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Greetings from the President-Elect

Hello everyone!

As I am traveling around the world meeting with admitted students and connecting with colleagues, my admiration for International ACAC members continues to grow. I appreciate all of your time and effort to support students and families as they begin their adventures in higher education!

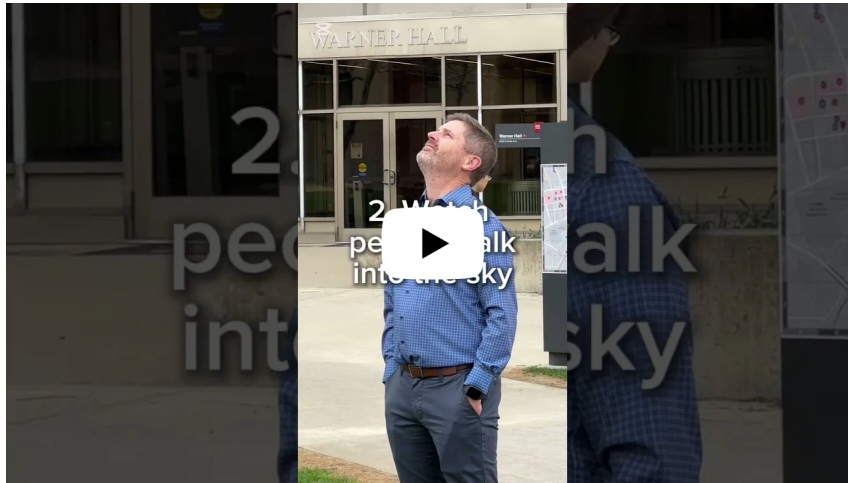
Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh are ideal hosts for our Annual Conference in July, where #BridgeBuilders will celebrate our collective efforts, discuss best practices to enhance our craft, and strengthen our professional network. Read on to learn more about what Pittsburgh is preparing for us, and check out the video below that highlights what you can look forward to when arriving on the campuses in a few short months.

See you soon!

Daniel Marschner, Ph. D.

President-Elect, International ACAC

Director of International Admission, Loyola Marymount University



Registration Reminder

If you haven't already, be sure to register for the conference! Standard registration rates are available from **April 17 to June 2**. Read more about [tiered registration rates](#).

Please keep in mind the [payment and refund policies](#). Cancellations and transfers will only be accepted through the communicated deadlines.

[Conference Registration Form](#)

Annual Awards - Nominate a Colleague

International ACAC annually recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the college counseling and admission profession, with members submitting nominations to recognize their peers. Visit our [website](#) to see last year's Annual Award Winners. The awards are announced during the Annual Conference in July. The following three awards are presented:

- Peter Hauet Lifetime Achievement Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Rising Star Award

[Annual Awards Nomination Form](#)

*Nominations for these awards must be submitted by **Thursday, May 7 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time**.*

Special Events Registration

Sign up now for any of the [2026 Conference Special Events](#)! These are fun, extracurricular activities designed to promote camaraderie, celebrate community, and raise money for the International ACAC Global Fund.



5K-3K Run/Walk

Wednesday, July 15



Cost: \$35 USD advance registration. \$40 USD day-of.
Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 AM

5k-3k Walk/Run Registration



Good Morning Yoga




Thursday, July 16

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Spots Available: 25
Cost: \$25 USD
Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 AM

Good Morning Yoga Registration



Spin Class
Thursday, July 16



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Goodbye Raffle, Hello Silent Auction!

That's right - we're changing things up this year. Check out the first annual [International ACAC Silent Auction](#)! All prizes are donated by International ACAC members and proceeds benefit the Global Fund.

How to Donate a Prize:

Show off your home, a place you love, or just your "favorite things" by donating art, food, or novelty items for other attendees to bid on. Some popular past prizes include: tickets to a Notre Dame (American) football game; a handcrafted Ghanaian wooden mask; a handmade backpack from Madrid designer Daniel Chong; Class Azul Reposado tequila; tim tams and other goodies from Australia; Ethiopian coffee and woven basket set.

Submit photos and description of your prize through [this link](#). They will be added to the Silent Auction site within two weeks.

Plan to bring your prize with you to the conference. They should not be shipped ahead of time.

So...why the change?

We heard your feedback. The Raffle was a successful tradition included in the Annual Conference, but times have changed, along with what our members want. The Silent Auction allows conference attendees to select which prize they want to bid on specifically, while honoring the capacity of the volunteers who make this all happen behind the scenes. Gone are the days of losing tickets, or purchasing "general" tickets and walking away with a prize you didn't choose.

Host Campus Fairs & Tours

Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh are considering offering an additional institution-specific fair on Monday or Friday, and they'd love your feedback! Please take a moment to learn more and complete a two question form to help them gauge interest.

[Institution Specific Fair Interest Form](#)

As you plan your travels, be sure to make time to get to know the Hometown Schools! Click the links below for dates, times, and to sign-up.

- [The University of Pittsburgh](#)
- [Carnegie Mellon University](#)
- [Duquesne University](#)

Get To Know The Hometown Schools

AS YOU PLAN YOUR TRAVELS, ALLOW TIME TO TOUR THREE FANTASTIC SCHOOLS IN PITTSBURGH!



The University of Pittsburgh is a top-ranked public institution. In addition to being home of the Division I Panthers, it houses 16 schools and colleges.



Carnegie Mellon University is a top-20 private research institution, known for its interdisciplinary approach across eight colleges and programs.



Duquesne University is home to 10 colleges and schools, and is consistently ranked among the top Catholic universities in the U.S.

If you have difficulty accessing or completing any of the forms, please email laac@andrew.cmu.edu with the subject line "Hometown Tours"

Other Important Reminders

Invitation letters can be helpful when applying for visas or when crossing the border in general, even if you don't need a visa. [Request a personalized invitation letter here](#).

If your organization is planning to host an event in Pittsburgh overlapping with the dates of the conference, please be reminded of the [Hosting Off-Campus Events Guidelines](#).

If you are looking to book accommodations for the Annual Conference, the form for on-campus housing is shared after you submit your registration. Alternatively, you may visit our [conference website](#) to find off-campus accommodations available at a discounted rate.

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