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1 Network Meeting

Cultural Expertise: Understanding Your International Students

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In the field of international student advising we very often measure our experiences, talents, and successes by how well we understand SEVIS and immigration regulations. In fact, post 9/11 we had

no other choice but to sharpen our skills with SEVIS. Our institutions and international students depended totally on our guidance. The repercussions for any mistake seemed too great. And so, whenever we got the chance to attend any workshop on international education or professional development, we rushed to register for sessions on immigration and SEVIS.

Yet, an equally important part of our profession is our relationship to our international students. Our relationship with our students, you say? Yes! Another valuable way to measure our accomplishments in this very challenging field is by how well we understand and relate to our international students. In this discussion, we will look at some of the assumptions made in the international student/advisor relationship. A sample of some of the issues we will cover are:

- Student's English Language proficiency in the U.S. and how well they understand their American counterparts and vice versa (differences in vocabulary, regional accents, idiomatic expressions).
- Cultural differences and the ways they may effect how students receive and interpret guidance (instructions, requests, commands).
- Our definitions of our job functions Caretakers? Facilitors? Co-dependents?).

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2008
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: The New School
Graduate Faculty of Political & Social Sciences Building
65 Fifth Avenue (between 13th & 14th Streets)
Wolff Conference Room, 2nd Floor
TOPIC: Cultural Expetise: Understanding Your International Students

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2 Metro Membership News

***Metro Publications - Order Now for the Spring Semester*
Special Sale Prices !**

Now is the time to order our ever-popular publications for your international students who will be arriving to your campuses this spring. *Help Yourself to Housing* will be invaluable to students searching for a place to stay, and *The International Students' Guide to Living in New York City* is packed with essential information on how to get settled in New York City. Take advantage of Metro's deals for institutional members and the bulk rate discounts! For more information on Metro's publications, contact Liza Stark at liza@metrointl.org or (212) 431-1195 x21 or complete the [publication order form](#) and fax it to (212) 941-6291.

* Our 2008 Spring Calendar is now available on line and all of the Spring Program Registration forms are available at: <http://www.metrointl.org/calendar/index.html> .

***Recruit your Students for the 2008 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference
"Beyond Broders: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 21st Century"**

NAFAC Conference: April 7th - April 11th

We are working on lining up this year's international student delegation for the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) and would like to ask for your help again in spreading the word to your students. Similar to the West Point conference, this is an excellent opportunity for international students to share their perspective with fellow students and future leaders.

International students and interns from all academic backgrounds interested in representing their country and culture are encouraged to apply. Please note that while the conference itself is in April (April 7th – 11th) the *application deadline is very soon: Monday, March 10, 2008.*

Each year since 1960, the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis has hosted NAFAC to bring together an outstanding group of college students to debate major issues of American foreign policy. NAFAC is dedicated to fostering the growth of mutual understanding among students who will go on to become military and civilian world leaders. Metro International recruits a special delegation of international students to enrich the conference with their various national and cultural perspectives. Selection is competitive.

As an international student delegate, your students will: represent their country, discuss and debate complex international issues concerning U.S. foreign policy, share their international perspectives with college students from across the U.S. and around the world, and experience life inside the U.S. Naval Academy.

Download your conference brochure & student application:

[NAFAC 2008 STUDENT APPLICATION](#)

[NAFAC 2008 BROCHURE](#)

Interested students should complete the above application and send to:

Jessica Coffey, Coordinator of Enrichment Programs
Metro International
285 West Broadway Suite 450
New York, NY 10013

Or fax completed application to: (212) 941-6291.

***Encourage Your Student's to Take Part in Metro's *Job Shadowing Day* Program!**

Friday, March 28th

10:00 am - 4:00 pm (approximate)

Make sure your students do not miss out on Metro's eighth annual Job Shadowing Day program. Students will be paired up with professionals working in an industry related to their field of interest for 1 working day. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to use their networking skills and gain an insider's perspective on a possible career path. This is a truly a unique program and a rare opportunity for students to make connections with professionals in the New York City area.

Students can register online at <http://www.metrointl.org/calendar/index.html>. For more information, please contact Coordinator of Enrichment Programs, Jessica Coffey at jcoffey@metrointl.org.

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3 Program Reports - Check out our February Student Participation--Was your School Represented?

1. Global Classroom Training Workshop, February 2, 2008

Albany SUNY	1
Bard College	1
Baruch College	2
Bergen County	1

Community College	
Berkeley College	1
Brooklyn College	1
College of Staten Island	2
Columbia University	14
Dankook University	1
Fairleigh Dickinson University	1
Fordham University	1
Hunter College	1
Montclair State University	1
Nassau Community College	2
New Jersey Institute of Technology	3
New York University	7
New York University Law School	1
Pace University	4
Pratt Institute	1
Queens College	2
Rockefeller University	1
Stony Brook University	2
Teachers College, Columbia University	5
The New School	1

2. Fuerzabruta Performance, February 8, 2008

Baruch College	1
Columbia University	3
Hunter College	1
Mounbatten Internship	2
New York University	3
Pratt Institute	1
Rutgers University	1
Stonybrook University	1

2. Celebrate Black History Month with a Step Show, February 22, 2008

Columbia University	4
LIC Language School	1
Nassau Community College	2
New York University	2

3. Community Visit: Bushwick, Brooklyn, February 23-24, 2008

Baruch College	1
Columbia University	3
Hunter College	1
Mounbatten Internship	2
New York University	3
Pratt Institute	1
Rutgers University	1
Stonybrook University	1

4. Fulbright Afternoon at the Metropolitan Opera: Peter Grimes

American Hungarian Foundation College of Staten Island	1
Columbia University New York Medical College	2
New York University Princeton University Rockefeller University	7
Stony Brook University, SUNY University of Connecticut--Storrs	1
Wellesley College Yeshiva University Hunter College	1
New York University New York University Law School	2
The New School	1
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4 Upcoming International Student Programs

Forward this section on to your student listservs!

1. Campus-to-Career Program: Job Shadowing Day

Don't miss this chance to experience the U.S. working world first hand! Spend a day alongside a professional in your field of interest and get an insider's perspective on a possible career path. This is your opportunity to learn about the U.S. corporate, education, arts or non-profit sectors. Get out of the classroom and into the workforce and find out what it's really like to be employed in NYC.

Date: Friday, March 28, 2008

Registration Deadline—March 17

Place: Manhattan

Meeting Instructions will be emailed closer to the date of the program

Cost: \$15.00

Info: Call Jessica Coffey at 212 431-1195 x24 or email jcoffey@metrointl.org

To register, go to: <http://www.metrointl.org/calendar/index.html> or email jcoffey@metrointl.org

2. US Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference at Annapolis, Maryland

Represent your country and share your views on world affairs as a member of a select delegation of international students. Join American college students and international affairs professionals from around the country to discuss and debate U.S. foreign policy.

Date: Tuesday, April 7 - Saturday, April 11, 2008

Time: Detailed program instructions will be mailed out to accepted candidates closer to the date of the program

Cost: \$150 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 10

APPLY NOW: For additional information and application, please go to www.metrointl.org/calendar or contact Jessica Coffey at 212-431-1195, ext. 24 or email jcoffey@metrointl.org.

3. Community Visit: Easter in Pennsylvania

Join other Metro International students in experiencing an American Easter! Get a glimpse of life in small-town America on this relaxing weekend trip to Pennsylvania. Spend the weekend sharing time with your American hosts, exploring the local area, and enjoying a family Easter celebration!

Date: Friday, March 21-Sunday, March 23,2008

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Group will meet in Manhattan and travel to Pennsylvania

Cost: \$100 per person - Registration fee includes transportation, accommodation & meals for the weekend.

To register, go to <http://www.metrointl.org/calendar/index.html> or email jcoffey@metrointl.org

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Suggestions on how this announcement can be made more useful for you and your students - or requests to be removed from this list, can be sent to katya@metrointl.org.

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