

10 Things An Advisor should know about International Students

- Take the time to learn how to pronounce your students' names. It makes all the difference to them!
- Being an international student may or may not be the most salient part of a student's identity while attending college. International students are not monolithic.
- Don't fall into the stereotypes from a specific country. Stereotypes do not tell the entire story.
- International students might not be a first time international student.
- Adviser should familiarize themselves with funding options (or lack thereof) for international students.
- Follow their lead. International students don't always have questions about their international student identity.
- Familiarize yourself with employment options for international students. It may be more complicated than you think!
- When it comes to supporting international students, mental health and counseling attitudes vary from country to country.
- Orientation is not the only step to supporting international students, it is the first step in providing consistent and continuous support throughout the student's academic career.
- Don't forget, international students are joining the university community with a rich narrative and unique perspective. Take the time to get to know them! :)

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