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Thanks for another great Region I Conference!

Thanks to everyone who attended the NAFSA Region I Conference in Boise, Idaho last month! The conference was a great success - interesting sessions, new connections, and deepened passion for international education. Special thanks to the Region I team and our volunteers for making the conference possible! We look forward to seeing everyone again at the annual conference in Denver in May, or next year's regional conference in Anchorage, Alaska. See you there!



F-1 Advising Intermediate Pre-Conference Workshop attendees.

Spotlight on the Region I Chair: Dana Brolley

Tell us about yourself and the work you do at the University of Washington, Bothell.

I'm a traveler. I love seeing new places, meeting new people, having new experiences, learning new things. Working at UWB I am fortunate to bring together all these passions. I get to work with people who have similar interests, support amazing students from around the world, and help develop a fabulous university campus that is one of the fastest growing institutions in the US. It's challenging, but it's the perfect place for me right now.



What excites you the most about your role?

I love students and I enjoy watching them mature and grow. The same with my team. Their successes give me the feeling that I'm having some small yet positive influence in the world.

Why did you decide to join the NAFSA Region I team?

I'm curious by nature, I love learning and there is always something new to learn. NAFSA is such an amazing source of experience, knowledge, and good intentions. Being on the team has allowed me to build personal and professional connections with colleagues from the region.

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

I first joined the group as the Knowledge Community Rep for International Enrollment

Management and as had the opportunity to help with Development. When I was asked to run for Chair, it was quite an honor. We have such a wealth of talented, experienced colleagues in this region it's a pleasure to lead the regional team. They all pitch in and we accomplish great work, including planning the annual conference.

What are some ways we can encourage more people to get involved in NAFSA Region I activities?

There are endless opportunities at any level of volunteering from posting announcements on our social media accounts, to becoming a workshop trainer, to participating in Advocacy Day, even chair. We are all volunteering in our areas of expertise, having fun, and learning. I encourage everyone in the field to get involved.



How did you end up in the field of International Education?

While working in corporate sales and marketing I began volunteering at a writing center as a tutor. I was deeply inspired by the language learners I worked with; their persistence, determination, and their triumphs. English is tough. These students drew me in and the rest is history.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

That's easy. Travel. But while I'm home I enjoy cycling, swimming, and hanging out with my husband and dogs.

Congrats to our Chair-Elect: Machelles Allman

Machelle has devoted her entire professional career of 20 years to international education. After five years in international admissions, she switched focus to international student advising and has served students in private colleges, community colleges, and a large research institution. She has served in leadership positions at the state and regional levels, and currently serves at the national level as one of Region 1's Regulatory Ombuds. She presents and trains frequently on regulatory and other advising topics, including F1 regulations, employment issues, and best practices in international student advising. She is Assistant Director of



International Student Services at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Region I is very lucky to have Mabelle in this leadership role. Welcome!

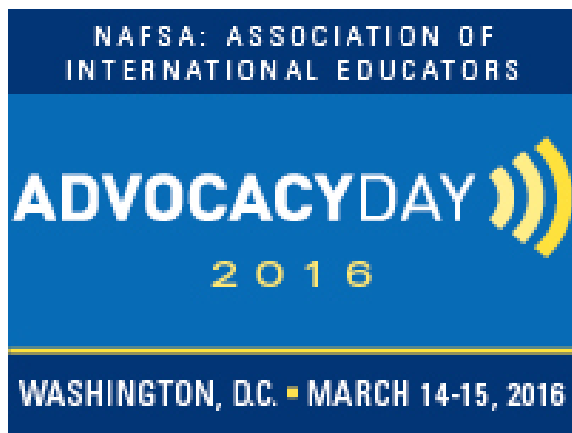
Apply Now for the NAFSA Academy 13



Apply now for the NAFSA Academy 13! If you have any questions, please [email Christy Babcock](#), incoming Region I Coach.

To learn more and apply, [visit the NAFSA Academy Website](#).
Applications due by December 4, 2015.

NAFSA Advocacy Day 2016



Help move key legislation at **NAFSA's 2016 Advocacy Day**. After a day of training and strategizing, you will head to Capitol Hill with all the tools you need to educate your members of Congress on how international education impacts your state and district and why we need a more globally engaged United States.

Register by January 31 to take advantage of early-bird savings. [Learn more by visiting the Advocacy Day website.](#)

Did you know you can also apply for a travel grant from Region I to attend Advocacy Day? [Read more about it on the Region I travel grant page.](#)

Knowledge Community Updates

Education Abroad Knowledge Community Updates

Upcoming NAFSA Webinar: Mining and Analyzing Data for Effective Education Abroad Decision Making

Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (EST)

\$159 (member) \$199 (nonmember)

How can education abroad offices collect and use data for decision making? Successful use of data can be applied to program review, student assessment, and in predicting long-term trends. In many cases, the data you need may already exist in your databases. Knowing how to mine that data so that it provides useful and instructive information is key. Eliminate redundancy and the risk of using "bad" or unreliable data during the collection process. Presenters will share examples and best practices on tracking and converting data into useful tools.

[Read more about the objectives of the webinar, the speakers, and register on the NAFSA website.](#)

International Enrollment Management (IEM) Knowledge Community Updates

The most recent IEM Spotlight newsletter is out, and the focus is on Nigeria. [Click here to check out the newsletter.](#) Also, to see a list of all the archived Spotlights, [click here.](#)

[World Education Services \(WES\) Free Spotlight Webinars](#) have begun. Gain essential knowledge and skills to make reliable international admissions decisions and develop effective recruitment strategies with WES' free professional development webinars.

- Friday November 20 at 2:00pm (EST), is Education in Venezuela
- Friday December 4 at 2:00pm (EST), is Education in Brazil
- Friday December 11 at 2:00pm (EST), is Education in Argentina
- Friday December 18 at 2:00pm (EST), is Education in South Africa

[AACRAO's Winter Institute for International Transfer Credit](#) registration is now open. The institute will take place January 15-19, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

Don't miss out on: [Intensive English Programs and Sponsored Program Administration, a one-hour Collegial Conversation](#) with NAFSA. Thursday November 19 at 3:00pm (EST). Intensive English programs (IEPs) play an important role in recruiting sponsored students and are often the initial point of contact for the admission, arrival, and orientation of sponsored students. IEPs also provide essential support in the ongoing academic and immigration advising of these students. The conversation will feature IEP administrators and faculty from a range of institutions who will share their experience and strategies for serving as the liaison with various types of sponsored programs.

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)

Knowledge Community Updates

On behalf of Lina M. Sevillano, OAS: The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (the OAS) offers both scholarships and interest-free loans to Latin American and Caribbean students to help finance their education, research or training at universities in the United States. The interest-free student loans are administered by the Leo S. Rowe Fund program (the Rowe Fund), which provides funding of up to \$15,000. Given the supplementary nature of the program, beneficiaries need to secure additional resources to successfully finance their studies. For more information, [click here](#) or e-mail rowefund@oas.org.

Have you added a comment about the **STEM OPT rule** yet? Please note that the comments for the proposed STEM rule close on November 18th. It's important that DSOs add their perspective to the discussion. [Here is a link to NAFSA's comments](#). We encourage you to provide your own comments. [To comment, go directly to Regulations.gov by clicking here](#).

Survey Request

Hello from the Netherlands! I'd like to ask you for your input: What kinds of organizational obstacles are you or your office facing? This is a very broad question, I know, and I expect a wide array of answers. I'm gathering ideas for my masters thesis in organization science. I would love to tackle an issue that is presently affecting our field. I intend to share my findings with you next summer, so dig deep! Some examples might include: bureaucracy, technology, politics, change, surveillance. Perhaps an easier way to frame this might be: "What would you change about your job/workplace if you had a magic wand?" [If you wish to remain anonymous you can do so by responding here](#). Or, you can also contact me directly at "cahill1000@gmail.com" I'd love to hear from you! Thank you for your precious time, and I hope this message finds you

well.

- Patrick Cahill

Looking Forward to Alaska 2016!

The **2016 Region I Conference will be in Anchorage, Alaska** at the Hilton Anchorage. The Hilton is conveniently located in the heart of downtown and near a variety of popular attractions, restaurants, and activities. Room rates will be very reasonable at \$129/night plus taxes (\$144 with taxes).

SAVE THE DATES: October 10-14, 2016



The Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska Museum of Natural History, Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center (Smithsonian Affiliate), Imaginarium: Science Discovery Center, Oscar Anderson House Museum, Alaska Heritage Library & Museum, Alaska Botanical Garden, Alaska Zoo and the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge are just a few of the exciting things to see in the area.

Please think about proposing a session, volunteering, or just coming for all the good sessions, networking, and fun! For more information on how you can get involved, contact your 2016 Region I Chair, [Robert Rigg](#).

See you there!

Robert Rigg

Job Postings in the Region

Visit the NAFSA Region I Job Board for the most up to date job postings in the region. [Click here!](#)



NAFSA Region I Team

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