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You're invited!





I cordially invite you to the longawaited 55th NAFSA Region III Conference. For the very first time our regional conference is being held in Dallas, Texas, a friendly city with a truly diverse population. Dallas is an international trading

center with base operations for numerous international companies engaged in fashion, technology, insurance, distribution and real estate development. Even more important to us as international educators, the Dallas/Fort Worth/Denton area is home to thirty-five state and private universities and colleges, and five community college districts comprised of twenty campuses.

You will find Dallas to be a fun-loving, cultural center with great restaurants, shopping, entertainment, exciting museums, symphonic and operatic halls, as well as venues for country, Latin, jazz, rock, blues, hip-hop and new age music.

Our conference theme is "Denim & Diamonds: Gems for International Educators," which uniquely combines the western and rich elements of the area while offering precious gems or pearls of wisdom for international educators. The conference offers six pre-conference professional development workshops and 60 excellent and varied sessions - something for everyone.

Wear your denim and diamonds to the off-site event at the famous South Fork Ranch, home of the TV series "Dallas," feast on Bobby Ewing Barbeque and southern veggies, shop, tour the mansion and ranch, and dance to the tunes of internationally renowned "Brave Combo." Help raise money for grants for Region III's first-time conference attendees by bringing donations and bidding on valuable items for the "Silent Auction" to be held at the Oil Baron's Ballroom at South Fork Ranch.

Other conference highlights include the Opening Plenary Luncheon, Exhibitors' Spotlight, Reception for Newcomers and Exhibitors, an All-Conference Reception, restaurant hops and a shopping trip to the Galleria in Dallas. The Crowne Plaza Dallas in Addison is in close proximity to Addison's "Restaurant Row" featuring a variety of cuisine at 170 restaurants.

Region III is honored to feature guest plenary speaker Dr. Mahmoud Sadri, Middle East expert and full professor of Sociology at the Federation of North Texas Area Universities that includes Texas Woman's University, University of North Texas, and Texas A & M University, Commerce. We welcome our special guests - NAFSA staff members and leaders, six Education USA Advisers, government officials, local entertainers, and domestic and international students.

I invite you to register and make your travel plans for this brilliant conference. The Region III team and I look forward to seeing you in Dallas soon. Bring your bling!

Olga Grieco Chair, NAFSA Region III

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Special Events



OFFSITE EVENT— TEXAS TREASURE

The legendary Southfork Ranch, just 'down the road' from downtown Dallas, is the site for Texas-size hospitality, fantastic BBQ, and great music. Internationally renowned as the filming location for the television series "Dallas," Southfork Ranch is known worldwide as America's most famous ranch. In the Oil Baron's Ballroom, another Texas gem, *Brave Combo*, winner of two Grammy Awards, will entertain with music that truly personifies the grand spirit of Texas. Enjoy food, shopping, line dancing and the Region III Silent Auction. Y'all c'mon down!

SILENT AUCTION

This year, NAFSA's Region III will be holding a Silent Auction on Wednesday, October 28th from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Southfork Ranch. The purpose of the Silent Auction is to raise money for future conferences, workshops and scholarship opportunities. Items you can expect to see at the auction range from autographed art, food & wine to trinkets and goodies from around the world. We are still in great need for more items to be bid on at the Silent Auction, if you or someone else would like to donate, you can bring the items to the Registration Desk at the Crowne Plaza Dallas. If you have any questions related to donations, contact Jennifer Ward at jennifer@signatureservices.com or (214) 616-0553. Please come and support Region III!

EXHIBITOR'S SPOTLIGHT

The Exhibitor's Spotlight will be held on Tuesday, October 27 from 3:15 to 4:00. Please plan to visit the exhibitor's area and show your Region III appreciation for their attendance. There will also be an exhibitors/newcomers reception the evening of Monday, October 26th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

NEWCOMERS AND STUDENTS



I would like to welcome you to NAFSA Region III and the Regional Conference as a first-time participant. Our regional team is excited to have you and over 400 other professionals in international education attending this year's conference in Dallas, Texas. I would like to extend a special invitation to you to attend the Newcomers' "Welcome" on Monday at 6:00 p.m. and the Newcomers' Orientation at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The "Welcome" is our first group gathering following the afternoon of pre-conference workshops. The Orientation is an introduction to NAFSA and its various units, services, opportunities; and to Region III and the conference. Please plan to attend.

Again, welcome to the Region and the Conference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. - Samanthia

Samanthia L. Slaight, Chair-Elect, NAFSA Region III
Director, ESOL/International Student Services, North Lake College 972-273-3154 sslaight@dcccd.edu

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Be sure to check out the Local Arrangements section (page 15) for other great things to do, like a Galleria shopping trip, restaurant hops, and more!



Conference Workshops





Foreign Educational Credentials Analysis

Monday, October 26, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, October 27, 8:00 to noon

Lead Trainer: Shelby L. Cearley, Texas Tech University

Audience: Admissions professionals and recruiters with less than 3 years of experience in foreign academic credential evaluation and placement

This twelve hour workshop provides basic training in foreign credentials evaluation and placement for individuals from universities and colleges. Topics covered include: information needed to evaluate credentials, how to develop a resource library and support base, and understanding the credit and grade conversion process. Note: Participants should bring a calculator.

Workshop Objectives:

- Recognize and identify status/legitimacy of institution
- Understand basic methodology and benchmarking credentials
- Apply basic methodology and benchmarking to credentials
- Become familiar with available resources and create a resource library
- Convert grades; convert credits from credit-based, hours-based, marks-based and outcome-based credentials
- Calculate grade point averages

Health and Safety in Education Abroad

Monday, October 26, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Lead Trainer: Arlene Snyder, Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad

Audience: Education Abroad professionals and others interested in health and safety

The health, safety, and responsible personal behavior of education abroad participants have always been paramount to education abroad professionals. Using the document "Responsible Study Abroad: Good Practices for Health and Safety," participants will learn to apply recognized standards of good practice in health and safety to their institutions or organizations education abroad programs. Participants will gain competencies needed to identify, research, and assess health and safety risks, and communicate these to key constituents. Participants also will create a framework for emergency response, communication, and crisis management.

Workshop Objectives:

- Learn to apply recognized standards of good practices for health and safety for education abroad programs to their institutions or organizations.
- Gain competencies needed to identify and communicate health and safety issues in education abroad programs to key constituents.
- Learn to research and assess health and safety risks abroad.
- Learn to create a framework for emergency response, communication, and crisis management.



Conference Workshops





F-I Student Advising for Beginners

Monday, October 26, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Tuesday, October 27, 8:00 to noon

Lead Trainer: Marilyn J. White, University of Dallas

Audience: F-I student advisers with less than one year experience

This introductory workshop offers participants the basic knowledge, skills and resources for advising F-I students on common immigration issues. The workshop first lays out the environment in which the Designated School Official (DSO) works—the federal regulatory and SEVIS structure, the DSO's own institutional culture, as well as DSO influences and constraints. Using a framework of three F-I students journeying through their academic program, participants work with the most common student immigration advising and SEVIS scenarios, such as issuing I-20s, applying for a visa, entering the US, SEVIS registration and reporting, maintaining status, employment, travel and reentry, and program extensions. Please note that this workshop does not cover processing of reinstatement, change of status, transfer of SEVIS records, or SEVIS terminations.

Workshop Objectives:

- Provide participants with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed for basic F-I immigration advising, as well as a framework for thinking through a variety of advising situations.
- Offer international student advisers, new to the profession, basic regulatory training.
- Prepare participants to accurately process the immigration forms that their students require to stay in good legal standing.

F-I Student Advising - Intermediate

Monday, October 26, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, October 27, 8:00 to noon

Lead Trainer: Claudia Graves, Southern Methodist University

Audience: Designated School Officials with at least 15 months experience, who have participated in the F-I Regulations for Beginners workshop, or have received training equivalent to the F-I Regulations for Beginners workshop

This intermediate-level workshop is designed for Designated School Officials who understand the processes of F-I student advising and are ready to tackle some of the more complex, or "gray", situations. Participants will discuss a range of case studies on the topics of DSO Responsibilities, Maintenance of Status, Travel, Transfers, Employment, Change of Status, and Reinstatement. By addressing these case studies, participants will learn how to advise students when regulations and guidance do not give a clear answer to their situation. Participants should have been in the field for at least 15 months, have participated in the F-I Regulations for Beginners workshop, or have received training equivalent to the F-I Regulations for Beginners. If you are new to the field, in order to receive the maximum benefit from this training, it is recommended that you allow for some time to apply the skills introduced in the F-I Regulations for Beginners workshop before you attend the Intermediate level workshop.

Workshop Objectives:

- Be a self-sufficient adviser by knowing your resources
- Develop interpretations of F-I regulations and guidance
- Interpret and develop institutional policy
- Learn techniques to advise F-I students on situations where clear guidance is not available



Conference Workshops





Filing Academic H-IB Petitions

Monday, October 26, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, October 27, 8:00 to noon

Lead Trainer: Dawn M. Cepica, Texas Tech University

Audience: Beginners and intermediates in the field of campus immigration work

This workshop is designed for participants who handle the process of H-IB, TN, and O petitions in an academic setting. This workshop addresses nonimmigrant status options, institutional policy considerations, case management, new H-IB legislation, and some collateral immigration issues. It does not include information on issues of employment in a medical setting since the laws governing the practice of medicine in the United States by foreign medical graduates are separate from those governing other employment. This intermediate workshop is primarily for those involved in employment-based immigration work on a regular basis.

Workshop Objectives:

- Provide basic legal background for NAFSAns whose job includes processing of H-IB Petitions for faculty and staff
- Work through a detailed H-IB case study from department request to filing with DHS
- Discuss alternatives to H-IB status
- Provide participants with sample intake forms and explore record-keeping methods

J Regulations - Advanced

Monday, October 26, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, October 27, 8:00 to noon

Lead Trainer: Annette Flanagan, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Audience: Participants should have an intermediate knowledge and understanding of immigration and I visa regulations

This eight hour workshop will provide Responsible and Alternate Responsible Officers (RO/AROs) with a conceptual foundation, practical knowledge, and skills for advising on J visa regulations. Topics include the roles and responsibilities of the RO/ARO, ethical considerations, the use of resources in problem-solving, and decision making. This workshop specifically addresses advanced topics that lie in the "gray" zone for which there are no clear answers. It requires the participant to have an intermediate knowledge and understanding of immigration and J visa procedures. This workshop will not include basic procedural training, the trainee category, or foreign medical graduates.

Workshop Objectives:

- Develop conceptual foundation, practical knowledge, and skills for advising on | visa regulations
- Develop critical analytical skills for resolving | student and scholar visa dilemmas
- Exercise creative thinking powers for managing | visa programs
- Establish solid professional networks in the J visa community









Sunday, October 25

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration

Monday, October 26

7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Pre-Conference Workshop

Foreign Educational Credentials Analysis

Health & Safety in Education Abroad

1:00 pm - 5:00 pmPre-Conference Workshops

F-1 Student Advising for Beginners (1:00 pm- 6:00 pm)

F-I Student Advising - Intermediate

J Regulations - Advanced

Filing Academic H-IB Petitions

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Newcomers' Reception

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Restaurant Hops

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Region III Team Meeting and Dinner

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

8:00 am -12:00 pm Pre-Conference Workshops (cont.)

Foreign Credential Analysis

F-1 Student Advising for Beginners

F-I Student Advising - Intermediate

J Regulations - Advanced

Filing Academic H-IB Petitions

10:00 pm - 12:00 pm Exhibitors arrival & set-up

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm Opening Plenary Lunch with Awards and Exhibitors' Recognition

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions – Session #1

Peace Corps

Diamonds in the Rough? A one-person office (or more!) session on working with student

assistants

The Mexican Amber: A Solid Response for a World Health Emergency and International

Education

Beryls of Advice for Those with an Appetite for an International Friendship Program

Mining for Gems, Using the Right Online Tools for the Job. Navigating Your Way around 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

NAFSA's Online Manual and Other Online Resources

ICE Update on Outreach Efforts and Question/Answer Session

(continued) When the Road to Legal Status Crumbles: International Students Going Undocumented







Tuesday, October 27 -- Continued

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm Diving for Pearls: Setting the Right TOEFL iBT Score for Your Institution

Knowing your Resources: Working with OSAC and the Department of State

Design 101: Gems for a Successful Campaign

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm Exhibitor Spotlight — Education USA Advisors' Poster Session — Coffee Break

3:15 pm - 5:15 pm Exhibitors' booths open

4:00 pm - 5:15 pmConcurrent Sessions – Session #2

Being a Man in the World: How to Expand Male Participation in Study Abroad

ESL Students: A Gem of a Resource for Internationalizing Your Campus on a Dime

International Students' Retention

Myths of Extraordinary, Outstanding, and Merely Exceptional

Tough Economic Times: Impact on Foreign Students, Employees, and Universities

Scholar Advising Update

"I'll Have It Straight – Hold the ICE" Current Issues and Strategies in Work Site Enforcement,

E-Verify, IMAGE, and Best Practices

Find the Diamond in the Bologna: The Educational System of Spain

Online Pre-Departure Orientation

Best Practices: Virtual Technology for International Student Recruitment

SIG and HIIG Meetings — FSA Atlas Regional User Group 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

5:30 am -6:30 pm Student Mentors & Newcomers Orientation

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm All-Conference Reception

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Restaurant Hops — Galleria Shopping Trip

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

8:00 am - 9:00 am State Meetings and Continental Breakfast

9:00am - 4:00 pm Exhibitors' booths open

9:15 am - 10:30 am Concurrent sessions – Session #3

Helping the Clam Let Go of the Pearl: Partnering with Parents of Study Abroad Participants

What Are They Looking For? Career Tips for New and Experienced International Education

Professionals

An Introduction to NAFSA's New Statement of Ethical Principles: A Gem of a Document

Presidential Scholars Program: International Educational Initiatives from Rwanda's Vision 2020

SEVIS Update

The Jewels of the Nile: Transcript Evaluations from East Africa

Leave Your Diamonds at Home: Tips for "Packing" Realistic Expectations

Rhinestone Marketing: Creating Social Networking Gems on a Budget







Wednesday, October 28 -- Continued

10:30 am - 11:00 am Break

11:00 am - 12:15 pm Concurrent sessions - Session #4

Student Assessments of International Programs: Best Practices and Findings

Keeping Everyone in the Loop

How to Cut Diamonds: Find Your Way as a New Manager

The Impact of Cultural Adjustment on International Female Students' Learning Process

SEVIS Update

Assessing Cut, Color, and Clarity: Credentials Q&A

Rubies, Emeralds, and Sapphires: Advising and Outreach for Underrepresented Students in

Study Abroad

Mining Diamond Recruits at Community Colleges

Lunch on your own — Addison Restaurant Row 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm

Concurrent sessions - Session #5 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Using Providers for Logistical Support of Faculty-Led Programs

A Gem of an English Language Proficiency Exam: Celebrating 20 Years of IELTS

Compete Globally, Collaborate Locally: Trends for Study Consortia

Faceting Forms

Consular Affairs Update

From University Acceptance to Lawful Admission by U.S. Customs and Border Protection -

Applying for an F-1 Visa

Perfect Carat or Flawed Diamond? Reality vs. Expectation in Study Abroad

Diamonds in the Rough: Utilizing Gems for Recruitment

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Buses leave for South Fork Ranch

5:30 pm -9:30 pm Off-site event and Silent Auction – South Fork Ranch, Ewing Mansion, Museum, Shops,

Performance & Dancing to Brave Combo

Thursday, October 29

7:00 am - 10:00 am Registration

8:00 am - 9:00 am Past Chairs' Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:15 am Regulatory Roundtable

9:00 am -12:00 pm Exhibitors open — Move out at noon

9:15 am - 10:30 am Concurrent sessions – Session #6

Polishing the Diamonds until They Shine: the Road to Send International Students Abroad Again

Technology Tips for Office Organization and Communication (or How to 'Beryl' through Work

Using Technology)

When Our Students Need Help: Plans and Resources for Mental Health Issues (continued)







Thursday, October 29 — Continued

9:15 am - 10:30 am Models for International Living Learning Communities

Texas Service Center Update

In Their Shoes - Understanding the Unique Constraints of Life as an International Student

Education Abroad Visa Update/Best Practices

10:30 am - 10:45 am Break

10:45 am - 12:00 pm Concurrent sessions - Session #7

You Want Me to Work with Faculty?! How EA Professionals Can Work More Closely with Faculty to Develop More Meaningful Programs

Sparkling Gems: Using Professional Development to Polish Your Career

Crisis Response and International Operations: Safeguarding Your Treasures around the World

Washington Update: Raising the Bar

When Good Students Go Bad: U.S. Immigration Consequences of Criminal Behavior

Employment Options and Career Strategies for Foreign Students

She's Here; Now What Classes is She Qualified to Take?

From Diamonds in the Rough to Multi-Faceted Gems in Just a Few Weeks: Cultural Learning in

Short-Term Study Abroad Programs

Noon Conference ends

1:00 pm - 5:00 pmLunch and Region III Team Meeting

Friday, October 30

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Region III Team Meeting

Thanks to all our Sponsors, Exhibitors and Volunteers for supporting international education!





NAFSA Membership

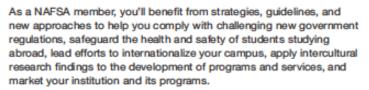




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Share in the richness of belonging to the NAFSA community-become a member now and save 50%!



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□ Full-Time Student		
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First-Timer Scholarships





Each fall, Region III hosts a conference to offer a number of professional development opportunities and activities for the NAFSA member and non-member alike. In support of professional development within International Educational Exchange, the region provides a limited number of scholarships for first-time attendees.

First-Time Attendee Scholarships in the amount of \$195 will be awarded to qualified applicants who will attend the upcoming Region III conference in Addison, Texas in the Dallas area. To be eligible for the scholarship, individuals must be first-time attendees to a NAFSA Regional Conference and have never received a grant/award for a regional conference before. The deadline for applications is September 25, 2009.

Application

The complete Region III Scholarship Application should include:

- 1. Regional Conference Scholarship Application Form (next page)
- 2. Statement of Objectives on a separate sheet attached to the application This statement should highlight the nature of your professional and volunteer work in the field of international educational exchange; your reasons for attending the conference; and how your attendance will benefit your institution and the students and scholars with whom you work. If you are a community volunteer, describe your organization and list some of its program activities.
- 3. Letter of Recommendation from your immediate supervisor

Submissions

Send Application Materials to:

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Director, International Student and Scholar Services
Box 45004,
Texas Tech University
Lubbock, TX 79409-5004

Email: bob.crosier@ttu.edu





First-Timer Scholarships





First Time Attendee Scholarship App	lication: NAFSA Region III
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Prior Regional Conference Grants: I have never applied for a regional grant/av I have applied for a regional grant, but have I have received a regional grant in these ye	e not been awarded one.
How did you hear about the NAFSA RegionState MeetingRegion III Websitewww.NAFSA.orgOther	III Conference and Scholarship?
Remember to attach a Statement of Objective Recommendation from your immediate suppression of the Robert T. Crosier, Director International Student and Scholar Services Box 45004 Texas Tech	

Applications due by September 25, 2009

Lubbock, TX 79409-5004



Regional Award Nominations





As international educators, you have the opportunity to submit nominations for two different types of awards to be presented at the 2009 Region III conference in Dallas. Anyone in the field of international education may nominate qualified award recipients. Each nomination must be supported by a minimum of two letters of reference, and at least one of the nominators must be a member of NAFSA Region III. The awards committee will make award selections in October. Previous award recipients can be viewed at www.nafsa3.org.

Certificate for Special Service to International Education

This certificate is awarded to those individuals who have contributed to the field of international educational exchange through long and outstanding years of service in the local, academic and/or professional community or through innovative projects. In either case, their activities have stimulated, strengthened and/or supported international education in the region. The recipients need not be NAFSA members.

Plaque for Outstanding Service

This plaque recognizes those members of NAFSA in Region III who have demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of international education of a sustained and serious nature. The recipients have made an extraordinary contribution to the field. The projects and/or services sited in their nomination must be of national impact, reflecting credit on and raising the visibility of Region III outside the region.

Anyone in the field of international education may nominate qualified award recipients. Each nomination must be supported by a minimum of two letters of reference and at least one of the nominators must be a member of NAFSA Region III.

Submissions

The awards committee will make the award selections in October. Please send nominations with supporting documentation no later than October 3, 2009 to:

Marilyn J. White, Awards Committee Chair Director, International Student Services University of Dallas 1845 E Northgate Dr. Irving, TX 75062-4736

Email: mjwhite@gsm.udallas.edu





Local Arrangements





WELCOME FROM THE DALLAS LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE!

About Dallas

While Dallas is relatively young when compared to many cities, its past is as colorful and eventful as any. In 1839, John Neely Bryan, a lawyer from Tennessee with a taste for adventure, was attracted to the area. He laid claim to 640 acres and sketched out a town, designating a courthouse square and 20 streets.

Gradually and with some adversity, the young city grew. A "can-do" spirit helped bring the railroads to the area in the 1870s, the Federal Reserve Bank in 1914, Southern Methodist University in 1915, Dallas Love Field Airport in 1927, the Texas Centennial Exposition in 1936, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in 1973 and the Republican National Convention in 1984 -- to name just a few. In 1907, fashion and elegant living were redefined when Neiman Marcus opened in downtown Dallas and J.S. Armstrong opened his exclusive Highland Park shopping development north of the city.

In 1930, C.M. "Dad" Joiner struck oil 100 miles east of Dallas. With the discovery and development of the East Texas Oil Field -- the largest petroleum deposit on earth at the time -- Dallas became a center of oil-related activity. Although Dallas County has never had a working oil well, the region's role as the financial and technical center for much of the state's drilling industry has been as good as gold. Commerce and industry have followed suit, adding to the city's success and progress.

The 1960s was a time of turmoil in many U.S. cities, and Dallas had its share. The lowest point in Dallas history came on Nov. 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on a downtown street. On a more positive note, the Dallas Cowboys football team began their march to fame in the 1960s, as did entrepreneurs such as Ross Perot and Mary Kay Ash. The Dallas Market Center continued to grow, and Six Flags Over Texas opened in nearby Arlington.

But most importantly, it was in 1965 that the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth agreed to build an airport to serve the entire region. With the opening of giant DFW International Airport in 1973, John Neely Bryan's dream of a major inland port was finally realized.

As the 1980s came to a close, Fortune Magazine named Dallas/Fort Worth the No. I business center in the land. Dallas also gained international attention as a dominant force in the convention, meetings and tourism industry. Dallas is one of the leading convention destinations in the U.S., due to the city's outstanding convention and meeting facilities, world-class accommodations, numerous restaurants, and endless variety of entertainment and recreational opportunities.

Important to this effort was the rejuvenation of downtown Dallas as a major center for entertainment and other pursuits. The Dallas Arts District, the West End Historic District along with continued renovation and upgrading of downtown hotels, has been a driving force in this renaissance.

As the 21st century advances, Dallas continues to build on its strengths: friendly people, entrepreneurial spirit, flair for style and innovation, mild climate, excellent accessibility, and outstanding quality of life. Visitors and residents alike enjoy exceptional opportunities.

(The above information is taken from the "Dallas Visitor's Guide," at www.visitdallas.com/visitors/about_dallas/history/)





Local Arrangements





FABULOUS GALLERIA SHOPPING TRIP

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is ideally situated near a number of choice restaurants and in close proximity to the Dallas Galleria, where "bling" abounds! From denim to diamonds, to fine food, entertainment, and ice skating, the Dallas Galleria, like Dallas itself, has it all!

In fact the Dallas Galleria is so extensive that it merits a tour. Lucky for you, just such a tour has been arranged for Tuesday, October 27, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of shopping at the Dallas Galleria! Round trip transportation will be provided, so come and join us and leave your car at the hotel!

RESTAURANT HOPS

Rumor has it that Dallas has the highest ratio of restaurants per capita of any city in the United States (Wait....I think we "Dallasites" started that rumor!) All humor aside, though, Dallas is more studded with fine dining establishments than Queen Elizabeth's tiara! In case you doubt our word on this, the Local Arrangements Committee has organized restaurant hops on Monday and Tuesday, October 26 & 27, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. that are sure to delight your taste buds and whisk you away to exotic locales. Get more details and sign up for a restaurant hop at the Local Arrangements table in the hotel registration area.

Restaurant hop options currently include:

- Queen of Sheba traditional Ethiopian fare
- Clay Pit contemporary Indian restaurant and bar with award winning exotic Indian cuisine in a sophisticated setting
- Tokyo One nominated "Best of Asian" as well as the "Best of Dallas" featuring a huge buffet and sushi menu
- Gloria's a lively Salvadorian restaurant and bar
- Remington's known for serving the freshest seafood at a good value
- Ferrari's Italian Villa authentic Italian cuisine
- Best Thai a family owned and operated venue offering a variety of traditional Thai dishes

Don't miss the opportunity to visit one or more of these world-class culinary venues!

OTHER THINGS TO DO IN DALLAS

When in Dallas, remember to "Live Large, Think Big"! For those who conference, shop, and restaurant hop and still have energy to spare, check out the following links to Dallas happenings:

Visitor's Information: http://www.dallascityhall.com/services/Services Visitors.html

Dallas Today: http://www.visitdallas.com/visitors/about dallas/dallas today

Free Things to Do in Dallas: http://www.visitdallas.com/visitors/online_toolkit/free_things_to_do

Night Life: http://www.visitdallas.com/visitors/arts entertainment/nightlife

Entertainment Districts: http://www.visitdallas.com/visitors/arts __entertainment/entertainment_districts



Arrival Information





CONFERENCE HOTEL Crowne Plaza Dallas

14315 Midway Rd. (3 blks south of Belt Line Rd.)

Addison, TX 75001 (972) 980- 8877

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

For driving directions from out of town or out of state visit: www.mapquest.com. Parking at the hotel is free.

TRANSPORTATION FROM DALLAS FORT WORTH (DFW) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Complementary hotel shuttle is available for destinations within a 3-mile radius, but unfortunately not to and from local airports. The hotel is about a 25 minute ride from the DFW International Airport.

Shuttles

City Shuttle (214) 760-1998
Super Shuttle DFW (972) 456-3128
Go Yellow Checker Shuttle (214) 841-1900

The cost to ride an airport shuttle from DFW to the hotel (one way) is \$18.00.

Taxis

Taxi fare from DFW to the hotel (one way) is about \$50.00. The ride from DFW to the hotel takes about 25 minutes, depending upon traffic.

Driving from DFW

Take the airport North exit. Take the ramp and follow the signs to Texas State Hwy 121 North. Immediately after merging onto Hwy 121 prepare to exit right onto I-635 East. Continue on I-635E past the junction of I-35 and I-635. Take the Midway Rd exit and go left (north) on Midway for about I.5 miles. After Hornet Rd., the hotel is immediately on the left. Parking at the hotel is free. For more DFW airport information. visit www.dfwairport.com/index.php.

TRANSPORTATION FROM DALLAS LOVE FIELD AIRPORT

The hotel is about a 15 minute drive from Dallas Love Field Airport, depending on traffic.

Shuttles

The airport shuttle fare, one way, from Dallas Love Field is \$15.00. The following shuttle services are provided at Dallas Love Field:

 City Shuttle
 (214) 760-1998

 Super Shuttle
 (800) 258-3826

 Go Yellow Checker Shuttle
 (972) 222-2000

Taxis

The rate for a taxi ride (one way) is about \$35.00.

Driving from Love Field

From Dallas Love Field airport, go left on Mockingbird Lane. Turn left to take the Dallas North Tollway, heading north. Be prepared to pay several tolls of about \$.80-1.00 each. For credit cards, change, and receipts be sure to stop at the "Full Service" booth. Exit on Spring Valley. Go left (west) on Spring Valley and right (north) on Midway Rd. After Hornet Rd., the hotel is immediately on the left. Parking at the hotel is free. For more Dallas Love Field information visit www.dallas-lovefield.com/index.html/.



Hotel Information





GENERAL

The Crowne Plaza Dallas Near the Galleria, rated as a "Top" Crowne Plaza Hotel, is located in the heart of the prestigious North Dallas/Addison Business district within minutes of the famous Galleria Dallas Shopping Mall and walking distance to over 150 restaurants and entertainment venues. Recently selected 2008 Best of Addison Award in the Lodging Category by the U. S. Local Business Association, this award-winning hotel offers 429 spacious and comfortably appointed guestrooms equipped with speaker phones, leather ergonomic chairs, brand new plush carpet, granite countertops and curved shower rods. The Crowne Plaza Sleep Advantage program with its pillow-top beds and sleep amenities is especially created by sleep experts to assure you of a great night®s rest.

A great place to unwind is the newly renovated Atrium Bar with its hardwood floors, luxurious sofas, granite tabletops, fireplaces and multiple plasma TVs and complimentary high-speed internet. For your dining needs, try McArthur's Restaurant, a real treasure, with its eclectic cuisine prepared by Chef Soto.

The hotel is committed to providing accessible facilities under the American Disabilities Act. Should you require additional information regarding accessible facilities for guests with disabilities, please call 1-800-Holiday (U.S. and Canada) or contact the hotel directly. For the hearing impaired, TDD service is available at 1-800-238-5544 within the U.S. and Canada.

RESERVATIONS

The link to the Crowne Plaza Hotel North Dallas Addison will give you hotel information and pictures. To better assist you, please see the following for reservations.

Your reservation must be received by 10/6/09. Reservations received after the deadline are subject to availability. Please call 972-980-8877, push I for reservations, and remember to request the group rate for NAFSA or ask for block code NAF.

Check-in Time: 3:00 p.m. Single: \$125/night Check-out Time: 12:00 Noon Double: \$135/night

Triple: \$145/night
Quadruple: \$155/night

Parking: Free

High-speed Internet: \$9.95 per day or \$39.95 per week

To make reservations online, please follow these instructions:

- Click on the link <u>www.cpgalleria-nr.crowneplaza.com</u>
- Click on the calendar to the dates you wish to reserve (day in and day out)
- Enter the 3-letter code NAF
- Click on check availability, once the dates and block code have been entered
- You will see what is available and move forward to book the reservation

ATTRACTIONS (Information by Orbitz)

- Galleria Mall (2 mi)
- Valley View Mall (4 mi)
- Dallas Convention Center (13 mi)
- Cavanaugh Flight Museum (3 mi)
- Speed Zone Race Track (6 mi)
- Hurricane Harbor (30 mi)
- Dallas Market Center (12 mi)
- Six Flags (30 mi)









REGISTRATION METHODS

- On the Internet: Go to www.nafsa3.org. Only those registering in Member or Non-Member categories will be able to register online using a credit card. All discounted registrants should use fax or mail to register. Please note that you are welcome to register through the interactive form or by using the fillable PDF—you do not need to do both. Online registration ends October 2, 2009
- By Mail: Submit completed registration form with payment to: NAFSA Region III, 411 Lafayette St, Suite 201, New York, NY 10003. Make checks payable to NAFSA Region III.
- By Fax: Fax completed registration form with credit card information to: 212.460.5460.

Your registration form must be accompanied by payment in order for you to be registered for the conference and/or a workshop. Purchase orders will NOT be accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES

- Conference Rates See the conference registration form for registration categories and fees
- Day Rates There are two half day and one full day options available for those who do not wish to attend the entire conference. The Tuesday and Thursday sessions are only half days, while Wednesday is a full single day. Please indicate the day you wish to attend on the registration form.
- Exhibitors You receive one free registration as part of the exhibit fee. Meals may be purchased separately.
- Region III NAFSA Lifetime Members You receive a full waiver of the registration fee. Meals may be purchased separately.

NATIONAL NAFSA MEMBERSHIP

Discounted NAFSA National membership is available for first-time membership ONLY. Join NAFSA National now at a special half price of \$180.00 (plus a one-time processing charge of \$20). NAFSA National will send you membership information.

MEAL REGISTRATION

Please select the meals you wish to attend. Guest tickets are available at cost. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know how we can accommodate you on the space provided on the registration form. No cancellations are available for meals.

SPECIAL EVENTS

There are two free special events that you and your guests are welcome to attend. If you are bringing guests to these events, we ask that you note the number of guests on the registration form so we can plan accordingly.

Our Off-Site Event this year will be at the Southfork Ranch, home of the TV series "Dallas" complete with live music, Texas food, tours of the ranch, museum, shopping, and dancing—entertainment provided by Brave Combo. The event is \$25 for the conference attendee and \$35 for guests. This is an amazing price for transportation to Southfork, a BBQ buffet and live entertainment! Sign up early to reserve a spot!









WORKSHOPS

You must pre-register for a workshop. On-site registration for a workshop is not permitted. State your second workshop preference on the registration form in case your first preference is full. The workshops occur concurrently, so please register for only one workshop. The workshop registration deadline is October 2, 2009. Please register early as seating in each workshop, is limited. In order for you to be registered for the workshop, your registration form must be accompanied by a payment. Notification will be given if the workshop is full. If your selected workshop is full and you will not attend another workshop, a refund will be sent four to six weeks after the conference.

- The Health and Safety in Education Abroad workshop requires one day, October 26, 2009 from 8 am-5 pm
- The Foreign Educational Credentials Analysis workshop requires 12 hours, starting October 26. 2009 at 8 am-5pm and continuing on October 27 from 8 am-12 pm
- The duration of all other workshops will be two days, starting on October 26, 2009 at 1 pm and continuing the next day until 12 pm

REFUND POLICY

- 100% through September 25, 2009
- 50% September 26 October 2, 2009
- No refunds on or after October 3 2009
- Workshop cancellations received on or after October 3 will not receive a refund.
- All refunds or cancellation requests must be submitted my email to cory.owen@rice.edu.

REMINDERS

Be sure to review all the registration forms and procedures.

Please write your name as you wish it to appear on your name badge.

Provide your NAFSA membership number.

Please be sure to calculate the total amount due on the registration form.









CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM Region III NAFSA: Association of International Educators October 26-29, 2009

Early Registration Deadline is September 25, 2009. Registration after September 25, 2009 will be charged the on-site fee. On-Line Registration ends October 2, 2009

Payment MUST accompany registration form in order for you to be registered for the workshops and conference. No purchase orders accepted. You may register:

- on-line with your credit card at http://www.nafsa3.org
 or, mail your registration form with payment to: NAFSA Region III, 411 Lafayette St, Suite 201, New York, NY 10003

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