



F-1 Visa ISP Update

June 22, 2021

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SEVP POLICY GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19

- SEVP extended guidance issued last March 2020 for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Guidance enables schools and students to engage in distance learning.
- **Continuing Students** who are in status and are in their home country as of March 9, 2020 are seeking to re-enter the US for the 2021-2022 academic year, will be permitted to continue to take online courses and remain in status.
- **Initial Students** – New or Initial F-1 students who were not enrolled as of March 9, 2020 will not be able to enter the U.S. as an F-1 student if their course of study is 100% online. They must be engaged in a hybrid program, with some requirement of in-person learning.
- On May 24, 2021 the DHS announced a new designation that would allow eligible Burmese students to apply for TPS (Temporary Protected Status) as well as employment authorization. *Currently we have 7 students from Burma*

SEVP POLICY GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 CONT.

- On April 12, 2021 the USCIS introduced online filing for the Form I-765 for students seeking OPT. *Currently have 4 students who are pending OPT.*
- On April 26, 2021, the Secretary of State – Students with valid F-1 visas intending to begin or continue an academic program commencing August 1, 2021 or later do not need to contact an embassy or consulate to seek an individual NIE (National Interest Exception) to travel. They may enter the United States no earlier than 30 days before the start of their academic studies.
- Students seeking to apply for new F-1 visa are advised to check the status of visa services at the nearest embassy or consulate; applicants found to be otherwise qualified for an F-1 visa will automatically be considered for an NIE to travel. This applies to travelers from China, Iran, Brazil, South Africa, UK, Ireland, Schengen Area
- On June 21, 2021, SEVP is aware and monitoring proposed federal and state legislation pertaining to the use of name, image and likeness of student athletes, including F-1 students.

SEVP POLICY GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 CONT.

- Aviation/ Flight Program – Scrutiny in flight programs after 9/11. Does our program meet the requirements set forth by the DHS. Requires that our program have certain FAA Certification. *In discussion with department regarding DHS requirements.*
- SEVIS Recertification occurs every 2 years. We are up for renewal ; Currently expires September 26, 2021. *In progress of review – submission goal by August 1.*

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

BACKGROUND

International F-1 visa students are required to carry U.S.-based health insurance as a condition of their enrollment at Mt. San Antonio College. In May 2020, the Board of Trustees approved to renew a 12-month agreement with Student Insurance to provide a health insurance program for international students with coverage from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, at an annual rate of \$1,272 per student or \$636 per semester.

REVIEW & ANALYSIS

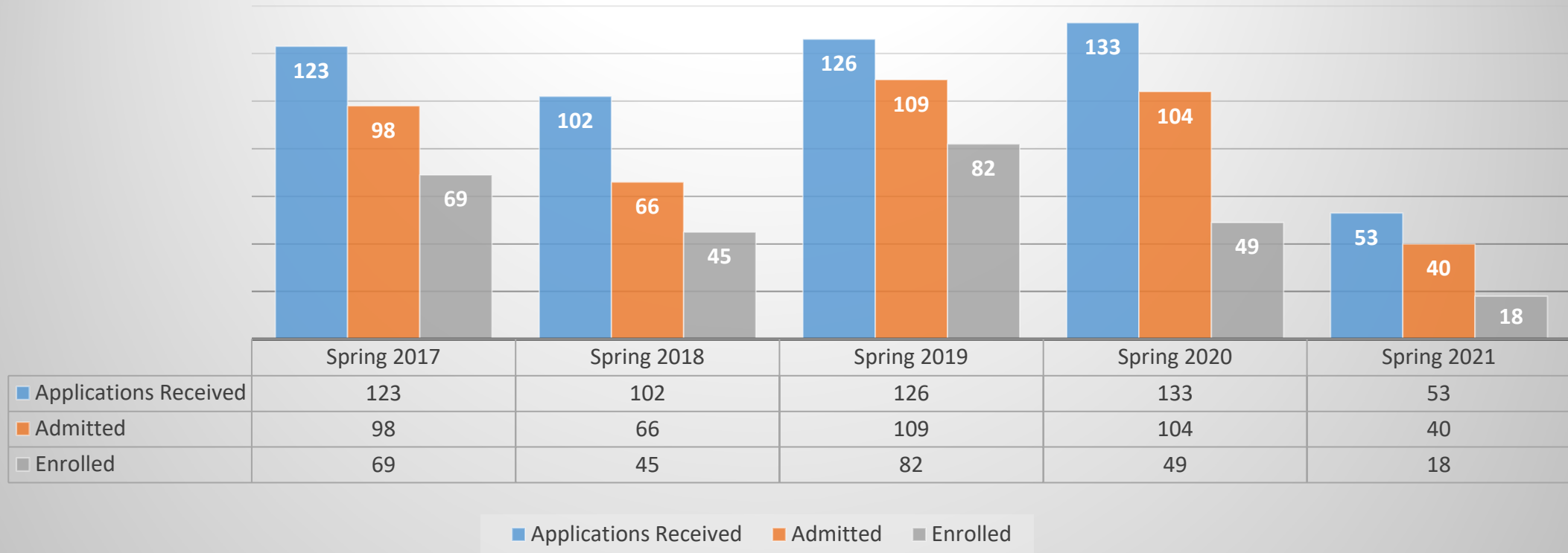
- Interviewed and received proposals from 4 insurance companies: Student Insurance, Lower Mark, Academic Health Plans (AHP) and Relations.
 - Two companies have submitted proposals of today – Student Insurance and Lower Mark
 - History with Lower Mark
 - Not a broker

REVIEW & ANALYSIS

- Lower Mark has proposed the most comprehensive plan as of now, with additional benefits as well as cost. Highlights include:
 - \$1250.52 per year or \$626.26 per semester
 - Extended coverage benefit - 30 days
 - Student support – diverse staff with various backgrounds, languages and cultures
 - School support – Integrates with services on campus - ISP Team, Health Center, Police and Campus Safety and Behavioral Wellness Team.
 - Mental support in various languages
 - Home country coverage –worldwide up to \$1,500
 - Unlimited Repatriation, Emergency and Family reunion – roundtrip airfare covered
 - No premium boost if services are used.
- Proposals will be also be reviewed by Doug Jenson, Duetta Langavin, Marti Whitford, Seth Meyers and George Bradshaw
- Final recommendation will be submitted to the Board for approval in July, August at the latest.

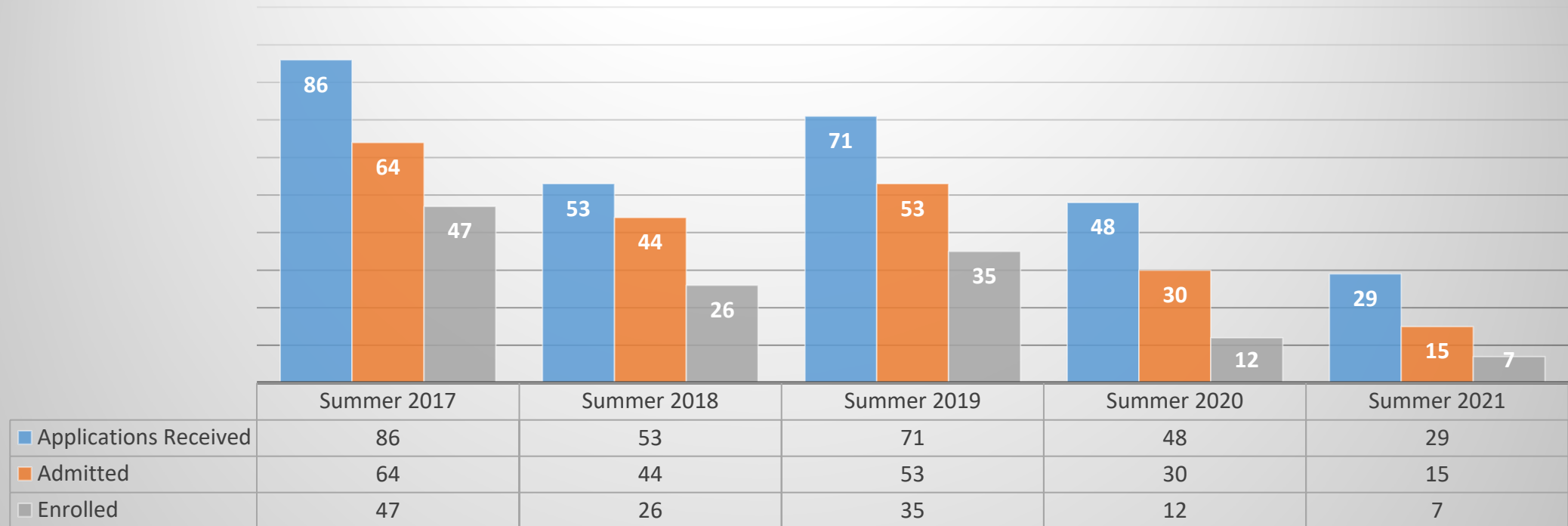
SPRING ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Applications Received, Admitted, & Enrolled



SUMMER 2021 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

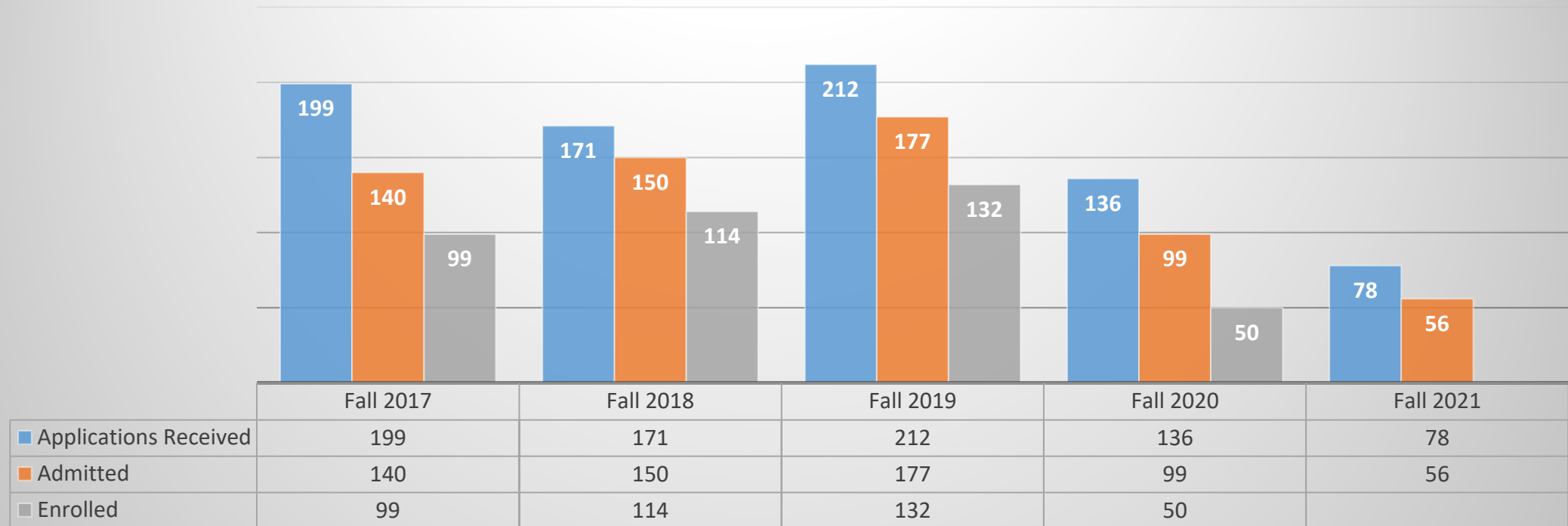
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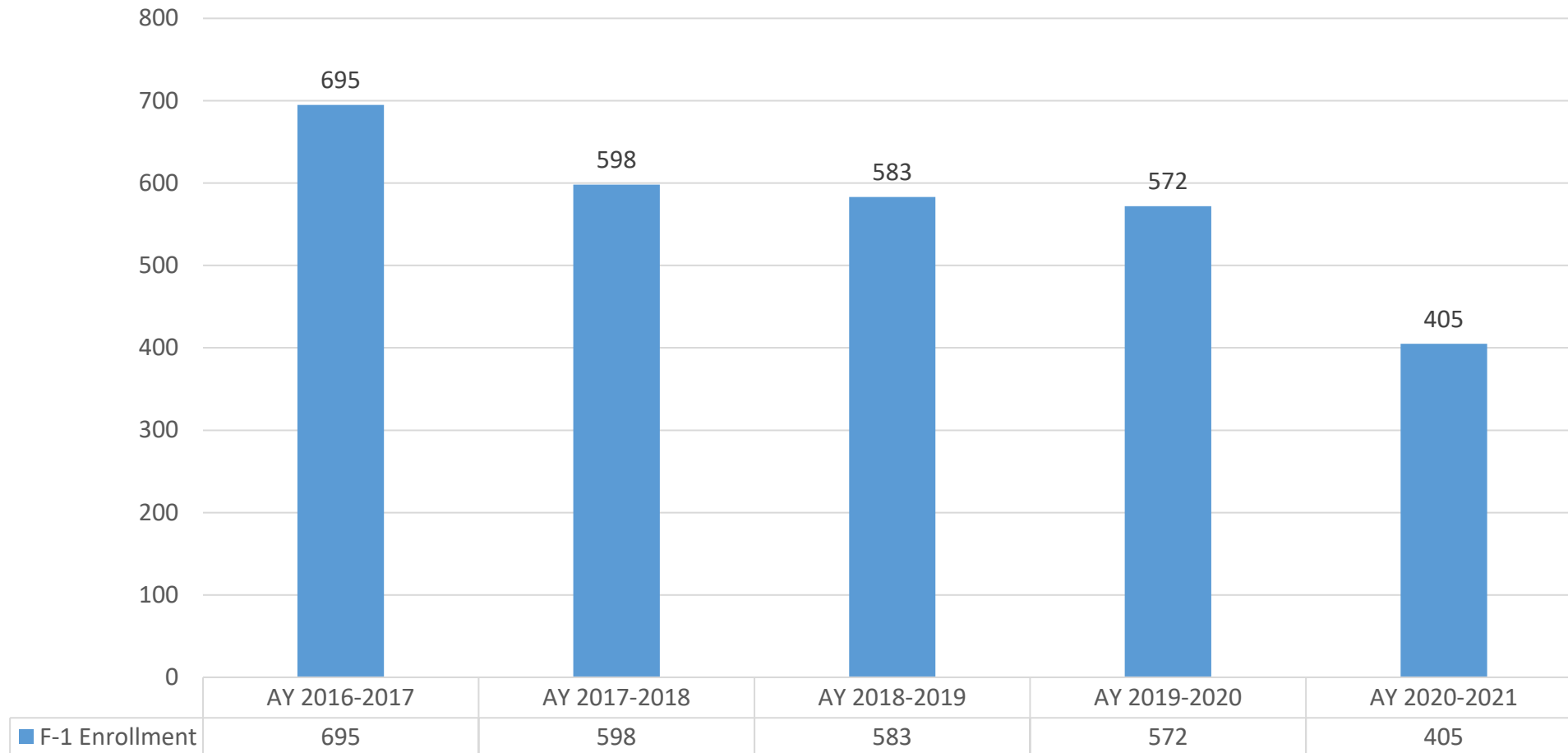
FALL 2021 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Applications Received, Admitted, & Enrolled



■ Applications Received
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MT. SAC F-1 ENROLLMENT



Recovery

- Students deferred their attendance to Fall 2021 are starting to confirm their attendance
- Visa services remain curtailed at many consulates. As of May 12, the Department of State reported that 160 of the 223 posts that process nonimmigrant visas -- a category that encompasses student and scholar visas -- are offering some routine visa appointments. The remaining 63 posts remained closed for all but emergency and “mission critical” services.
- U.S. embassies and consulates are using a tiered approach to prioritizing immigrant visa applications based on the category of immigrant visa, as they resume and expand visa services.
 - Tier One: *Immediate relative intercountry adoption visas, age-out and certain Special Immigrant Visas*
 - Tier Two: *Immediate relative visas; fiancé(e) visas; and returning resident visas*
 - Tier Three: *Family preference immigrant visas and SE Special Immigrant Visas for certain employees of the U.S. government abroad*
 - Tier Four: ***All other immigrant visas, including employment preference and diversity visas***
- The State Department only resumed processing student visas in China, the largest country of origin for international students, last month.

RECRUITMENT

- **Agent Contracts/Memberships**
 - **Keystone** – New Workflow, Zoom Plan. SmartEngage
 - Improved communication to students. Specific follow up including zoom meetings to facilitate application process. As a result, we are seeing an increase of applicants
 - **Impressions:** 98,406 this number indicates the number of individuals who searched our program or college. Impressions turn into clicks if the student requests more information.
 - **Clicks:** 2,706, this clicks are associated with inquiries students have regarding programs Mt. SAC offers. Clicks also turn into Student Leads.
 - **Student Leads:** 438
 - **Tops Majors:** Kinesiology & Wellness, Psychology, Accounting, Fashion Design, Hospitality & Restaurant Management

- **Agent Contracts/Memberships**
- **GSM – Master Agent**
 - Development of a new portal for schools and agents. Will facilitate connections with students and schools.
 - Mt. SAC Profile was developed
 - Application process
 - Program and Major information
 - NEW – Course finder function prepopulated with courses taken from Mt. SAC website
- **New - Study California US**
 - One Stop resource for students to find a college and university
 - Strong presence in conferences, recruiting events and activities such as education fairs and national and international exhibits and forums
 - Innovative approach to recruitment through peer-to-peer seminars for member institutions to form long lasting relationships with influencers in governmental and educational institutions overseas
 - Partnership and support of the US Commercial Service offices in California and around the world
 - Group recruitment missions to key markets: previous missions to China, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica and Cuba
 - Membership is \$495 for 1 year, \$890 for two years.
 - Seeking Board Approval August 2021

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

FALL 2021

PROGRAM	LOCATION	DATES
Education US - UK	Virtual Fair	May 8
Education US – Tokyo	Virtual College Fair – Japan <i>Pending</i>	August 20
Education US – Webinar	Webinar Presentation <i>Opportunities</i>	August – December
Education USA College Day	Virtual Fair – Target UK	September 25
Education USA Forum	Virtual Fair	July 26-30, 2021
Education USA – SAVE THE DATE	Europe & Eurasia Regional Forum, Belgrade, Serbia <i>Opportunity</i>	November 2-3, 2021

PROGRAMING

- **Summer Institute:** This two week program prepares new and returning F-1 Students to succeed academically, socially, personally while studying at Mt. SAC.
- **Global Pals** – Student Assistants help curate and lead interactive cultural exchanges between F-1 and Domestic students. This program will again be virtual this Spring semester.
- **Global Café** – Informative and fun exploration of culture through the use of social media. For this Spring, our Student Assistants will develop content for **Myanmar** and **Vietnam** that will be posted on our Instagram TV link and YouTube channel.
- **Workshops** – Spring workshops have a theme centered around Health and Mental Wellness, (i.e. cooking, painting, exercising, collaborating with various campus departments).
- **ISP Hangouts** – Informal, mimicking the in-person interactions at the center. Students host a variety of games and fun activities.
- **International Student Recognition Ceremony** – Featured Alumnus Koffi Rene Yves Kouassi
- **Wellness Circle** - Offering international students a safe space to Listen, Share, and Learn from each other about their personal experiences and challenges navigating the changes (school/family life/social) during this pandemic as a community on Zoom. Six sessions will be provided this Fall 2021.

Programming Cont.

- **Virtual ISP Office**

- Direct interface with potential students and currently enrolled students through zoom. Staffed primarily by Student Assistants to assist with the various language needs of our students and their families. DSO is available throughout the day for direct assistance with questions related to their status.

- **CANVAS Suite**

- Orientation, Workshops (Transfer, OPT, Honors, Associate Students, Athletics) , Counseling Appointments, External website hub

- **Videos/Scholarships & Graduation**

- **“How To Video”** on scholarships featuring past recipients and encouraging students to apply - *38 applied, 13 selected as recipients, 29 awards won combined totaling \$18,300*
- **NEW** : “How to Apply for Graduation” encouraging F-1 to attend Graduation. *54 students petitioned ; 16 participated in commencement*

- **Social Media**

- NEW Discord – Fun new way for students and alumni to connect and talk to each other
- Instagram
- Facebook
- Twitter
- WeChat

- **Return to Campus** – Promotion of return to campus, COVID vaccination, in person learning and safety

