



# NAFSA REGION I NEWS

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## **EXPLORING THE HIDDEN GEMS** IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

We look forward to another great Region I conference in October. We hope you'll join us in Idaho, the "Gem State", at the **Riverside Hotel in Boise, October 20-23, 2015 !**

Our 2015 regional conference theme is "***Exploring the Hidden Gems in International Education***". Please read this update and stay tuned to future newsletters for information about the

conference.

Best, The Region I Team

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## Conference Registration Now Open

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Registration for the Region I Conference in Boise is now open for both attendees and exhibitors! [To register, visit the NAFSA Region I Conference page.](#) Early-Bird Registration Closes

September 19, 2015. A schedule-at-a-glance will be posted soon. We can't wait to see you in Boise!

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## Conference Hotel Reservations

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We are excited to welcome conference attendees to [The Riverside Hotel in Boise!](#)



To make a reservation over the phone, attendees should call the hotel at 208-343-1871 and request reservations under the group name: NAFSA - Association of International Educators, Region 1.

To book your reservation online, please visit our booking link. [Click here to make a reservation!](#)

Room rates: \$119/night (discounted room rate available until September 28th)

Note: The hotel has very limited ADA access, please indicate your needs when reserving rooms.

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## Awards Nominations - Nominate a Colleague!

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As the conference draws nearer, I wanted to take a minute to remind you that the program on Friday will feature our annual Awards/Business luncheon. The Awards portion of the luncheon is a chance for us to recognize three individuals who have shown outstanding commitment to or achievement in the field international education within Region I.

**NAFSAn of the Year** - Honors a current NAFSA member who has been active in NAFSA for five or more years. The individual may have served in a national leadership role, on the regional team, at regional or national conferences, as a mentor to colleagues, or in other noteworthy ways.

**Outstanding Service to Region I** - Honors a current NAFSA member whose outstanding service may have been for a specific project or may encompass different areas as with the NAFSAN of the year above. There is no required length of involvement in NAFSA.

**Outstanding Community Volunteer** - Honors a student or a community volunteer. This individual's contribution may have involved organizing and implementing international programs for the community, serving as a community resource for international students or campus staff, fostering international understanding with local schools or organizations, or educating others about

international and intercultural issues. The honoree does not need to be a member of NAFSA.

**Rising Star Award** - The Rising Star Young Leader Award is given annually in recognition of a professional who has impacted the field of international education during the first five years of the recipient's area of work. The rising star will have demonstrated a commitment to internationalization and an ingenuity of thought that has the potential for having substantial and lasting influence upon global education. May or may not be a NAFSA member, Has served in their present area of expertise/specialization no more than 5 years, Shows passion and has made significant contributions to their department, unit, institution, organization, to the NAFSA community, and/or to the field of international education.

Please consider nominating those special people from within your NAFSA area of interest, state, province, or community who always rise to the challenge. And remember that you don't need to work on your nomination alone; if you've got a great idea for a nominee, contact your friends and colleagues and enlist their support in writing the nomination. Nominations should include a description of the nominee's service and the contact information of both the nominee and the nominator. Nominations should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. PDT on Friday, October 2, and may be submitted via e-mail to [robertr@wsu.edu](mailto:robertr@wsu.edu). See you in Boise!

Sincerely,  
Robert J Rigg  
Chair-elect

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## Travel Grants

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NAFSA Region I supports colleagues who wish to advance their professional development by attending regional conference activities by offering a travel grant that will help defray the costs of attendance. The amount of the award will vary year to year depending on costs with a maximum award at \$750. Deadline is September 1st.

[Visit the NAFSA Region I website](#) for the criteria to apply and the travel grant application.

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## Volunteer for the Region I Conference

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Looking to get more involved in the conference? Volunteering is a great way to network while getting a behind-the-scenes look at the conference. We have opportunities for a number of areas including: registration, hospitality, session aids, etc. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact [Michelle Walters](#) .

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## Connect with Social Media for Conference News

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