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Hello members, colleagues, and friends,

It's hard to believe that we are now less than two months away from our Annual Conference! As we navigate the busy weeks of May and June ahead, I'm brimming with excitement about our membership coming together in Boston.

<u>Conference Registration</u> will remain open through the end of June, but please note that June 2 is the last day to secure your spot using our standard rate.

This month's update contains lots of information for you, including registration launches for two Special Events (Golf Scramble and Dodgeball), the return of the Raffle, an update about our College & Counselor Fairs, and a reminder about our Annual Book Drive. This book drive will bring books from our membership to an organization benefiting youth in the Greater Boston area.

If you will be a First-Timer at our Annual Conference, I encourage you to attend one of our virtual sessions (more information below), as well as our in-person event before the Opening Ceremony.

I'm grateful to our Conference Committee Planning Chairs, who are leading the charge with these incredible parts of our Conference, as well as their many committee volunteers. Our Conference will be a success because of the efforts of dozens of our members located around the world. We are truly **#StrongerTogether**, and I'm excited to see that strength in person in July.

Best wishes,

Liam McCartney (he/him/his) President-Elect, International ACAC Associate Director of International Admissions, Boston University

Special Events - More, More, More!

Just when you thought it couldn't get better. There are even more **special events** to add to your conference itinerary!

Golf Scramble

Teams of four will compete in a traditional Captain's Choice 18-hole tournament, with prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Rental clubs are available on-site. Join the fun on **Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00 AM**.

Golf Scramble Registration

Dodgeball

Don't miss out on either watching or competing in the annual Dodgeball Tournament. It is free for conference

participants to play. Winners get a big ol' trophy and bragging rights for an entire year!

Each team can have a maximum of nine players. Please use the form below to sign up as part of a team, or register for the event as a "free agent" and be added to a team later.

Dodgeball Tournament Registration

Book Drive

Bring a book representing your culture, personal interests, or simply a wonderful childhood read that can be donated to an organization in the greater Boston area. Our conference book drive allows attendees to ensure books representing different cultures, backgrounds, traditions, and life experiences can be shared with children in the community where the conference will be hosted. Book drop-off will be located at Registration.

And don't forget! Registration is open for **Yoga**, **Spin**, and the **5K-3K**. Find more information and the registration forms on the **Special Events website**.

First-Timers' Virtual Welcome Sessions

Will this be your first International ACAC Conference? We hope you're excited! If you have questions or just want to connect with other conference attendees, plan to join a virtual welcome session on **Tuesday**, **June 10** at either 7:00 AM or 7:00 PM Eastern Time.

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College and Counselor Fairs

We are excited for the <u>2025 Fairs</u>, an opportunity for you to connect with colleagues from around the world. The conference will feature three fairs:

- US University Fair Wednesday, July 16; 8:30-10:30 AM
- Global University Fair Thursday, July 17; 8:30-10:30 AM
- Counselor Fair Thursday, July 17; 1:30-3:30 PM

All eligible conference participants will automatically receive a table assignment - there is no additional cost or registration required. If you are eligible to have a table at the fair, you will be receiving further information from the Fairs Committee shortly.

Eligibility for the fair is determined by your Member Type. The following Member Types are included in the counselor fair: Secondary School, Community-Based Organization (CBO), and Independent Educational Consultant (IEC). The following Member Types are included in the university fairs: Post-Secondary.

International ACAC Annual Conference Raffle

<u>The International ACAC Raffle</u> is a fun, time-honored tradition at the Annual Conference that brings exciting items from around the world for attendees to bid on while raising money for the International ACAC Global Fund.

Prizes are donated by the entire spectrum of attendees, including counselors, IECs, admissions officers, nonprofit leaders, EducationUSA officials, and vendors. This panorama of items includes globally inspired artworks and foods, vouchers for various experiences or services, libations, branded apparel, novelty items, and much, much more.

Purchase Your Tickets Today!

Want to donate a prize? Show off something cool from your home or institution? Share your favorite food with the global community at the conference? Use the form below to tell us about your donation.

Raffle Prize Submission Form

Boston Arrivals and Accommodations

Boston is an easily accessible city, served by <u>a major international airport</u> located just under 7 miles (or 11 kilometers!) from the Northeastern University campus. In addition to rideshare and taxi services, public transportation, known as the MBTA in Boston, is also available from the airport to campus. Learn more on Northeastern University's <u>Arrivals webpage</u>.

If you are looking for a place to stay, book your accommodations today! On-campus housing in the International Village residence hall is a great option for those wanting to sleep in a twin bed AND be closest to the conference action. For hotels, <u>the Hilton Boston Back Bay</u> is located nearest to Northeastern's campus and still has room block availability all week. For additional information, please visit the <u>Accommodations webpage</u>.

#StrongerTogether Photo Challenge

Togetherness is what International ACAC is all about. Be it advising together, teaching together, traveling together, or growing together, we are better because of our community.

Show us how you and other members are **#StrongerTogether**! We want to highlight our community and celebrate the ways we benefit each other. Email your photos to <u>Admin@InternationalACAC.org</u> for a chance to be featured on our website, in upcoming conference updates, and at the annual conference in Boston.





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