



First EducationUSA Guidance Counselor Conference in Cordillera

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 14
Le Monet Hotel, Baguio City

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/GCConferenceCordillera>

Find out what are the Five Steps to U.S. study and learn useful best practices on U.S. admissions counseling.

To: All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers In-Charge
(Elementary & Secondary)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION

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EDUCATIONUSA MINI-FAIR FOR GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS

EducationUSA, supported by the U.S. Department of State, is an educational advising network in more than 170 countries worldwide. EducationUSA serves as a free resource for students and local educators interested in accessing accurate, comprehensive, and current information on U.S. higher education. For two consecutive years, the number of Filipinos studying in the United States has grown and is outpacing most of the countries in the world. Last academic year, 3,225 Filipino students pursued their studies in the United States.

Annually, EducationUSA conducts a free university fair attended by more than a thousand students. As EducationUSA continues to grow and ramp up its programming to serve Filipino students interested in studying in the United States, more U.S. universities are allotting resources to reach out to Filipino students who make for great candidates in U.S. college applications and scholarships.

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the U.S. Embassy Manila will host its first mini-fair in Satin 1 & 2, Seda Hotel in BGC. The fair will feature Columbia College Chicago (Illinois), University of Redlands (California), University of Montana (Montana), Denison University (Ohio), Miami University (Florida), Creighton University (Nebraska), and Michigan State University (Michigan). This free event will provide an opportunity for students, administrators, and parents to speak directly with admissions officers from a wide variety of U.S. schools and colleges. A visa officer will also be at the event to explain how Filipino citizens can secure a student visa.

We also would like to invite guidance counselors from your school to attend and other interested admins, staff, and teachers.

To sign up for this free event, interested participants may register at <http://bit.ly/EdUSAMiniFair2019> and for group registrations, you may send the names of the students, teachers, and guidance counselors joining the fair to educationusa.philippines@gmail.com.



Embassy of the United States of America
Manila, Philippines

September 4, 2019,

Dear **Mr. Federico Martin**,

Greetings from the American Embassy!

This is to follow up on our courtesy meeting last April. Thanks again for taking the time to meet with me regarding the U.S. Embassy's free resources and programs on education.

As I mentioned in our discussion, EducationUSA, supported by the U.S. Department of State, is an educational advising network situated in more than 170 countries worldwide. Our office provides free, comprehensive, and up-to-date resources to prospective students interested in pursuing educational opportunities in the United States. In the Philippines, we have recently grown our staff and are expanding our programming to assist more Filipino students interested in studying in the United States for college.

On **Saturday, September 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**, we will conduct our first EducationUSA conference for local guidance counselors in the Le Monet Hotel in Camp John Hay. This capacity-building event is open to all counselors and school heads who would like to know the basics about U.S. admissions counseling and U.S. higher education. After the event, counselors and other administrators will have the basic knowledge and necessary skills in advising and counseling students who would like to study in the States for college or as exchange students.

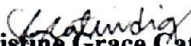
Our objective is to empower educators in understanding their role in the U.S. college admissions process and empower them with best practices that will benefit their students who would like to study in the United States. We hope that you can endorse this event as an **advisory** to local schools in Baguio. If you recommend we get in touch with specific schools, please let me know. This is the first installment of our conference in Cordillera but we have conducted four counselor trainings in Manila and one in Cebu so far. The event will feature sessions on various college application components, research tools, scholarship opportunities, and strategies for working with students and parents interested in study abroad opportunities. We will also talk about the student visa application process.

Registration can be done online here: <http://bit.ly/GCCConferenceCordillera>. But we also accept group registrations via e-mail at educationusa.philippines@gmail.com. A list of

names along with the participants' schools and positions can be sent to our team by Friday, September 13 so we can secure slots for school counselors.

We look forward to your response!

Sincerely,


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