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**U.S. Immigration  
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**Statement on International Education Week**  
**By Director John Morton, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Student and Exchange Visitor Program fully support international education. We are committed to working together with our government partners and the academic community to enable qualified international students to pursue their studies in the United States. In fostering these inter-governmental and private sector partnerships, we strive to maintain the critical balance between the country's national security interests and the openness needed to promote international education in the United States. We recognize that international students represent an invaluable asset to our universities, our economy and, most importantly, to our country through their diverse backgrounds, skills and experiences.