



**MONTHLY MEMBER BULLETIN**

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[Welcome to the New Representative to the Executive Board, José Hanani Juma](#)

Welcome to the newly appointed Representative of the Executive Board, José Hanani Juma!

José, who works at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, has been appointed to serve as a Representative to the Executive Board. This is a one-year term filling the Representative position previously held by Megan Mankerian.

José has served in many capacities since becoming an International ACAC member in 2021. He has been on the Governance & Nominating Committee twice, was a part of the Mentor Year Program as both a mentor and a mentee, and worked with the First-Timers' Committee to welcome new attendees to the 2024 Annual Conference.

We are delighted to have José on the Board, where we know his experiences will add an important voice to our work this year.



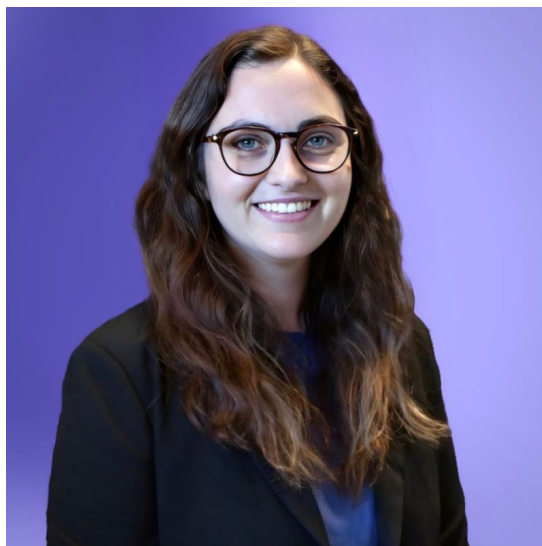
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## An Update from HQ - Thank You, Jessica!

After four and a half years with International ACAC, Jessica Bishop, our Program Manager and a beloved member of the HQ Team, has recently left the organization to pursue new opportunities.

Since joining the staff as the Administrative Coordinator in early 2022, Jessica has had a tremendous impact on the International ACAC community and the work of the organization. In addition to her key role in planning and running five conferences (one of which was hybrid), Jessica was instrumental in our database and platform transition from MemberClicks to GrowthZone in 2024, working diligently to recreate the website and online resources, and migrate 4000+ member profiles. She also served as the HQ point-person for a number of our programs and projects including Gathering and Opportunity Grants, the Mentor Year and Scholar Programs, and many of the posts and graphics used on the International ACAC Facebook and Instagram accounts.

We are so thankful for Jessica's dedication to International ACAC and the impact she has had on countless member experiences, and wish her all the best in her next chapter. In the coming months, the Leadership Team will be reviewing our HQ staffing and will determine the next steps to ensure all roles and responsibilities are met.



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## Conference Session Presentations & Survey Reminder

We are excited to share that the 2026 Conference session presentations are now available! Find your favorite session to review, or peruse the presentations that you were not able to attend. Log in is required to access these member-only resources.

[2026 Conference Session Presentations](#)

If you attended the event in Pittsburgh and have not yet shared your feedback, we kindly ask that you submit the 2026 Conference Survey by the extended deadline of **Wednesday, September 9**. Your submissions help the planning teams and host universities prepare for future events and an enhanced attendee experience.

[2026 Conference Survey](#)

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## Scholar Program: 2028 Nominations Open

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](#).

2028 Scholar Nomination Form

If YOU are wanting to apply to the Scholar Program, please use the application form. Self-nomination is not necessary. The application form will open on **Wednesday, September 16**.

Those chosen for the Scholar Program will be funded to attend the 2028 International ACAC Annual Conference, Pre-Conference Institute, and a counselor bus tour following the conference. The 2028 Conference will be co-hosted by Dalhousie University and Saint's Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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## 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 is available for cookbook pre-orders. 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

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## Fall Webinar Schedule

Mark your calendars for a Fall full of wonderful webinars! Our Webinars Subcommittee has been hard at work mapping out the next few months; see the schedule below:

- Sept 9: Navigating Application Season Pressure Points
- Sept 23: Preparing Students for the Workforce
- Oct 14: Interpreting Rankings
- Oct 21: Studying in Japan
- Nov 4: Studying in the Netherlands
- Nov 18: Studying in Northeast UK

Sept 9: Register for Navigating Application Season Pressure Points

Sept 23: Register for Preparing Students for the Workforce

## Regional Institute Update

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As you may have read in our last bulletin, sponsorship opportunities are now available for the 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 [RI@InternationalACAC.org](mailto:RI@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.*

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**SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA**



**SEPT 30-OCT 2 2026**

Secondary School, Independent Counselor, and  
Organizational Registration is OPEN!

Register for San José, Costa Rica

### **Lincoln School**

San José, Costa Rica • September 30-October 2



**INDORE, INDIA**



**OCTOBER 18-20, 2026**

### **Emerald Heights International School**

Indore, India • October 18-20

The hotel block rate is expiring on August 30, so book your room today if you'll be joining us.

Registration is OPEN!  
Institute Capacity: 275

Register for Indore, India



**The University of Edinburgh & Fettes College**  
Edinburgh, Scotland • April 29-May 1, 2027  
Registration will open in October.

Institute Capacity: 200

Submit an Expression of Interest for  
Edinburgh, Scotland

## Annual Award Winners

Congratulations to the [2026 Annual Award winners](#)!



Rising Star  
Michaela Beatty



Distinguished Service  
New York University Abu Dhabi



Peter Hauet Lifetime  
Achievement  
Anne Corriveau



Panetha Nychis Ott  
Member of the Year  
Nathan Mack

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

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## Dates & Deadlines

- Sept 9: Webinar Wednesday - Dealing with Anxiety Around Applications
- Sept 16: Scholar Program Applications Open
- Sept 23: Webinar Wednesday - Preparing Students for the Workforce
- Sept 24: Region 1 Social - [Register Here](#)
- Sept 30-Oct 2: The Americas Regional Institute
- October 8: Membership Meeting & Reception at NACAC Conference in Minneapolis
- October 8-10: NACAC Conference
- October 18-20: South & Central Asia Regional Institute

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## Quick Links

- [2026 Conference Session Presentations](#)
  - [2026 Conference Survey](#)
  - [Regional Institute Project Manager Application](#)
  - [Regional Institute Hosting Expression of Interest Form](#)
  - [Scholar Nomination Form](#)
  - [Member-Submitted Event Calendar](#)
  - [Profile Update Form](#)
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