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Conference Planning Begins for Vancouver, BC 2018

In January, the Region I executive team (right) traveled to Washington, DC to attend the 2018 NAFSA Washington Leadership Meeting (WLM). While there, the team started work on the upcoming Region I Conference to be hosted in Vancouver, BC (October 15-19).



[2018 Region I Conference details will be updated here following the March team leadership meeting!](#)



Advocacy with NAFSA

Now, especially, international education voices, stories, and experiences are essential to making an impact on Capitol Hill. Help speak out for the students, scholars, and policies that matter most by registering for [NAFSA's Advocacy Day 2018](#) (March 19-20). After a day of training and strategizing, you will head to Capitol Hill with all the tools you need to educate Congress on how international education impacts your state and district and why we need a more globally engaged and welcoming United States. Personal meetings will be scheduled for you with your elected officials and their staff in both the Senate and House of Representatives.

[Register Now!](#) Early bird registration closes February 20th.

Not able to attend Advocacy Day? Visit [Connecting Our World](#) to sign up for advocacy alerts, access toolkits, find your elected officials, and more. Contact the Region I [Advocacy Rep, Sharece Bunn](#), for more ways to connect and take action. Resolve to make 2018 a year of action, and get

involved now!



Region I Network to Launch in Coming Weeks

Region I now has its own [Network.NAFSA community](#)! In this new forum, members will have the opportunity to engage, share announcements, and seek input from regional colleagues.

A Network.NAFSA login is required to join the Region I moderated forum. However, login credentials are free and do not require a paid NAFSA membership. Our regional team is finishing some fine-tuning of the platform, but members are welcome to navigate over and take an early peek. We will be sending more details and network invites by email in the coming weeks. We look forward to connecting with you there!



Summer Conference 2018 will be held in Vancouver from June 17–20.



Attend the 2018 [British Columbia Council for International Education \(BCCIE\) Summer Conference](#) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada!

The BCCIE annual conference held June 17-20, 2018 hosts more than 500 educational sector participants from across BC, Canada and around the world to gather and discuss, share, and learn about the fields that comprise international education in BC and the world.

The theme of this year's conference is "[Things we should be talking about in International Education](#)" and the program features prominent speakers and scholars leading conversations that are driving our sector. Of particular note are our keynote speaker, the Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, Canada's first female Prime Minister, and Dr. Darla Deardorff, AIEA Executive Director and renowned international education scholar.

Early bird registration rates available until April 12, 2018. [Register today!](#)

Team Member Spotlight: Kristin Evans, Treasurer

Tell us about yourself and the work you do at the University of Washington Continuum College.

I work at the University of Washington Continuum College as a Program Support Supervisor. I wear a number of different hats, but my main responsibilities are overseeing our Events and Activities workgroup as well as managing our student employees.

Can you tell us about your participation on the NAFSA Region I team?

I recently started as the regional treasurer and prior to that I was the TLSKC (Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship Knowledge Community) Rep for one year.

How did you end up in the International Education Field?

I had the opportunity to go abroad for the first time (outside of day trips to Mexico and Canada) when I was in college. I went on a short program trip to Japan, then spent a year studying abroad in Thailand. My experiences abroad were some of the best and most impactful of my college career and opened my eyes to the wider world. After working for a few years in various capacities in education, I returned to Thailand to work for a study abroad program and have been working in the international education field since then.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

It is hard for me to pick one favorite thing to do outside of work. I like to stay active and get outside in the beautiful Pacific Northwest to hike, camp, bike, run, and swim. I also enjoy my indoor time reading, hanging out with friends, playing games, and bingeing on Netflix (or other streaming services).

What country is next on your bucket list and why would you like to visit it?

I am in the midst of planning a spring trip to Croatia, so I suppose that is next on my bucket list. I think that the gorgeous coastal pictures first sparked my interest. I am excited for visiting new cities and learning about a new place as well as some time sea kayaking in the south.



[Find contact info for Kristin or other Region I team members here!](#)

Knowledge Community Updates

EDUCATION ABROAD (EA) Knowledge Community

Three Free Resources:

[Strengthening Connections with Families to Expand Student Learning Abroad.](#)

Developed from a popular annual conference session in Los Angeles, Kira Espiritu, Paige Butler, and Sara Troy's presentation will help you identify good practices for engaging parents in the study abroad process and to expand your advising toolkit to meet the needs of parents and students.

[Expand Your Digital Toolbox to Improve Education Abroad Programs.](#)

This resource lists ways to assist you in learning how to use the rapidly evolving array of virtual programming tools to enhance student learning in experiential education programs.

[Peer to Peer Power.](#)

This resource is designed to help education abroad professionals increase student participation abroad and at home.

Symposium on International Faculty-Led Programs

Hosted by Portland State University in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, this event is designed to offer faculty, administrators, and providers a chance to share best practices in the field of international faculty-led programming. The Symposium seeks to create engaging learning experiences for attendees while offering opportunities for collaboration and professional

growth. [Register Now!](#)

[View the 2017 Schedule](#)

[Please click here](#) to nominate faculty to be recognized at the 2018 Symposium.



REGISTER NOW

SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

**FRIDAY
13
APRIL
2018**

Join faculty, administrators, and providers to share best practices in the field of international faculty-led programming. The 4th Annual Symposium seeks to create engaging learning experiences for attendees while offering opportunities for collaboration and professional growth.
*Note: If unable to attend the full event, attendees are welcome to attend any session(s) throughout the day.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT and SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS) Knowledge Community

The International Student and Scholar Regulatory Practice ([ISS RP](#)) Committee is pleased to share our IssueNet Quarterly Summary highlighting the top three issues reported through [IssueNet](#) that impact our work.

Top 3 Issues (and a "bonus" 4th!)

- H1-B denials and the 60-day window.
- SRC refusals of Authorized Early Withdrawal (AEW) reactivation requests.
- EAD cards not being received.
- Increased scrutiny at consular offices.

[...Read the full descriptions of the issues and learn about NAFSA's recent actions \(and some success stories\) for affecting change here.](#)

The Region I Regulatory Team would like to thank all of our members for submitting your cases to IssueNet regarding these and other issues. If you have additional cases that have not yet been submitted or other issues you are facing, please submit them on [IssueNet - Report An Issue](#)

[Government Voices Webinar: Exploring the International Student Life Cycle](#)

If you missed it, [watch the recording](#) of the webinar hosted January 31, 2018. This webinar kicked off the Government Voices Webinar Series. Hear how the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the U.S. Department of State work together to facilitate the international student life cycle, from when a student applies to an SEVP-certified program of study to departing the United States. This webinar is designed for designated school officials and those with an interest in intragovernmental collaboration.

TEACHING, LEARNING, and SCHOLARSHIP (TLS) Knowledge Community

Innovative Research in International Education Award

[The 2018 competition is now open.](#) Submissions are due by February 25, 2018.

Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship Knowledge Community (TLS KC)

focuses on curriculum internationalization, research that informs practice, and intercultural communication, serving faculty; administrators; graduate and post doctoral students; researchers; intercultural trainers; cross-cultural counselors; and other professionals in international education.



The TLS KC Innovative Research in International Education Award celebrates and recognizes new and innovative research with potential or demonstrated impact in the field of international education.

[Learn more, apply, or nominate a colleague!](#)

Job Postings in the Region

Region I Job Board

Visit the NAFSA Region I Job Board for the most up to date job postings in the region.



Join our mailing list here!

[NAFSA Region I Team](#)

