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.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE**

**MY JOURNEY TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Meet Leon de Noronha

• Freshman studying computer science and engineering at The Ohio State University.
• Born in Portugal and raised in Dubai, UAE where he graduated from high school.
• An active member of the student organization, Code 4 Community, which develops software for charity and non-profit organizations.

**Why did you choose to study in the US?**

I chose to study in the US because the courses offered for computer science were unmatched and extremely flexible in comparison to anywhere else in the world. In addition, there are so many opportunities available to students to pursue internships in their fields, to learn beyond what is being thought in class.

**How did your college counselor help you find your best fit college?**

My college counselor was extremely helpful in helping shortlist the best universities in the US for computer science and helped me prepare for English language tests and required standardized entrance exams.

International Students’ Impact on Ohio

In Ohio, 37,583 international students create or support 14,474 jobs and contribute $1.2 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 Ohio, that decline would translate into nearly 2,480 fewer international students.