Santa Fe. I fell in love with the genuine desire to help people. However, ICE Raids are not a part of what I love. I've met students from Peru, Venezuela, Norway, France, Columbia and El Salvador and its been one of the most enriching parts of my experience here. I won't drop a name but I know someone who works on campus who has told me she's been scared. She is a green card holder and with the reality that status just isn't an actual concern for ICE its brought tension. It breaks my heart. I would sincerely hope that Santa Fe remain as a pillar of support for our international students.
- Training the SFPD for ICE is foolish. The idea as a whole is invalidating our rights as US citizens. As mentioned in the document, officers would only need suspicion to arrest students and this order would allow them to do so without warrant. Why bother to show up to school when we need to fear that, even if we're US citizens, looking like a different ethnicity or speaking in our native tongue could get us thrown into a detention center with no warning just because the officer may have a suspicion. SFPD being trained for ICE will make students feel like fish in a shark tank. You will never feel comfortable on campus when showing your face will get you interrogated, and even going as far as to get you arrested for a crime you never committed. This training is an excuse to give police more abuse of their power than they already have by allowing them to now make unwarranted accusations and arrests. Overall, SFPD should not be trained by ICE under any circumstances and ICE should be removed from SF campus as a suspicion is all they need to warrant an unlawful arrest.
- Santa Fe has always been student focused compared to other large campus's. Giving the SF police power to arrest students just for speaking their native tongue is a complete contradiction on what Santa Fe is known for. Students love Santa Fe for their connectivity and community, allowing SF police to make decisions based on looks or language is unsettling and unsafe for students. With an increase of officers stalking students on campus, students are threatened with being arrested just for looking a certain way, speaking a certain language, or associating with people who look a certain way. SF Officers are not trusted with this amount of power as on Nov. 7, 2024, 2 Santa Fe Officers were caught on BWC footage, joking about Suicide Hotline rates while going to arrest an American student for firearm possession. Suddenly other legal students with hispanic backgrounds such as I, Victor Leonardo Rojas, feel threatened on the racial profiling that will happen on Santa Fe Campus if this continues.

- I am against the draft agreement as I believe it would not only raise fears among students if they are arrested for being suspected of immigration despite not being one but also invalidating our rights as US Citizens. Students should be focused on their education, not developing psychological trauma due to SFPD arresting students based on speculation. What is the point of going through all that training if students are scared? These students should not have to feel like they need to walk on eggshells due to the fear of getting arrested even if they are innocent. The school should provide safety to the students, not making them feel scared for their life. Despite being a US citizen, I and many other students have come from immigrant families. Our families would be torn apart and all for what? Federal forces coming in by the government to deport families? No student or family member should suffer psychological trauma because of this. Not to mention that all of this reminisces of 1930's Nazi Germany, where officers would take away those they deemed unfitting to what they see as "normative." Ranging from targeting by not only appearance but by names, what languages they spoke and also family heritage and racial profiling them too. In the end, this is just a repeat of a historical event from over a century ago.
- Allowing SFPD to be trained as ICE will create a truly terrifying atmosphere on campus. Students will be scared of being detained, even wrongfully, based on potentially just looks. It will be a localized Red Scare and is entirely unacceptable for a college campus. I do not want myself or my friends' educations to suffer because of this. There's no good reason for ICE to be at a school, a place of learning and community.
- As a Hispanic queer individual this makes me really worried about coming to school and how to feel when I walk by campus police. It honestly hasn't even hit me that this is real because I don't know how to phantom the fact that I might be at risk of being targeted for something that I'm not always consciously thinking about. I am telling myself that it'll be fine and that I'm legal here and was born here but realistically I don't know how far that'll take me or save me. I'm also incredibly worried for a lot of the people both at la fortuna or people who eat from there.
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- Campus should be a safe space for everyone to learn. By having such a intrusive authority breathing down our necks it will distract from our educational environment and draw people away from wanting to enroll or continue to enroll.
- As a student at Santa Fe College and a proud Puerto Rican, I feel deeply disturbed by the implementation of the 287(g) Task Force Model MOA. This agreement effectively turns local police officers into federal immigration agents, blurring the line between public safety and immigration enforcement in all the wrong ways. For students like me, especially those from immigrant families or who simply look the part, this agreement creates a chilling atmosphere of fear and distrust. Even though I'm not technically an immigrant, I know exactly how this plays out. It puts a target on the backs of people who look like me, speak like me, or come from the same communities. Suddenly, your accent, your skin tone, or your last name becomes a reason to be stopped, questioned, or worse. That is not safety. That is profiling. On top of the emotional toll, this MOA also pushes legal boundaries. It risks violating the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches, the Fourteenth Amendment's promise of equal protection, and Title VI, which bars discrimination in federally funded programs. It also threatens due process and the balance between federal and local authority. Deputizing local law enforcement without adequate training or oversight is like giving someone a badge and a blindfold. It is reckless. Colleges are supposed to be spaces of growth and opportunity, not places where students worry about being targeted for simply existing. Agreements like 287(g) do not make us safer. They make

students like me feel vulnerable, unwelcome, and constantly on edge. And that is not just unfair. It is unconstitutional.

- The training of SFPD to implement ICE protocols is a completely deplorable act toward the Santa Fe community. With a vast amount of the student body being made up of international students and American citizens who are of multicultural backgrounds, implementing such overbearing actions will no doubt cause a large strain between the institution and the community due to the previous actions and ideals that the force perpetuates. I know that if I was still a student here, even with my American origins, I would feel unsafe and terrified to tread anywhere on campus.
- As a white, natural-born U.S. citizen, I feel a moral and civic responsibility to speak out against this proposed agreement. I strongly oppose it, as it would severely damage community trust in the Santa Fe Police Department (SFPD) and compromise the safety and well-being of students and families, especially those from immigrant backgrounds. This agreement would empower local officers to operate under partial supervision of ICE, grant them authority to detain and arrest individuals without a warrant, and obligate them to transport people to ICE custody based on suspected immigration violations. These deeply troubling powers contradict the principles of due process and community-based policing. Research shows that collaboration between local police and ICE leads to decreased crime reporting within immigrant communities. For example, a recent study published in the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* demonstrates the harmful effects of local law enforcement collaboration with ICE. According to this research, undocumented immigrants are significantly less likely to report crimes they witness (down by 60.8%), report crimes they are victims of (down by 42.9%), or access public services (down by 69.6%) when local police enforce immigration laws. Such fear-driven disengagement ultimately harms the safety of the entire community. These findings underscore the detrimental effects of such agreements on community safety and trust. The 287(g) program, which allows local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws, has been shown to erode public safety by instilling fear within immigrant communities. This fear leads to decreased cooperation with law enforcement, hindering the reporting of crimes and the pursuit of justice. Additionally, the use of terms like “aliens” is dehumanizing and promotes xenophobia. The American Psychological Association and other institutions have called for retiring such language because it reinforces harmful stereotypes and contributes to discrimination. Allowing officers to transport individuals to ICE custody based on suspected immigration violations effectively turns the SFPD into an extension of federal immigration enforcement. This conflicts with Santa Fe’s commitment to a safe and inclusive community. Similar sanctuary policies protect residents by limiting local law enforcement’s role in immigration

enforcement, safeguarding constitutional rights. On campus, this agreement would foster fear and instability. Students from immigrant families may skip classes, avoid services, or even drop out to protect themselves and their families. This undermines education's fundamental mission: to provide a safe, equitable, and welcoming space for all students to learn and thrive. Signing this agreement would permanently alter my perception of the SFPD—from trusted protectors to agents of fear and displacement. I urge the Board of Trustees to reject this partnership, which undermines human rights and public trust.

- As a student at Santa Fe College, I respectfully but firmly oppose the proposal for SFPD officers to receive ICE training and the associated authority to interrogate, detain, and arrest individuals based on immigration status. While I am a U.S. citizen and may not be directly impacted by this agreement, I am deeply concerned for fellow students who may be undocumented or come from mixed-status families. These students are here to pursue education and build better futures, yet this agreement would place them under a cloud of fear. For instance, the fear of being stopped, profiled, or even deported while simply trying to succeed. I am currently supporting my mother as she works toward obtaining permanent residency. She entered this country undocumented after enduring severe psychological abuse and exploitation from my biological father. She came here to protect herself and to give me a chance at a better life since my father wanted to end mine from conception. Had it not been for her courage, I would not be here today. I share this personal story because it illustrates the complex realities many immigrants face—realities rooted not in criminality, but in survival and hope. Additionally, this agreement would not only fracture trust between students and campus police but also create an atmosphere of fear and anxiety, especially for those already facing immense pressures financially, emotionally, and academically. Our college should be a place of safety, inclusion, and opportunity, not a place where students are afraid of being detained while pursuing their dreams. Lastly, while I understand and respect the role of law enforcement, I would be deeply offended to be stopped or questioned simply because of my race. I have seen the headlines of Latino Americans being racially profiled, “mistaken” for undocumented individuals, and treated as suspects based on appearance alone. Even though I know I have nothing to fear legally, I would still feel the sting of racial discrimination. For all these reasons, I stand in solidarity with those opposing this agreement. I am willing to speak further on my perspective if needed. Thank you for this opportunity to use my voice with pride.
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- I disagree with signing this agreement. I live in fear already of my friends being taken away by ICE not because they are "aliens" but because they don't look like the "typical American". I have had friends from other colleges tell me about how someone who was here with a legal green card for school was detained by ICE and not even the school heard anything about why or where the student might be. We shouldn't have to live in fear of our friends or family being taken away where we will never see them or hear from them again, and by signing this agreement it only increases the amount of fear we all have to live with.
- As a student, this scares me. This is another way for ICE to continue to detain and deport without proper proof that they are illegal. There have been countless cases of US citizens who were born and raised in countries before being deported to countries that they had never set foot in before. I'm scared for my friends who are POC and even for myself as an LGBT/neurodivergent person. I'm scared of what this means for a campus I feel safe in, because if this is signed and goes into effect, this will no longer be the case.
- Up until now, my college experience at Santa Fe College has been a blast. I've met so many new people, joined awesome clubs, and most importantly, I've felt widely safe and accepted for who I am. Unfortunately, with these recent events, I am not only concerned for myself, but for the sake of others. I express worry for both friends and acquaintances, coming from all backgrounds. I want everyone to express themselves freely and to continue their education in peace.
- We decline to assist with ICE collaboration without due process. The rights of all citizens and non citizens must exist in coherence to exist within a democracy. Due process for some leads to due process for none. In respect to our forefathers and political entities before me I cannot in good conscience allow violence against peoples without regard for the violent consequences it will ensue.
- I think that this will create a lot of already present tension between students and our campus police. We have tons of international students, and

unfortunately, most people are not educated on how their constitutional rights as a whole.

- I already do not trust the police and this will certainly make me have even less faith in them. I doubt I would be willing to cooperate with them if this were to pass.
- The campus police should drive to be a safe place for all students and this act could jeopardize the trust they have built with the student body.
- If this happened, my trust and willingness to aid the SFPD would drop dramatically.