STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

Outreach Bulletin

Save the Date: SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar

Mark your calendar for the next <u>SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar: Campus Emergency Planning and the International Student Community</u> on Feb. 28, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST. During the webinar, presenters will discuss considerations regarding international students during campus emergency planning, preparation and response.

SEVP invites stakeholders to submit topics related to campus emergency planning and questions to be answered during the webinar to SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov by Feb. 3, 2017.

SEVP Outreach Growth

SEVP continuously strives to increase outreach with stakeholders. In 2016, we saw large growth in the scope of our outreach, participating in over 200 events. Let us know if you are interested in SEVP participating in your next event or publication by completing the <u>SEVP Event Request Form</u>.



41 relationships with new organizations



37 webinars produced



19% increased participation in outreach and conference opportunities

Annual Verification Deadline Quickly Approaching

Principal designated school officials (PDSOs) have until March 2, 2017, to complete their annual Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) verification. To comply, PDSOs must verify that all system users associated with their school:

- Are employed by the school as a PDSO or designated school official (DSO); and
- Continue to require access to SEVIS.

The SEVIS Help Hub's PDSO/DSO Annual Verification User Guide and Demonstration: Annual Verification provide detailed instructions on how to fulfill this requirement. Failure to comply by March 2 will result in all unverified DSOs losing SEVIS access on March 3. To learn more about selecting a new PDSO, please refer to the DSO Process Fact Sheet.

Trends and Improvements Topic: Form I-983 Guidance

SEVP responded to stakeholder requests for further guidance regarding the Form I-983, "Training Plan for STEM OPT Students," specifically regarding the responsibility of evaluating the quality of a student's training opportunity.

Stakeholders can refer to the <u>Trends and Improvements section</u> on Study in the States to review the program's response, the timeline and additional resources created as a result of this feedback.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, email your request to <u>SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov</u>. Did you recently attend an SEVP conference or join in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the <u>Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey</u> on Study in the States to provide feedback on our outreach events.



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