

# The Monthly Mentor

International ACAC Mentor Year Program

## CREATING A CULTURE OF MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

By: Mentor Year Committee

**Adventure** - "an unusual and exciting or daring experience"

**Start-up** - "the action or process of setting something into motion"

**Partnership** - "an association of two or more people as partners"

Every single participant in the inaugural International ACAC Mentor Year Program entered into this new space to set into motion something that was a longtime coming. Here you are! Daring to join in partnership with your Mentee or Mentor, along with the other near-90 professionals spanning the globe. We are working with you and for you to ensure that we offer the best resources to meet your professional and personal goals.

We'll say it again: we're glad you're here. We're grateful that you took action to set into motion this new program as we build it. You've already started the meaningful work that this program is truly meant to offer. As promised, we will be providing this monthly check-in along with updating our other spaces.

**Welcome! Bravo! Thank you!**



**Don't forget!**  
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Please add your Goals and Agreements



## College/University

October 7th - [The PIE webinar](#): Driving positive student outcomes through digital recruitment & conversion strategies

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[University World News](#) -- The Global Window on Higher Ed

## Independent Consultants &

## High School Counselors

October 5, 1PM EDT - CollegeBoard: New international counsellor webinar ([info/register here](#))

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A reminder that UCAS has a lot of free online training modules [available here](#)

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Long-time counselor, Jeff Neil, has a [great blog](#) with monthly "counselor to-do lists" (Behind the Curtain) and other great resources!

## Save the Date --

Next All Group Meeting:  
Tues, November 23 (9:00 am EDT, 3:00 pm CET, 10:00 pm SG)  
Calendar invite coming soon!

## Marcia Farias



### UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL ACAC EVENTS

#### What's on for October

OCTOBER 6th 10:00 - 11:30 am ET --  
Membership Meeting

Events Calendar [Linked Here](#)

## MENTOR/MENTEE SPOTLIGHT

### Diana Kaufmann - DK College Counseling & Marcia Farias - CollegeAdmissionsInternational

"When I learned about the International ACAC Mentor Year Program, I jumped on the opportunity. On Kent State's website I read that a "simple, broad definition of a mentor is an experienced and trusted advisor." As an IEC I am a trusted advisor to the students and families I serve, but I sometimes feel the need for guidance myself.

Diana and I have so much in common. We are both from Latam with European parents/grandparents, we are affected by our countries' inflation and the exchange rate to the dollar and the euro, we attended international schools in our home cities, we learned French in Switzerland, we like to laugh, we work from home. I am certain we will find other commonalities in the months to come. Did International ACAC use a sophisticated AI system to match us? I wonder!

My mentor Diana gave me invaluable guidance in our first long meeting. Speaking to my goal of growing my client base, she reminded me that our profession is unknown outside of the US, and that consultants must have flexibility; if necessary, we need to start over every day to reach new clients. She suggested I visit schools when conditions permit, and communicate more effectively with former clients and friends, as it is common for consultants' client bases to grow from word of mouth. She also inspired me to incorporate test prep in my business." Marcia Farias

## A Warm Welcome from: Natalie Bitton, President of International ACAC

The 2020 Global Listening Tour reinforced the message that our members want to connect in new and deeper ways for personal and professional growth. The

Mentor Year Committee has spent the last 9 months planning, organizing, communicating, and implementing our flagship mentorship program. It is with great joy that the International ACAC Mentor Year Program is officially launched!

We welcome our first cohort of mentors and mentees on their journey of self-discovery, relationship and commitment. International ACAC is and has always been at its core about relationships, and more than ever we focus on the person first. Enjoy each other, colleagues! We look forward to hearing about your stories.

