

NAFSA Region XII Southern District Newsletter (November 2009)

1. Announcements from the Chair

It's a pleasure to serve as the District's new Chair. I want to thank Edwin Cahill and Mia Scavone for their leadership in past years and for their support as I transition into this new position. As we move into 2010, the District Team will be reviewing your needs in order to plan professional development opportunities for international educators in the Southern District. Your feedback is important to us. Please offer your thoughts about what type of programming the District should offer in 2010. Enter your comments via Survey Monkey.

The District currently has **two open positions (Chair-Elect and International Scholar Representative)** for which we are accepting nominations through November 13. Self-nominations are welcomed! Please submit your nomination via Survey Monkey.

Laura Flower Kim, Chair
Phone: 626.395.6330

2. Community College Update

The following is an excerpt from the Community College Institutional Interest Group (CC-IIG) meeting held at the NAFSA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles on May 28, 2009: For the next NAFSA Conference in Kansas City, the CC-IIG will plan a social event, i.e., a Community College Reception. CC-IIG will work on changing the Community College Luncheon arrangements to reduce the cost of the luncheon and encourage more attendance, and CC-IIG will propose a Community College Plenary with prominent national speaker focused on community college issues. Read more.

Chong Hee Min, Community College Representative
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3. Education Abroad Update

"Collaboration" was a buzzword at the NAFSA Region XII conference last month. Everyone seemed to be talking about working together to do more with less. Session topics ranged from education abroad and admissions offices sharing recruitment responsibilities to looking beyond organizational borders to share resources and create regional programming. An excellent model of inter-organizational collaboration is the Northern California Education Abroad Association (NCEAA). Visit the NCEAA website to learn about how education abroad professionals in northern California are sharing best practices and resources to "do more with less".

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

Reminders below of upcoming advisor discussion groups in the Southern District. Directions and event information are available from the individual group hosts, as provided when available. Please contact the hosts directly with any questions.

L.A. PIER

Monday, November 9 | 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM | Pepperdine University - Seaver College, Hahn Fireside Room, Rockwell Dining Center

San Diego PIER

November 18, 2009 | 2:00pm | Location: Palomar College | Please contact: Kasey McCarthy

Hanna Lee, International Student & Scholar Representative

Phone: 657.278.2787

5. Recruitment, Admissions & Preparations Update

The October 2009 NAFSA wRAP-Up Newsletter contains a comprehensive overview of secondary education, including specific information and case studies about select countries. Anybody who works with students presenting secondary education credentials will not want to miss this issue! As always, access to the Newsletter is free; you don't need to be a NAFSA member to utilize this excellent resource. You can access the latest wRAP-UP Newsletter, as well as link to previous issues.

Laura Macchia Amescua, Recruitment, Admissions, & Preparation Representative

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Questions? Contact Your District Team

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