

The Monthly Mentor

Creating a Culture of Members Helping Members

By: the MYP Committee

Hello and Welcome, Mentors and Mentees —

It is with immense pleasure and excitement that we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all 176 of you, representing 10 diverse regions, residing in 55 countries, and affiliated with 155 institutions around the globe. Your presence in our global mentorship program is a testament to the power of collaboration, shared knowledge, and the pursuit of excellence in the field of college counseling and university admissions.

At its core, our mentorship program is built on the values of knowledge sharing, resource exchange, and fostering professional growth through one-on-one mentorship relationships. We believe that mentorship is a powerful catalyst for personal and collective development, and your commitment to this program reflects your dedication to making a positive impact on the industry.

Our program's strength lies in its diversity, both in terms of geography and professional backgrounds. We are thrilled to have mentors and mentees from such a wide array of regions and institutions, bringing unique perspectives and experiences to the table. This diversity enriches our community, ensuring that we have a wealth of knowledge and expertise to draw upon.

Over the course of this program, we encourage you to engage, ask questions, and share your experiences openly. Whether you are a mentor or a mentee remember that the journey of professional development is a collaborative one moving in both directions.

We are so glad to be working together this year!

Malissa Takacs, on behalf of the MYP Committee



“The International ACAC conference is a great opportunity to connect with people and this year I was especially lucky to get to meet **Lucas Sousa** ahead of working together through the MYP. We were both excited to see each other in person and to have the chance to introduce ourselves.

It always amazes me how much shared experiences we have in our community. Lucas and I both come from a history teaching background and have both worked in solo offices. I’m looking forward to the year ahead!”

Zoë C. Williams, Tanglin Trust School



Links of interest

NACAC Webinars

NACAC - On-demand learning, certificate programs and industry insights

“Reflections on a Globally Mobile Student Life” TIE Online

High School and IECs

Cialfo Community (do not need to be a Cialfo school) has a wealth of practical resources!

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Looking for more resources on career counseling resources? Check out **Careers Calendar**

University Admissions

“Reflections on a Transformative Year” Insider Higher Ed

University World News - subscribe and follow for trends and updates

5 ways that colleges benefit from DEI programs

SAVE THE DATE:

Next All Group Meeting
Jan 30, 2024

Zoom invite coming!

A WARM MESSAGE FROM: WILSON LEE **PRESIDENT-ELECT, INTERNATIONAL ACAC,** **COLLEGE COUNSELING PROGRAM MANAGER,** **SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL**



The Mentor Year Program (MYP) holds a special place in my heart. In November of 2020, a small but mighty team of dedicated International ACAC members showed a strong interest in supporting our membership by establishing a mentorship program. Thank you, Malissa Takacs, Skyler Bentley Hall, and Dan Seneker. Back then, we couldn't have foreseen the success and growth that this program has achieved. With its official launch in 2021, the impact it has had on our community is truly remarkable.

I want to extend my appreciation to the MYP committee for their unwavering dedication, commitment, and visionary approach in supporting our membership. Without their efforts, none of this would be possible.

A special thank you goes out to our mentors, who generously give back to both our organization and the industry. I would like to extend a special shout-out to MYP mentors who have served in previous years and continue to serve. I also want to thank our mentors who were once mentees. What a testament to what this program can accomplish. To all our mentors, your willingness to support those eager to learn and grow is commendable, and most certainly, you make International ACAC a stronger and more vibrant organization. Thank you.

To our mentees, I want to commend you for stepping forward and accepting mentorship. I hope the programming we provide you with in the year to come helps you better support students and connect more deeply from our broader International ACAC membership. I hope the relationships you form through the MYP prove to be valuable and rewarding.

Sixteen years ago, I began a career in counseling, armed with a psychology degree and a counseling certification but little to no practical knowledge about college counseling. It was Chuck Krugler, an International ACAC veteran and a dear friend to many of us, who extended his support, providing me with answers, opportunities, and, most importantly, the confidence to excel in my role. Likewise, Ms. Ellen O'Neill Deitrich, my high school college counselor, was someone who was always approachable and knowledgeable and demonstrated how important it was to advocate for students during the college application process. Ms. Deitrich played a pivotal role in my college success and my counseling career and taught me how to counsel with empathy, sincerity, and fervency.



I am grateful for these two influential mentors, and my involvement in supporting the MYP is to ensure that our profession continues to offer mentorship and support for all who seek it.

Today, the Mentor Year Program is an integral part of International ACAC's mission and strategic plan. It is also a vital way in which we can sustain our membership and advance our industry. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for continuing to believe in International ACAC and the power of mentorship. Wishing you all an amazing year ahead as we kick off MYP's 3rd year with our largest cohort yet!

All the best from Singapore, Wilson Lee

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- Don't forget to renew your membership! Emails re: process were sent on August 16th; more [info found here](#).
- Registration still open for Middle East/N.Africa [Regional Institute](#) in Doha
- Don't forget the [Jobs Board](#) area of our International ACAC website!
- [Forms for International Students Applying for Financial Aid](#) - recently updated

