#### HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

# **SEVP Conference Bulletin**

### Fall Conference Season Wrap-Up: SEVP Increases Stakeholder Engagement

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) increased its conference attendance this past fall, presenting both in-person and virtually at 26 conferences and events across the United States, a 46 percent increase from 2013.

From October to December 2014, SEVP met with numerous stakeholders from the academic and international student communities, including designated school officials (DSO), academic organizations and prospective international students. SEVP presenters attended all NAFSA regional and bi-regional conferences, as well as a wide-range of stakeholder events, such as the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training's (ACCET) Annual Conference and the U.S. Department of State and College Week Live's Virtual Fair.

SEVP will continue to expand our outreach efforts and participate in stakeholder events throughout 2015. In the coming year, SEVP will engage with new, as well as existing, stakeholder audiences. Additionally, SEVP plans to increase our virtual engagement with stakeholders through informational webinars hosted on <u>Study in the States</u>. We encourage you to stay tuned to Study in the States and social media for additional information about upcoming SEVP webinars and events.

#### Reminder: Annual School/Sponsor Verification Due March 2, 2015

Beginning Dec. 2, 2014, all principal designated school officials (PDSO) must complete the annual school/sponsor verification in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), as required by the Federal Information System Management Act. To comply with this act, all PDSOs must verify by March 2, 2015, that each PDSO or DSO is employed by the institution and requires SEVIS access. Failure to verify DSOs by the March 2, 2015, deadline will result in loss of SEVIS access.

This verification process will take place annually from December 2 to March 2. SEVIS users will receive reminders of this process through broadcast messages and the SEVIS message board.

For additional information on the annual school/ sponsor verification process, watch the <u>SEVIS 6.18</u> <u>Post-Release Webinar</u> on the <u>Stakeholder Webinars</u> page or visit the <u>SEVIS</u> page on Study in the States.

### Have SEVP Present at Your 2015 Event

SEVP looks forward to working with our stakeholders in 2015 and welcomes the opportunity to participate in your upcoming conference or event. To inquire about SEVP attending your upcoming conference or event, email your request and event details to <u>SEVPCommunications@ice.dhs.gov</u>.

## **Contact Us**

If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, please submit your request to SEVPCommunications@ice.dhs.gov. Recently attended an SEVP conference or joined in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey on Study in the States to give us feedback on our outreach events so we can provide you with the best and most useful information.

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