

# NAFSA Region XII Southern District Newsletter (December 2009)

## 1. Announcements from the Chair

We are pleased to introduce two new members to the Region XII Southern District Team 2010. Please welcome the new Chair-Elect, Donald Delgado, and the new International Scholar Representative, Kevin DelMastro! (An election ballot was not needed, as we had one confirmed nominee for each position.)

Chair-Elect: Donald Delgado

Donald Delgado first entered the field of international education in 1990 when he started as a graduate student assistant in the Office of International Students and Scholars at West Virginia University. He has been with International Place of The Claremont Colleges since December 2005, serving as Director since February 2008. He has held positions at a number of institutions with responsibilities ranging from international admissions, international student recruitment, foreign academic credential evaluations, exchange program administration and international student services. He was NAFSA Region VIII Chair from 1999 2000, served on the National Council on the Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials from 2001 2004, and is a current member of the National Collegiate Athletic Associations International Student Records Committee.

International Scholar Representative: Kevin DelMastro

Kevin DelMastro currently serves as an International Scholar Advisor at UC San Diego in La Jolla, CA. During his eight years at the UC San Diego International Center, he has advised students and scholars and worked on outreach and marketing efforts. Last year he finished his Master of Science in Business Administration from San Diego State University. Kevin frequently presents at NAFSA conferences and is active within the Southern California Scholar Advisors group. As the International Scholar representative, he is eager to help answer your questions.

Laura Flower Kim, Chair  
Phone: 626.395.6330

## 2. Community College Update

Enrollment at the California Community Colleges Skyrockets to 2.9 Million: California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott announced that enrollment for the 2008/09 academic year increased by more than 135,000 students at the systems 110 colleges, based on newly collected data. This announcement came on the eve of a visit to the states capitol by President Barack Obama's Education Secretary Arne Duncan. The final 2008/09 headcount reflects a 4.9 percent increase in students in relation to the 2007/08 academic year. The total number of students enrolled in California's community colleges was 2,913,735, the highest enrollment figure in the history of the system. Read more.

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### **3. Education Abroad Update**

International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This year IEW took place the week of November 16-20. If your office did not take the opportunity to promote IEW, you can always plan ahead for a successful IEW in 2010! To learn more about IEW, get ideas for your campus, or to test your knowledge of the world with the Global IQ quiz, visit the IEW website. Mark your calendar for IEW 2010 which will take place November 15-19!

Adrienne Fusek, Education Abroad Representative  
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### **4. International Student & Scholar Update**

The next generation of SEVIS is just around the corner. Is your school ready for SEVIS II? Check out the "Regulatory Information" section on the NAFSA website for the latest information on the transition to SEVIS II.

From non-immigrant status to U.S. Citizenship. Is this possible? Get up-to-date information about the U.S. Army's MAVNI (Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest) Pilot Program. This information was presented at the last Region XII Conference. The SEVP Policy Guidance regarding the MAVNI program is available now as well.

Hanna Lee, International Student & Scholar Representative  
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### **5. Recruitment, Admissions & Preparations Update**

NAFSA offers some great opportunities and resources for those involved in the Recruitment, Admissions, and Preparation (RAP) field. This includes six professional networks, as well as an online Guide to Educational Systems Around the World. The RAP networks, as well as the online guide, are available to all, even if you are not a NAFSA member. For more information about the RAP Knowledge Community and what it has to offer, as well as the Guide to Educational Systems Around the World, visit the NAFSA Resource Library online.

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### **Questions? Contact Your District Team**

Your Region XII Southern District Team members are ready to assist you. If you have specific content area questions, please contact the appropriate District Team representative from our District Team member roster. (Click "District Team" on the left side-bar for individual content areas and contact information.)

From your friends on the Region XII Southern District Team