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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

Welcome to our January edition of The Report, marking the first newsletter of the new year. The Report is our monthly e-news that includes a roundup of the latest information on developments in U.S. and international education, upcoming calendar of webinars and conferences. The Report reaches thousands of ACEI's institutional clients, government offices, and international students

and professionals.

Our team works hard to bring to you timely and relevant topics on education, technology, politics, culture and trends from around the globe that impact international education and student mobility. We are dedicated to providing current, consistent, and engaging content monthly to a widespread audience consisting of international students, international educators, decision-makers at institutions of higher education and organizations, and leading names in the field.

ACEI News



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

ACEI was founded in 1994 by Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert and incorporated in the State of California. We are now celebrating ACEI's 25 year anniversary and owe our longevity and success to our clients and applicants for placing their trust and confidence in us. Thank you for your support!

ACEI & AACRAO's Policy Paper on Inclusive Admissions Policies for Displaced/Vulnerable Students

We are pleased to announce that late last year, Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert, ACEI's President & CEO, was invited by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) to be on the working group drafting a policy paper on Inclusive Admissions Policies for Displaced/Vulnerable Students. Ms. Saidi-Kuehnert's group is tasked with developing a toolkit of available methodologies for institutions to employ when working with displaced and vulnerable persons accessing higher education. The results of this joint collaboration between AACRAO, U.S.

institutions of higher education and credential evaluation services such as ACEI will be released at AACRAO's Annual Meeting in April 2019.

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News Around the world



AUSTRALIA

Penalizing Essay Mills

The Australian government will introduce a new law to punish those providing or advertising commercial cheating services to higher education students. To read more, click [here](#).



CANADA

Why is Canada experiencing a growth in international students?

In recent years, Canada has experienced an increase in international student interest while the United States, along with other competing countries, have faced the opposite trend. Why? To read more, click [here](#).



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CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Ministry Cracks Down on Illegal Foreign University

The ministry of education has fined six foreign ‘universities’ or their branches for offering education in the Czech Republic without obtaining the required permission.

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EUROPE

10 European Nations Sign the ‘Vienna Declaration’

Organizations representing the heads of universities in 10 European countries have signed a declaration in Vienna, Austria, warning against tendencies to restrict academic freedom and threats to democracy and defining the role of higher education in society.

To read more, click [here](#)

FINLAND

Two Universities Merge



The University of Tampere and the Tampere University of Technology merged on 1 January to create Tampere University, the second-largest university in Finland, a move that will further break down the borders between Finnish universities and university colleges. To read more, click [here](#)



KENYA

Introducing Chinese Syllabus at

Primary Level

The Kenyan government has announced that starting in 2020, Kenyan primary schools will begin teaching the Chinese language. To read more, click [here](#)

PAKISTAN

Axact – The World’s Largest Diploma Mill

In a recent post on ACEI's blog, ACEI-Global.Blog, retired FBI Agent Allen Ezell shares a disturbing update on what is considered the largest diploma mill in history. To read more, click [here](#).



Pakistan: Pilots & Airline Staff Suspended

for Fake Degrees

Pakistan authorities have suspended 16 pilots and 65 crew members of the national airline and other airlines in the country for possessing fake degrees. To read more, click [here](#).

PUERTO RICO

11 Universities in Puerto Rico Placed on Show Cause



Middle States Commission on Higher Ed has issued Puerto Rico's 11 universities an ultimatum. by placing them on show cause, a

serious action meaning they will need to submit a report before the end of January 2019 arguing why they should not have their accreditation revoked. To read more, click [here](#).



UNITED KINGDOM

Degree and Credential Inflation

The discussion on UK Grade & Credential Inflation continues. To read more, click [here](#).

U.S.A.

Is it a University if there are no Liberal Arts Program?



Students in Rural America Ask, 'What Is a University Without a History Major?' Good question. If universities want to gut their liberal arts programs, best they also change their names to Polytechnics or Career Institutes and look for ways to reduce their costs to keep tuition affordable. To read more, click [here](#).

Inspector



General's Audit of Western Governors University Dismissed

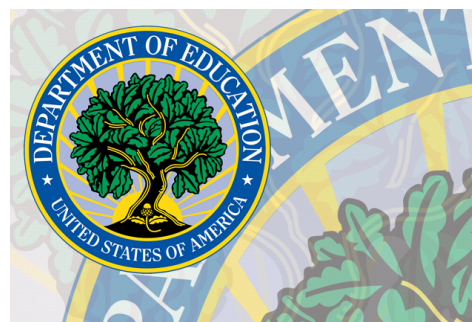
Trump administration rejects findings from a 2017 inspector general audit that found the online giant WGU out of compliance and recommended that it pay back \$713 million in federal aid. To read more, click [here](#).



10 Higher Education Trends for 2019

In a recent post on ACEI's blog, ACEI-Global.Blog, we share 10 trends predicted in higher education as we embark on the new year. To read more, click [here](#).

USDOE Proposes New Rule to Overhaul Higher Education



The Trump administration wants to clarify that the Education Department -- and not accreditors -- is responsible for enforcing

federal student aid rules, and would give the agencies more latitude to approve and encourage innovative programs, particularly ones featuring online or competency-based education. To read more, click [here](#).



10 Facts on U.S. Immigration

In November 2018, the Pew Research Center, which regularly publishes statistical portraits of the nation's foreign-born, released the results of its latest research on U.S. immigration. We would like to share a summary of this research to help answer some key questions about the U.S. immigrant population. To read more, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events



Webinars:

February 21, 2019 "Setting Standards in Graduate Admissions and Accreditation: Showcasing AICE - AACRAO Collaboration".

As an Endorsed Member of the Association of International Credential Evaluators (AICE), ACEI is pleased to host a *free* webinar highlighting the AICE's 2017 and 2018 Symposium and the results of its collaboration with AACRAO in researching hot topics in international education to establish evaluation standards on how to evaluate three-year degrees and determining foreign institution's accreditation.

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March 21, 2019 "Introducing the Scottish Qualifications Authority and its Advanced Certificate and Advanced Diploma Programs"

Mark your calendars for a free webinar highlighting the Scottish Qualifications Authority post-secondary Advanced Certificate and Advanced Diploma programs and ACEI's Advisory Services 'Program/Curriculum Review' Report which provides detailed analysis of four of SQA's Advanced Qualifications. *More details will be posted in our February 2019 Newsletter.*

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