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NACAC Recap from President Liam McCartney

Greetings from Boston! I have just returned from a week in Columbus, Ohio for the International ACAC Executive Board Retreat and Meetings, and the 2025 NACAC Annual Conference. Congratulations to the NACAC Staff and the NACAC Board of Trustees for an incredible conference! I would also like to thank Ohio ACAC and the Local Advisory Committee for their support of this event and for making us feel so welcome in Columbus.

The week started with our bi-annual International ACAC Executive Board Retreat, where we came together in-person for three days to discuss items such as Regional Institutes, the ongoing Regional Council Elections, subcommittee chairs, and more. It was great to hear from our newest Board voices, Péter Árvai and Claire Wilkins, as they joined our meetings for the first time.



The NACAC Conference began on Thursday, and it was wonderful to see so many of our members at our Affiliate Membership Meeting. We are so appreciative of all our International ACAC colleagues who attended and presented at educational sessions at the NACAC Conference, amplifying our global voice and perspective.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Regional Institutes in Oman and Ghana. Wherever you are in the world, I hope you feel energized as we enter the next few busy months. I know that the strength of our community and our ability to collectively support our students make change makes

us #StrongerTogether.

Liam McCartney (he/him/his)
President, International ACAC
Associate Director of International Admissions, Boston University

Regional Council Election - Reminder to Vote

Voting is open now! Make sure to participate as we work toward shaping the future of International ACAC.

All members are invited to participate in the vote for the [Regional Council](#). You received an email on September 17 that contains the link to your unique ballot, which is specific to the [region in which you live](#).

Members who have [voting status](#) also have access to vote on the [Member Dues Update](#). This vote can be found in the same ballot sent to your email on September 17.

The deadline to vote is **October 1 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time**.

Regional Institute Update

Middle East & North Africa, October 2-4, 2025, ABA International School, Muscat, Oman

As of this member bulletin, a few spaces still remain. If you are interested in joining us in Muscat, Oman, register **today**. Registration closes **tomorrow, September 25**.

Register Here
Middle East & North Africa Regional Institute

Sub-Saharan Africa, October 24-26, 2025, Galaxy International School, Accra, Ghana

Registration is still open. We hope you can join us in Ghana!

Register Here
Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Institute

East Asia, Southeast Asia, & Oceania, April 9-11, 2026, Dwight School Hanoi, Hanoi, Vietnam

Registration is officially open! Get this on your 2026 calendar early.

Register Here
East Asia, Southeast Asia, & Oceania Regional Institute

Coming soon: Watch your inboxes for an announcement about our next 2026 Regional Institutes: The Americas and South & Central Asia!

If you have any questions about these events or any of our upcoming Regional Institutes, please reach out

to the [Regional Institutes team](#).

2025 NACAC Rising Star Award Winners

International ACAC is honored to have had both a program and a member of our community win a [Rising Star Award](#) at the 2025 NACAC Annual Conference.

International ACAC Annual Conference Book Drive

The annual conference book drive was recognized for its value within each local community that hosts our annual conference. Since its founding in 2023, the program has grown in reach and popularity. As described by NACAC, “More than a donation effort, the book drive has become a unifying force within International ACAC’s community, providing members with a meaningful way to act on our values.”

Mabrookah Heneidi



Mabrookah has been a member of International ACAC since 2022 and has had an enormous influence on our community ever since. Having recently won a [GEM Award](#), Mabrookah has now also been recognized by NACAC for her dedicated work in the field. Mabrookah founded the Gazan Student Support Network and works tirelessly to provide assistance with housing and educational opportunities to those in need.

As described by a colleague, “[Mabrookah] is one of the most dedicated people I have worked with and I am fortunate to be part of this impactful group under her leadership.” Congratulations to Mabrookah for this award!

Nominate a Colleague for the GEM Award

Nominations for the October 2025 [Going the Extra Mile \(GEM\) Award](#) are now open! The GEM Award is a member recognition program designed to acknowledge the exemplary work of International ACAC members by highlighting a dedication to our profession, our colleagues, and our students.

If you know someone who deserves to be celebrated, now is your chance to nominate them! Nominations are due by **October 8 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time**.

[Nominate a Colleague Today](#)

Scholar Program: Upcoming Dates

Do you know a high-impact university advising professional who supports academically strong, under-resourced secondary school students? They would be a perfect candidate for the [International ACAC Scholar Program](#).

Nominations and applications for the 2027 Scholar Cohort will be available soon! Those chosen for the

Scholar Program will be funded to attend the International ACAC Annual Conference, Pre-Conference Institute, and a counselor bus tour following the conference.

2027 Scholar Program Nominations

Open: October 1
Close: October 31

2027 Scholar Program Applications

Open: October 22
Close: December 1

Dates & Deadlines

Find all upcoming International ACAC events on the [Events Calendar](#).

- Sept 24: GEM Award Nominations Open
- Oct 1: Regional Council and Member Dues Update Voting Closes
- Oct 1: Scholar Program Nominations Open
- Oct 6: Regional Council and Member Dues Update Election Results Announced
- Oct 8: 2026 Membership Renewals Open
- Oct 8: Webinar Wednesday - "*Applying and Studying in France in French... or in English!*"
- Oct 8: GEM Award Nomination Deadline
- Oct 22: Scholar Program Application Opens
- Oct 31: Scholar Program Nominations Close
- Dec 1: Scholar Program Application Deadline

Quick Links

- [Regional Council Election](#)
- [Member Dues Update](#)
- [GEM Award Nomination Form](#)
- [2025 Annual Award Winners](#)
- [Regional Institutes](#)
- [2026-2027 International ACAC International Student Financial Aid Forms](#)

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