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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in studying in the United States.

Journalist Edward R. Murrow once said, "The really crucial link in the international communication chain is the last three feet, which is bridged by personal contact – one person talking to another." Although we email, tweet, and Skype around the globe, nothing can replace the personal interaction that Murrow advocates. Those last three feet can only be bridged in person.

That is precisely the reason why the Department of State has an unwavering commitment to promoting and supporting study in the United States. Studying abroad can alter your life; you will gain confidence and become an open and knowledgeable citizen of the world. International students improve their employment prospects, build friendships across cultural and national boundaries, and bring important perspectives to the American higher education community.

We invite you to get to know our country and our people in a very special way, as a student at one of more than 1,200 outstanding community colleges across the United States. Our embassies and consulates around the world give priority to visa appointments for students and exchange visitors, and we look forward to providing visas to qualified applicants.

The United States is a richer and more vibrant place thanks to international students. I join the 450 EducationUSA Advising Centers around the world and the American Association of Community Colleges in encouraging you to explore the unique experience of life on an American college campus.

Sincerely,

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## About This Publication

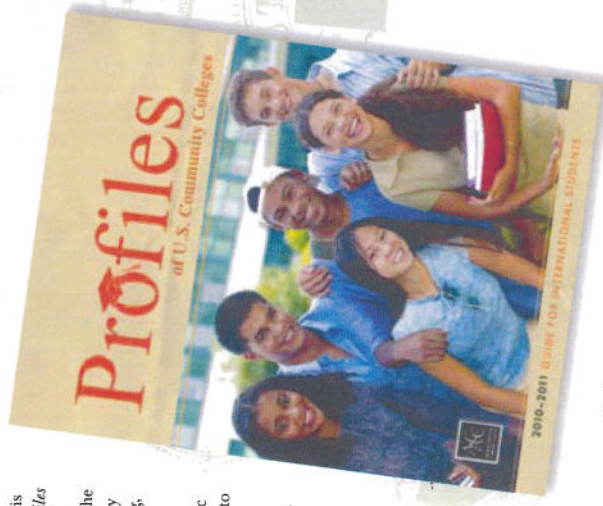
The American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) is pleased to present you with the 2010–2011 edition of the *Profiles of U.S. Community Colleges: A Guide for International Students*, published especially for students thinking about studying in the United States. As you read *Profiles*, you will discover the many benefits that make attending a community college an exciting, affordable gateway to U.S. higher education.

The topics covered in the first part of *Profiles* will answer basic questions about studying in the United States and direct you to many resources to help you find more information about

- The kinds of colleges, universities, and degrees available.
- How a community college can help you attain your education goals.
- The costs you need to consider.
- How to apply to a community college.
- How the visa application process works.
- Traveling to and living in the United States.
- Where you can get more information.

The second part of this guide contains profiles of U.S. community colleges, detailed information about what individual community colleges across the country offer to international students. Each featured college offers information on costs, English test requirements, academic programs, application deadlines, support services, and other opportunities. All of the 95 colleges profiled welcome you to their campuses to enjoy the unique experience of studying and living in the United States.

Good luck with your search to find the right community college for your study-abroad experience in the United States. We look forward to seeing you as a U.S. community college student.



*Profiles* is produced by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC), a national organization representing nearly 1,200 regionally accredited, associate degree-granting colleges and more than 11 million students throughout the United States—nearly half of all U.S. undergraduates. The AACCC member colleges profiled, starting on page 32, are all committed to helping their students succeed. They look forward to welcoming you to our country and to their campuses.