HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

SEVP Conference Bulletin

In The Know

Going Somewhere?

With the holiday season approaching, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is publishing information for F and M students to keep in mind as they travel outside of the United States. To make their return easier, *Study in the States* is featuring a Travel Tuesday blog series throughout the month of December.

Topics focus on secondary inspection, the Form I-515A, "Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor," what to expect at the port of entry with a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer, and general holiday travel tips. These posts promote preparing and hand-carrying important documents like the Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Status," a receipt of the I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee, and contact information for the student's designated school official. When students are prepared to re-enter the United States and know what to expect, the process is much easier.

NOTABLE EVENTS

Conference Season Recap

SEVP just finished a busy conference season. It included two in-person conferences, five teleconferences and five webinars. We are pleased our message reached our stakeholders despite travel restrictions.

Each conference had at least three SEVP subject matter experts presenting, as well as a live question and answer session to engage the audience. These sessions gave participants the chance to have their questions answered and for SEVP to learn about our stakeholders' current interests.

If you missed any of the events, you can view the recorded Fall/Winter 2013 Conference Presentation and fill out the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey on *Study in the States*. Throughout the conference season, we received a record number of responses to the survey. More than 85 percent of respondents agreed with these statements:

- The information in the presentation was clear and easy to understand.
- The content of the presentation was useful to me.
- The presenter(s) conveyed the information effectively.

To continue with our stakeholder engagement, we are creating a "Questions from Conferences" blog series on *Study in the States*, which will highlight frequently asked questions and answers from the conference circuit. The series will cover topics such as clarifying the Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student," SEVIS, the SEVIS Helpdesk, the SEVP Response Center and updates on draft guidance.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in having SEVP participate in your event, please submit your request to the SEVP Response Center. Recently attend an SEVP conference or participate in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Use the satisfaction survey form on *Study in the States* to give us feedback on our outreach events so we can continue to provide you with the best and most useful information.

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http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/schools/conferences