International students enrich our campuses, communities, and country. College admission counselors make an impact on their journey, helping students navigate the many steps to accessing education in the United States.

Recent policies, such as the travel ban and extreme vetting—and the growing sense that America’s schools are unsafe—are negatively impacting international students’ interest in studying here. These influences threaten our standing as the top destination for them—and the academic, cultural and economic contributions they bring.

Support policies that:

• Promote international student mobility

• Ensure ethical treatment of all students in the recruitment process

• Improve access to college counseling

Learn more at nacacnet.org/PolicyInitiatives.

MEET AIDA DOMINGO DIAZ

• Senior from Panama studying communication at St. Edward’s University.

• Participates in the American Marketing Association, and interns in the university’s marketing office.

• Interning at a top global integrated communication agency in Austin.

Why did you choose to study in the US?
There is a wider variety of great academic programs with one of the world’s best education systems. Studying in the US helps students create life-long global networks.

How did your college counselor help you find your best fit college?
My college counselor was instrumental in helping me review the size of the campus and the different programs offered, as well as the city where the university is located.

International Students’ Impact on Texas

In Texas, 84,348 international students create or support 26,194 jobs and contribute $2.2 billion to the economy (NAFSA International Student Economic Value Tool).

The 2017–18 academic year witnessed a 6.6 percent decline in enrollment of new international students to the US (IIE International Student Enrollment Hot Topics Survey). In Texas, that decline would translate into over 5,500 fewer international students.