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Greetings from the President-Elect

Hello members all around the world,

Pittsburgh awaits - Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh will host International ACAC's Annual Conference in less than two months! Standard registration continues until June 2, so if you have not yet [registered](#), please do so before the rates increase.

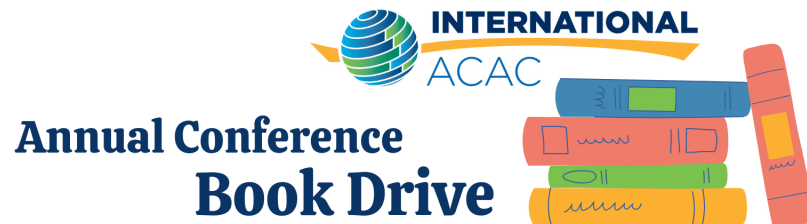
Read on for more information about our Book Drive, Dodgeball Tournament, Fairs, First-Timers Sessions, and Silent Auction - all designed to encourage **#BridgeBuilders** to engage in various ways. The conference begins at The University of Pittsburgh, and the video below explains everything you need to know about arriving to campus.

I'm excited to see you soon!

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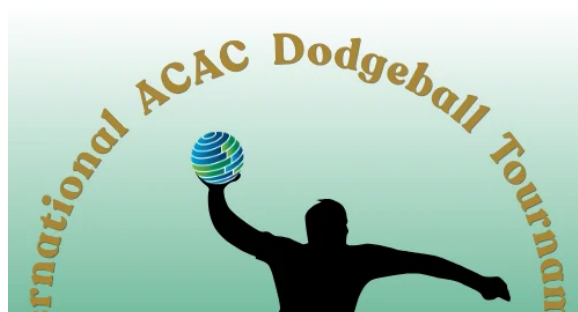
Book Drive



Bring a book representing your culture, personal interests, or simply a wonderful childhood read that can be donated to an organization in Pittsburgh. Our Annual Conference Book Drive ensures books representing different cultures, backgrounds, traditions, and life experiences can be shared with children in the community where the conference is hosted.

This year's donations will be donated to [Reading Ready Pittsburgh](#). Books can be dropped off at the Special Events table at conference registration.

Dodgeball Tournament





This year is the **20th Annual International ACAC Dodgeball Tournament!** This event is a staple of our Wednesday evening programming, bringing out competitors and spectators alike. Winners get a big trophy and bragging rights for an entire year.

Each team can have a maximum of nine players, and there is no cost to participate. Please use the form below to either register a team or sign up as a "free agent" to be added to a team later on.

[Register for Dodgeball Here](#)

First-Timers' Welcome Sessions

Will this be your first International ACAC Conference? We hope you are excited, as the First-Timers' Committee looks forward to welcoming you to Pittsburgh. As a reminder, the **First-Timers' Session** at the conference is on **Tuesday, July 14 from 2:45-4:00 PM**.

If you have questions or would like to connect with other attendees prior to the conference, please join a virtual welcome session. We are offering two opportunities to engage with the committee and other first-timers; choose a time and register using the links below.

[Register: June 16, 5:00 AM Eastern Time](#)

[Register: June 16, 1:00 PM Eastern Time](#)

College & Counselor Fairs

The [2026 College & Counselor Fairs](#) are a premier part of the conference programming, a great way to both showcase one's institution, as well as network with those on "the other side of the desk". The conference will feature three fairs:

- **US University Fair:** Wednesday, July 15; 8:30-10:30 AM
- **Global University Fair:** Thursday, July 16; 8:30-10:30 AM
- **Counselor Fair:** (*secondary school members, IECs, and CBOs*) Thursday, July 16; 3:00-5:00 PM

If you are eligible for a table at one of the fairs, you will receive information from the Fairs Committee soon; there is no additional cost or registration process to participate.

If you are not interested in having a table, you may opt-out during conference registration. Please email admin@internationalacac.org if you would like to update or have questions regarding your participation preference.

Silent Auction - Donate a Prize!

Back for the first time since 2015, the 2026 Conference will feature a Silent Auction! We encourage conference attendees to donate a prize and participate in this initiative. All 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 statue;

handmade silver jewelry.

Submit photos and a 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.

[Donate a Prize Here](#)

Pittsburgh Arrivals & Accommodations

Pittsburgh is an easily accessible city, served by an [international airport](#) about 22 miles/35 kilometers from Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh campuses. In addition to ride share and taxi services, [public transportation](#) is also available from the airport to the campuses. Learn more about traveling through Pittsburgh [host universities' travel webpage](#).

On-campus housing, available on both campuses, is a great option for those that want to be closest to the conference action AND experience fellowship in a residence hall. See additional [information about on-campus housing](#).

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