**Broadcast Message:** SEVP Portal Release 6.1

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**General Information**

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will deploy SEVP Portal Release 6.1 on Friday, May 24, 2024.

This release will fix the following known issues:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) reporting and validation dates will appear in student Portal records.
- Students will receive one correct Portal Closure email.
- Portal accounts will become “Read Only”16 days after the student’s optional practical training (OPT) and/or STEM extension ends.
- Portal Reset Account link on the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Student Information page will function correctly.
- SEVIS to Portal and Portal to SEVIS transmissions will send correct information and update both SEVIS and Portal event histories accurately.
- When a student’s new period of post-completion OPT begins, the Portal will send an account creation email to the student.

For more information on SEVP Portal Release 6.1, see the SEVP Portal Release 6.1 Planning Guide at SEVP Portal Help, on the SEVP Portal Enhancements page.

The SEVP Portal will be unavailable from Friday, May 24, 2024, at 8 p.m. EDT to Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 12 a.m. EDT. SEVP will not send a follow-up email regarding Portal availability.

During this time:

- SEVIS will store newly entered information and send it to the Portal once it is back online.
- Students will not be able to log into the SEVP Portal during the outage.

For questions about this release, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, except federal holidays.

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