#### HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

# **SEVP Conference Bulletin**

### In The Know

#### The Field Representative Unit

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) Field Representative Unit (FRU) is official! SEVP field representatives will be the liaison with officials at SEVP-certified schools and those seeking initial SEVP certification. The first class of 15 field representatives began training in February and is scheduled to deploy in late April. SEVP will be communicating with the academic community regarding the dates and geographical areas for the next classes.

#### **SEVIS Enhancements**

The first round of Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) enhancements will be released this spring, with the next release scheduled for this summer. Users can look forward to the following enhancements: Form I–17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student," accreditations and school recognitions conversion project, improved list functionality, performance enhancements and new data input standards. Future SEVP webinars will explain new SEVIS features and provide information on upcoming changes. Refer to the March 12 broadcast message 1403-03 to see a calendar of upcoming events and visit <u>Study in the States</u>.

## **NOTABLE EVENTS**

#### Spring/Summer 2014 Conference Season

We are finalizing new materials for the Spring/ Summer 2014 Conference Season. In early April, we will post a newly recorded presentation to the *Study in the States* <u>Conferences and Outreach</u> page that covers the latest programmatic updates and hot topics from SEVP. This presentation will have new policy topics and updates on upcoming opportunities to submit your feedback on draft guidance. You will also learn more about process improvements for the I-901 SEVIS fee payment, compliance reminders for English as a second language schools, FRU training and scheduling, the ongoing process for recertification, the SEVIS Help Desk, and SEVIS enhancements.

At our live events, we will continue the practice of conducting a question and answer session following the presentation. If you are interested in SEVP attending your event—either in-person or virtually please send an email to SEVPCommunications@ice.dhs.gov.

**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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