Education Abroad (EA KC)
A Roadmap for Expanding your Global Internship Portfolio with Providers
Demand for global internships has risen over the past decade with each university choosing to handle demand inhouse or seek partnership with providers. Beginning with a brief comparison of global internship models, this session will create a roadmap for vetting a new global internship provider and how to determine best strategic alignment, beginning with how to source and determine new providers, followed by defining the parameters for review. Drawing from a university and provider perspective the session will be able to highlight overall best practices.

Best Practices to Connect International Fieldwork and Project-Based Learning
Project-based learning in an international context presents great opportunities for students to explore real-world problems through deep and meaningful community engagement. In this session, we will explore best practices to conduct international fieldwork in ways that are ethical, sustainable, and responsible to achieve the most positive outcomes for all - local community, student, and institution.

Education Abroad Visa Critical Update
This session provides study abroad advisers with updates on student visa procedures for France, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, and other countries. Presenters will lead discussions for each of the focus countries. Attention will also be given to the Schengen area, FBI background checks, and international students.

Exchanges in the 21st Century: Balancing Support and Independence
Today’s students prioritize and demand a high level of support. Exchanges facilitate unique student experiences, increases in access and inclusiveness, and opportunities for deeper learning outcomes, yet they have not always provided the same type of hands-on support as other program types. This session examines strategies for meeting student expectations throughout advising, pre-departure, on-program, and post-program while also encouraging and developing student independence.

Fast Pass: Harnessing Group Dynamics in Advising
This session will explore an advising model that CU is experimenting with to target its most popular programs and the population they attract. The goal of this strategy is to get students started on apps early, avoid a pre-deadline rush, and even out staff workload. This initiative culminated in a Fast Pass to Europe event where our office went to a popular location on campus to promote this set of programs, offer general advising on them, and push early applications. We'll discuss our marketing plan for the event, ongoing efforts, lessons learned, and suggested implementation strategies.
Gen Z: Study Abroad Programming For A New Generation
This session aims to define Generation Z within the context of education abroad while exploring the values and habits that influence their decision making. These values include the importance of sustainability, diversity and parental influence within the framework of mental health. This session will provide guidelines for catering to these values in education abroad and explore how the habit of social media use influences each of these core values. Participants will be able to identify the core values of Generation Z and learn techniques to implement in education abroad offices.

Increasing and Improving Indigenous Student Mobility
Less than 1% of the U.S. students studying abroad are Native American students. A panel of institutions will present what obstacles their indigenous students face when planning, funding, and studying abroad; what their demographics are for indigenous student inbound and outbound study abroad; and initiatives they are engaging in to increase and improve indigenous student mobility. Funding and advising resources and other best practices will be shared and audience will workshop short term and long term plans for improving indigenous student mobility at their own institutions.

International Education Leadership (IEL KC)
LINK Global Women's Leadership Networking Open Event
Advance your leadership and self-empowerment skills in this open networking event. The Global Leadership League is a vibrant NEW membership organization designed to build the competency of women leaders in the field of global education for the benefit of their organizations and themselves. Everyone is invited to meet with other women in the region for this informal networking event.

Campus-Wide International Events: Step-by-Step Guide to Success
In 2018, the University of Kansas celebrated its 3rd International Jayhawk Festival. This event attracts 1000+ students, and promotes intercultural awareness and engagement through cultural performances, interactive activities, a student art exhibit, and an information fair. In addition, the festival has increased collaborative efforts and campus buy-in for internationalization. Using this event as a framework, this session will help you develop a structure, identify partners, and create a marketing strategy for your own internationally-themed event.

New Definitions of Leadership and Negotiation
Recent research indicates gender bias in international education. This session challenges leaders to embrace the changes required to reverse this. Participants will develop a new definition of leadership and negotiation, identify strategies for overcoming barriers and learn to leverage these tools of empowerment.
International Enrollment Management (IEM KC)

Developing an Email Communications Plan to Recruit International Students
In the session we will discuss ways to develop and implement a comprehensive email communication plan for lead nurturing. We will dive into identifying and setting goals, establishing an email series, and best practices to turn a lead into an applicant and beyond. You will hear from InternationalStudent.com, a company that sends over 8M emails each year as well as other international educators who are in the trenches using email to recruit international students.

How Culture Impacts Credentials: Secondary Documentation and Admission Trends
By looking at samples of secondary documentation from countries with the largest international populations in our region, we hope to stimulate conversation about the types of documentation seen in international admission offices and how those documents can be a cultural reflection of the applicants/students. Please join us to share your insights and perspectives.

Maximize International Recruitment through U.S. Departments of Commerce and State
This session will present a clear understanding as to how the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of State EducationUSA can help U.S. educational institutions recruit students from around the globe as well as assist to identify high potential markets for international student recruitment. The speakers will provide attendees with examples of these agencies numerous programs, collaboration on education missions and updates on additional initiatives.

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS KC)

ISSS Outreach: Making Connections and Maximizing Social Media Tools
This roundtable will facilitate conversations about our ISS offices' outreach initiatives. We will discuss how our offices employ face-to-face meetings, presentations, workshops, and social media to maximize campus engagement with international student issues, immigration updates, and events. Please bring one or two examples of what works well on your campus to share during this discussion!

Advising Spectrum: Exploring Interpretations on Regulatory Complexities
This interactive session will give advisors an opportunity to explore and discuss how other various institutions advise on F-1 regulations and benefits, including topics such as OPT, CPT, RLCs, extensions, terminations, reinstatements, transfers, on-campus employment, academic probation/suspension.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Issues
We anticipate that CBP will give an overview of their process, discuss current trends, and offer solutions for issue resolution.

Department of State - Your Exchange Visitor Program Questions Answered
Department of State Representatives will be invited to speak about the Exchange Visitor Program goals, new resources available to advisors, trends and upcoming changes that could affect J1 exchange visitors as well as schools reporting and record keeping requirements.
H-1B Filings in the Age of “Buy American, Hire American”
More than a year after it was issued, the Buy American, Hire American Executive Order has resulted in heightened scrutiny and evolving adjudications of H-1B filings by institutions of higher education. This presentation will provide updates on current trends in USCIS processing of H-1B petitions and provide tips for preparing initial H-1B filings, responding to Requests for Evidence, and maintaining sanity in an increasingly hostile adjudicatory environment.

H-1B Processing: Common Pitfalls and Best Practices
This session will provide a review of processing an H-1B petition from start to finish, highlighting pitfalls, challenges, and best practices. We will also discuss the increase in Requests for Evidence (RFEs) and effective ways to respond to them.

International Student Orientation: Common Approaches & Successful Practices
This session is designed as a round table discussion of the various approaches to international student orientations across campuses. Specifically addressing format, curriculum, advertising and assessment methods among other topics, we hope that attendees can come away with new ideas and/or a good benchmarking set to use in their own orientation practices.

Non-semester systems and CFRs
How does the Code of Federal Regulations impact institutions that host F-1 students and operate on systems other than the traditional semester systems? Institution on quarter, trimester, and other session systems might encounter challenges in interpreting the regulations as they related to their academic calendars. This session explores admission, vacation eligibility, students transferring to and from institutions on different session systems, SEVIS registration, full course of study, the length of an academic year, and more.

Permanent Residency Sponsorship for Beginners
This presentation will provide an explanation of employment-based permanent residency sponsorship categories commonly used at colleges and universities and go into some detail regarding processing. It will also cover best practices and common pitfalls. The participant should leave feeling more confident about handling these types of cases.

Retention: The Critical Role of an International Student Advisory Committee
When an international student is placed on academic suspension, it is overwhelming to the student, to the family and to the support system the student has developed in the US. Students feel helpless, fearing to communicate what can be seen as failure in some countries. In most cases, the student must return home in keeping with SEVIS regulations. With a focus on retention, we will discuss the role of an international student advisory committee with membership from counseling, faculty, learning support, admissions, campus security, housing, athletics, and an international student.

SEVP Information & Trending Issues
Representatives from SEVP will be invited to share helpful resources and information about the Student and Exchange Visitor Program. Current International Student and Scholar Advisors
will engage SEVP in discussions about trending topics such as emergency preparedness, reporting requirements, record keeping requirements, upcoming changes that may impact F1 international students and more.

So, a Student Walks into Your Office and Says ...
There are times when a student comes to an advisor to discuss immigration matters which can become complicated. Often, it is appropriate to refer the student to legal counsel, but an advisor should have an understanding of these complex issues to best support the student. This presentation will consider Change of Status, Reinstatement, TPS, Asylum/Refugee issues, DACA, and criminal charges to help an advisor prepare the student for the next step. This session will offer advice on how to facilitate good communication between the student, legal counsel, and the international office.

Training International Students on Emotional Wellness and Mental Health Awareness
In this session, we will discuss effective strategies to talk about emotional and mental health awareness with international students. We will specifically discuss ways to help mitigate stress, ease culture shock, and overcome the stigma to empower students to be emotionally and mentally healthy. We will share strategies to talk about mental health, ways to create a community, help students maintain a healthy lifestyle, and seek help when necessary. Attendees will also be provided with free, comprehensive resources to educate and train their international students on these issues.

USCIS Hot Topics from an Immigration Advisor Perspective
This session will delve into USCIS trending issues, as well as protocol to request assistance with these issues.

Shared Interest (Not KC-specific)
Book Discussion Lunch
We will discuss the book "Saving Fish from Drowning" by Amy Tan. Reading of the book is not required. Participants can still join the group for lunch and can participate in the discussion. Information on the book can be found at https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/9503.Saving_Fish_from_Drowning?from_search=true.

Intro to NAFSA Academy for Professional Development
Join those interested in applying for the NAFSA Academy to discuss the benefits to both oneself and their institution. Learn from current participants about how this opportunity for professional development helps those with or without IE experience prepare for leadership roles and connect their role to the institution’s comprehensive IE plan.

Build Your Career! Volunteer with NAFSA!
Learn about the benefits of adding 'volunteering with NAFSA' to your professional development strategy. Gain opportunities to work on unique and interesting projects. Learn new skills and build your knowledge of international education trends. Expand your professional network while you deliver visibility for your institution. Perhaps even develop a few life-long friends along the way!
Cultivating collaboration between international and multicultural affairs: Inclusion for all
In this presentation we will discuss new initiatives at University of Nebraska-Lincoln that cultivates the collaboration between the global engagement and multicultural affairs to enhance international students' academic success and incorporate international students into diversity and inclusion efforts. Sample initiatives include Global peer mentors, student success seminars, programming, and connections between offices.

Everything you need to know about non-resident tax
The objective of the session is to inform the audience of the basic tax information and rules for international students and scholars in the US, as well as the implication of the new Tax Cuts & Jobs Act for international students and scholars. The topics to be covered include:
  1. Filing requirements
  2. Forms required
  3. Federal requirements
  4. State requirements
  5. Implications of non-filing
  6. Advice after mis-filing or not filing in previous years
  7. Impact of TCJA on non-residents
  8. ISSO approach to tax support
  9. Giving advice and liability issues for the ISSO
  10. Profile of students who currently file taxes

Improving Your Pronunciation of Chinese and Nepalese Names
Ever have trouble pronouncing names of students from various countries and backgrounds? Join us to learn tips and tricks for pronouncing Chinese and Nepalese names from both the native and non-native speaker perspective.

Mental Health and International Students: Research, Perspectives, and Innovation
Together we will examine the challenges facing international students and review past research which explores the various intersections of mental health and international study and acculturation. We will explore ways that counseling centers at institutions – like the University of Denver – endeavor to meet these students' needs. Finally, we will share early results of the two-year joint study conducted by The JED Foundation and Morneau Shepell analyzing the efficacy of a mental health management plan to support student wellness and improve student retention.

Supporting Faculty, Staff and Students in Intercultural Skills Development
The University of Kansas International Programs Division has developed a three-part Building Intercultural Skills (BIS) training program that offers foundational skills in intercultural communication to the campus community. This session will explore the development of the BIS curriculum, the engagement of campus partners (such as Human Resources) to support and sponsor the training series, and how this initiative has expanded to academic schools, administrative units and constituencies across the campus and beyond.
Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship (TLS KC)
Japanese University Events to Deepen Critical Thinking, Develop Intercultural Understanding

Before coming to the US, university students often lack sufficient opportunities to analyze and discuss real-world issues, exchange ideas with international students, improve their critical thinking, and develop their cross-cultural communication skills. This presentation will discuss six events (development, feedback, revision) created to meet these needs. It will also review the academic, linguistic, and experiential backgrounds of Japanese students. Based on the presenters’ research results, the content can be applied to students from many other countries.

Practical Implications for Supporting International Students of Color’s College Transition

In this session, we provide an overview of findings from an empirical study on the experiences of first year international Students of Color as they transitioned into their first year in college at a predominantly White institution. International Students of Color often experiences challenges related to language, culture, and political dynamics in the U.S. We will discuss practical implications for institutional agents to better support this population on U.S. campuses.