

# NAFSA Region XII Southern District Newsletter (July 2010)

## Announcements from the Southern District Team

The Southern District Team is excited to report that we have reached full capacity for the workshop on “F-1 Student Advising for Beginners”. A big thanks to the 40 participants! A very special thanks our lead trainers (Jean Hotta, Cal State Fullerton; Edwin Cahill, Pepperdine University; Denise Kinsella, Santa Monica College; and Rebecca Peterson, USC) and our table moderators (Donald Delgado, Claremont Colleges; Laura Flower Kim, Caltech; Hanna Lee, Cal State Northridge; Melissa Lyon, Santa Monica College; and Daniel Yoder), Caltech). With sincere gratitude to our Registrar, Jenny Dannelley of Chaffey College.

For those who are still seeking professional development opportunities, please join us at the NAFSA Region XII Conference in Reno, Nevada (October 25-29, 2010). For conference registration and details, visit: <http://www.region12.nafsa.org/r12conferences.html>. Professional workshops are available – sign up now!

Please stay tuned for a special announcement about Travel Grant Applications to the Region XII Conference. Announcement will be made very soon via email. Please also check back with the Southern District website (<http://www.region12south.nafsa.org/>) to download the Travel Grant Application (coming soon).

## Education Abroad Update

At 4:42pm on June 30, 2010, the House Agriculture Committee passed H.R. 4645, the Travel Restriction Reform and Export Enhancement Act, to restore the right of all Americans to travel to Cuba and expand agricultural exports to Cuba. The legislation will now go the House floor for a vote which could take place later this summer. Visit Connecting Our World ([http://www.connectingourworld.org/?page\\_id=880](http://www.connectingourworld.org/?page_id=880)) to learn more about this bill and how you can support it.

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## International Scholar Update

As of June, the H-1B cap still has not been reached for private industry. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service has received approximately 23,000 H-1B petitions counting toward the 65,000 cap, and approximately 9,500 petitions toward the 20,000 cap allotted for scholars with advanced degrees.

For all H-1Bs, the U.S. Department of Labor is making prevailing wage determinations much quicker, sometimes in a matter of days. However, redeterminations are still usually taking 1-2 months. As of July 1, new wage data has come out for the year 2010-2011. Determinations made on or after July 1 should include the new data.

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## International Student Update

Useful Resources for International Student Advisors/Designated School Officials:

Immigration Update for The NAFSA 2010 Conference:  
[http://www.nafsa.org/uploadedFiles/2010%20Immigration%20Update%20Download\\_20100617.pdf](http://www.nafsa.org/uploadedFiles/2010%20Immigration%20Update%20Download_20100617.pdf)

SEVP Policy Guidance for DSOs on the OPT Extension (Updated April 26, 2010):  
[http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/opt\\_policy\\_guidance\\_042010.pdf](http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/opt_policy_guidance_042010.pdf)

NAFSA 2010 Annual Conference & Expo (Kansas City) Handouts and Presentations from Workshops:  
<http://www.nafsa.org/annualconference/>

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## Recruitment, Admissions & Preparations Update

If you missed the NAFSA Annual Conference last month, don't despair! You can access handouts from many of the sessions presented during the conference. Visit <http://acsearch.nafsa.org/KCSessions.aspx>, and select "Recruitment, Admissions, and Preparation" as your Knowledge Community. Some highlights include:

- "Educational Reforms in the Commonwealth Caribbean"
- "Back to Basics: International Recruitment Strategies"
- "Update on the Educational System of Iraq"
- "Demystifying Postsecondary Education in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland"

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## Community College Update

Cutting Community College Athletics (from [www.insidehighered.com](http://www.insidehighered.com))

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With no economic recovery in sight, some community college administrators are wondering what else on their campuses they can reasonably cut while fulfilling their educational missions. For some, the answer is athletics. Intercollegiate programs at two-year institutions typically do not generate as much criticism as those at four-year institutions, not only because of a lack of press coverage but also because they do not cost a lot of money to operate. And many community colleges do not have intercollegiate athletics at all. While some prominent universities are accused of spending too much on athletics at a time of academic cuts, at community colleges, some of the disputes have been set off by administrators making cuts – and running into opposition from fans. Read more at <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/06/24/athletics>.

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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 (<http://www.region12south.nafsa.org/>).

From your friends on the Region XII Southern District Team