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Coming Next...

- Good times with great friends in the "City of Bridges" - see *yinz* in Pittsburgh!

Greetings from the President-Elect

Dear colleagues and friends,

While watching the opening matches of the FIFA World Cup, I have been amazed by the joy and passion demonstrated by everyone associated with the tournament - and it reminded me of the excitement I have to connect with all of you soon! On behalf of Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh, we are thrilled to see International ACAC #BridgeBuilders shortly to share a fantastic week together.

See you very soon!

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Director of International Admission, Loyola Marymount University

Conference App: Download Whova Today

The conference app is live! It can be found by searching "Whova" in the app store. After pulling Whova up, search for International ACAC. Or quickly download the app using the button below:

Quick Links

- [Pittsburgh Conference Website](#)
- [International ACAC Conference Website](#)
- [Fairs Conference Shipping Instructions](#) (PDF)
- [Exhibitors Shipping Instructions](#) (PDF)
- [Silent Auction Shipping Instructions](#) (PDF)
- [Attendee List](#) as of July 2

Get Whova Today!

You will log in with your contact email address - **the same email address where you received this message**. If you are asked for an event invitation code, please enter this code: **IntlACAC26**. Do not share the invitation code with people who are not attendees of the event. Only registered attendees will have access to the app.

Know Before You Go

Arrival Information

If you are flying into Pittsburgh, you will likely arrive at Pittsburgh International Airport. The best way to get to campus is via taxi or rideshare, such as Uber and Lyft. Expect this ride to take 45-60 minutes. To coordinate rideshares with other attendees, [use this link](#).

If you are staying in on-campus housing, you will receive an email next week with your specific check-in instructions. All attendees staying on-campus must first go to conference registration at the William Pitt Student Union, unless arriving after the designated registration hours.

Conference Registration

Check in to the conference at the **William Pitt Student Union**, 3959 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Registration will be in the **Lower Lounge**, accessible on Bigelow Boulevard Entrance (facing the Cathedral of Learning).

Registration Hours

- Sunday, July 12: 12:00 - 5:00 PM
- Monday, July 13: 8:00 AM - 8:00 AM
- Tuesday, July 14: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 15: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fairs

We hope you are getting excited for the [College and Counselor Fairs](#)! As a reminder, Secondary and Post-Secondary members are automatically provided a table at a fair, unless you opted-out during conference registration. If you have changed your mind and

would like to either opt-in or opt-out of your table, please email fairs@internationalacac.org.

If you [ship items in advance](#), your package will be on your table waiting for you.

Accessibility & ADA

If you need elevator access or ADA-compliant housing and did NOT request this when reserving on-campus housing, please contact Admin at admin@internationalacac.org. We have limited availability.

Education Session Schedule

The 2026 Conference Session schedule is now available! With over 80 sessions in six different education blocks, you have plenty of presentations to choose from. Through the link, you can browse the offerings, searching by date, time, and location. Thank you to our many members who are serving as panelists and presenting at the conference!

[2026 Session Schedule](#)

This year, conference programming starts earlier than ever, on Tuesday. Affinity Groups and Updates are offered in the morning, followed by Session Block 1 at 1:00 PM, which features discussion-based presentations. If you are already in Pittsburgh, plan to participate in these member-led initiatives, hear updates from our organizational members, and engage in conversations with your peers. This programming will be in Lawrence and Posvar Halls on the Pitt campus, just a few minutes walk from conference registration.

First-Timers: Helpful Information & Resources

For those of you coming to the Annual Conference for the first time - we can't wait to meet you! It was a pleasure to connect with many of you at our Virtual Welcome Sessions on June 17.

Please review our [First Timers' Website](#) for any questions you might have regarding what to expect at the Annual Conference, information regarding special events, and more!

First-Timers' Hype Session - Watch Here!

Don't forget! The First-Timers' Session & Reception is on Tuesday, July 14 from 2:45 - 4:00 PM in Lawrence Hall, Room 121 on The University of Pittsburgh campus.

Special Events: Final Registration Reminder

There is still time to register for this year's [Special Events](#)! As always, all proceeds benefit the International ACAC Global Fund. Our Spin Class is full, but we hope you will enjoy one of our other amazing events.

5K-3K Run/Walk

Dodgeball Tournament

Good Morning Yoga

Silent Auction

Donations are still being accepted for the silent auction. Please submit your item on the website below. Curious what others have submitted? Check out the [auction page here](#).

Donate an Item to the Silent Auction

Book Drive

Bring a book representing your culture, personal interests, or simply a wonderful childhood read. This year's donations will be donated to [Reading Ready Pittsburgh](#). Books

can be dropped off at the Special Events table at conference registration or in the Silent Auction Room.

Parking & Accommodations

Overnight parking is available for participants staying on-campus. This is an additional cost and not included in on-campus lodging rates. You can reserve parking according to your housing assignment, which will be shared next week.

For those not staying on campus, covered parking is available at Soldiers & Sailors Parking Garage. Find the daily and overnight rates on their website.

[Soldiers & Sailors Parking Garage](#)

4390 Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Street parking is available throughout the Oakland neighborhood. Visit www.pc.pitt.edu/parking/visitor-and-daily-parking for more information and locations.

Campus Tours

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 iacac@andrew.cmu.edu with the subject line "Hometown Tours"

#BridgeBuilders Photo Challenge

Building Bridges is what International ACAC is all about. Our members bridge cultural differences, connect communities around the world, and traverse myriad challenges to promote international student mobility.

Show us how you are a **#BridgeBuilder**! We want to highlight our community and celebrate the ways in which we work together. Email your photos to Admin@InternationalACAC.org of:

1. Your favorite local bridge; or
2. You and others building bridges between cultures. Think...
 - Eating at a fusion restaurant
 - Visiting a new place with a local friend being tour guide
 - Learning a dance from a culture that isn't yours

#BridgeBuilders

