



MONTHLY MEMBER BULLETIN

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Thank You from President Liam McCartney

Hello Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are just over a month from the 2026 Annual Conference. It feels like just yesterday that so many of our members were gathering here in Boston! While my personal travel to this year's conference will be a touch farther, I am very excited to feel the same sense of community that always surrounds our flagship event.

No matter what stage of the university admission cycle you find yourself at today, I hope that you are able to feel a sense of accomplishment. The work we all choose to do is incredibly important. We work with trailblazing students as they chart their academic paths around the world. Thank you all for the work that you do!



I am also incredibly grateful to any member who has volunteered their time to support the work of International ACAC this year. Your efforts have allowed us to provide professional development, networking opportunities, and more to every member of our association.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Pittsburgh next month, virtually at a future webinar, or at one of our Regional Institutes next year. When we gather together, we are #BridgeBuilders, working together to assist one another and support our students.

Best wishes,

Liam McCartney (he/him/his)

President, International ACAC

Associate Director of International Admissions, Boston University

2026-2027 GNC: Applications Now Open

The Governance & Nominating Committee (GNC) is seeking volunteers for the 2026-2027 year. In accordance with the International ACAC Bylaws, the Governance & Nominating Committee shall review governing documents and related policies and recommend amendments. The committee also reviews eligibility for officers to the Executive Board, and puts forth a slate of nominees for Executive Board offices for election by membership vote.

Joining the GNC is your chance to get involved and create lasting change!

[2026-2027 GNC Application](#)

Apply by July 31 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time

If you have any questions, please reach out to the 2026-2027 GNC Chair, [Liam McCartney](#).

Launch of the Mentor Year Program Application

We are excited to announce that applications are now open for the 6th annual cycle of the International ACAC Mentor Year Program! This year-long program seeks to connect professionals in the field of international admissions and counseling with experienced mentors for guidance, support, and resources.

2026-2027 Mentor Year Program Application

Apply by July 29 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time

If you have any questions, please reach out to mentoryearprogram@internationalacac.org.

Congratulations to Christie Culp, Recipient of the GEM Award!

Congratulations to Christie Culp, Associate Director International Admission & Outreach at Loyola Marymount University, and recipient of the June 2026 Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Award!



Christie is an exceptional international admissions professional known for her empathy, generosity, and unwavering student-first approach. She consistently goes above and beyond to support students, colleagues, and counselors, offering guidance, sharing knowledge, and building meaningful relationships across communities, particularly in Latin America. Her dedication extends far beyond her formal role, as she actively collaborates, mentors others, and creates opportunities for connection and learning.

Colleagues describe her as warm, responsive, and deeply committed, someone who brings both professionalism and genuine care to every interaction. Christie's impact is profound, making her not only highly respected but also truly deserving of recognition.

Learn more about the GEM Award [here](#).

International ACAC Cookbook

The International ACAC Cookbook project uses the preparation and enjoyment of delicious, diverse foods to unify association members. This cookbook will feature recipes from International ACAC members across the globe, along with personal stories from each recipe.

The cookbook will be available as an e-book, and will cost \$20 USD. An early-bird price of \$15 USD will be available for cookbook pre-orders, leading up to the start of the 2026 Annual Conference. Register for the pre-sale list now to be notified when orders open. All proceeds will benefit the International ACAC Global Fund.

[Register for Pre-Sale Here](#)

2028 Scholar Nominations

Do you know a high-impact university advising professional who supports academically strong, under-resourced secondary school students? If so, please consider nominating them for the [International ACAC Scholar Program](#)!

Nominate someone today to be considered for the 2028 Scholar Cohort. 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.

[2028 Scholar Nomination Form](#)

If **you personally** want to join the 2028 scholar cohort, the application form will be available in August. Please do not self-nominate.

Last Call for Conference Exhibitors

Our Annual Conference in Pittsburgh is well on its way! The opportunity to exhibit is still available for member and non-member businesses and organizations. Click below to learn more, or reach out to sponsorshipandexhibits@internationalacac.org.

[Exhibit Hall Website](#)

Regional Institutes Update

You've been asking for it, and now here's your chance! Sponsorship opportunities are now available at our Regional Institutes.

In response to years of requests, we are now offering limited sponsorship opportunities at our Regional Institutes. The sponsorships can take the form of sponsoring a dinner or accompanying drinks, the name tag lanyards, or an idea of your own making. If you are interested in learning more about Regional Institute sponsorships, or have any questions about the opportunities and process, we'd love to hear from you! Contact us at Regionallnstitutes@InternationalACAC.org.

Due to the small size and abbreviated schedule of the Regional Institutes, we do not have the ability or timing to provide an Exhibit Hall.



Lincoln School

San José, Costa Rica • September 30-October 2

Registration is now open!

Institute Capacity: 275

[Register for San José, Costa Rica](#)



**REGIONAL INSTITUTE
SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA 2026**

Registration is now open!

Register for Indore, India

 **INTERNATIONAL
ACAC** Institute Capacity: 275 **INDORE, INDIA**  **OCTOBER 18-20, 2026**

Emerald Heights International School



**REGIONAL INSTITUTE
EUROPE 2027**

 **INTERNATIONAL
ACAC** **EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND**  **APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2027**

The University of Edinburgh & Fettes College

Edinburgh, Scotland • April 29-May 1, 2027

[Submit an Expression of Interest for Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Dates & Deadlines

Register for upcoming International ACAC events using the [Events Calendar](#).

- June 18: Deadline to Transfer Conference Registration
 - June 25: Conference Payment Deadline
 - July 1: Conference Registration Closes
 - July 14-16: 2026 Annual International ACAC Conference
 - July 29: Mentor Year Program Application Closes
 - July 31: GNC Application Closes
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Quick Links

- [2026 Annual Conference](#)
- [Mentor Year Program Application](#)
- [GNC Application](#)
- [Cookbook Pre-Order](#)
- [Scholar Nomination Form](#)
- [Member-Submitted Event Calendar](#)

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