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## American School Foundation of Monterrey

### Invitation



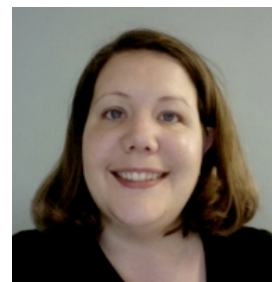
On behalf of the American School Foundation of Monterrey, we are delighted to invite you to participate in the ASFM College Fair 2011. Our college fair will be held on the afternoon of **Wednesday, October 5, 2011**. We hope that you will join us here in the city of mountains!

### Contact Information

My name is Sarah Loring de Garcia, and this is my tenth year at the American School Foundation of Monterrey (my sixth year as the College Counselor).

I look forward to greeting you here at ASFM on Wednesday, October 5th. You will also meet our counseling secretary, Ms. Lorena Reyes, and a group of senior "Peer College Counselors" who will all be helping with the coordination of this event.

Please feel free to contact us directly at [sarah.loring@asfm.edu.mx](mailto:sarah.loring@asfm.edu.mx) or [lorena.reyes@asfm.edu.mx](mailto:lorena.reyes@asfm.edu.mx) if you have any questions, or call us at (+52) 818-288-4400.



### About Our School

School Website: [www.asfm.edu.mx](http://www.asfm.edu.mx)

We invite you to review our school profile, which can be found at the bottom of this page as an attachment.

All of our high school students (approximately 600 students in grades 9-12) will participate in the college fair. Their parents will also be invited and encouraged to attend. In 2010-11, approximately 75% of our students applied to universities outside of Mexico during their senior year, and approximately 85% applied to universities within Mexico. Statistics vary from year to year, but generally around one-third of our students leave Mexico for university study in the fall after graduation (these numbers do seem to be on the rise in light of recent security concerns here in Mexico). Many students who choose to stay in Mexico for their first year of university study will transfer outside of Mexico later, or study abroad for at least one semester or year during their university career.

### Tentative Schedule

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11:00 AM	<b>Registration table opens</b> Representatives may check in and set up materials on their tables in the gym anytime between 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM.
12:30 PM	<b>Workshop Presenters go to classrooms</b> Peer College Counselors (student hosts) will meet presenters at their tables in the gym and escort them to classrooms for workshops, which begin at 12:47 PM.
12:47 - 1:45 PM	<b>Pre-Fair Workshops for 11th &amp; 12th grade students</b> See below for information about workshops.
1:45 - 4:00 PM	<b>College Fair</b> 1:45-2:48 All High School students (approximately 600) attend the college fair 2:48 PM High school dismissal bell; ASFM students and parents may stay if they like 3:00-4:00 Students from other area high schools and universities are welcome to enter

## What We Will Provide

Our College Fair will be hosted in our large double gymnasium, and may overflow into the hallway outside the gymnasium as well. For each university in attendance, we will provide:

- A table (approximately 2.44 m x 0.77 m) with a tablecloth and a chair
- A sign with your school's name
- Bottled water and a little snack to keep you going during the fair
- Wireless internet access

## What You Should Bring

You are welcome to bring a basic sign or tablecloth for your table, and printed materials about your university's programs. *However, excessively large tabletop displays and floor displays will be strictly prohibited for all universities.* Thank you for your understanding of our desire to conserve space, and to ensure that all universities have equal opportunity to attract students to their tables at the fair.

You are also welcome to bring a laptop or other electronic device to display on your table. However, electrical outlets are available on a very limited basis; please have batteries charged in advance.

If you would like to bring "giveaway" items for our students, you are welcome to do so as long as they are appropriate, such as pens, pencils, post-it notes, bags, pennants, etc. In the past we have had occasional issues with distribution of inappropriate materials (i.e. sanitary napkins – believe me, I wish I were joking) and we would like to avoid the chaos that ensues with such giveaways, as you might imagine.

## Workshops

We are also looking for volunteers to conduct 58-minute workshops for students just before the fair. The exact start time for the workshops is still undefined (until we finalize our bell schedule for next year - see above) but the workshops will most likely be during the hour immediately preceding the fair.

Possible workshop topics include:

- Careers in Business
- Careers in Communications and Journalism
- Careers in Engineering
- Careers in Hospitality, Tourism, and the Culinary Arts
- The College Application Essay
- Developing an Art Portfolio
- Financial Aid for US Citizens and International Students
- How to Find the Right Colleges/Universities for You
- How to Identify the Right Career/Major for You
- Studying in Canada
- Studying in Europe
- What Does It Take To Get Into a Highly Selective College?
- What Juniors Should Be Doing Now
- What Seniors Should Be Doing Now
- **Please feel free to suggest alternative topics for workshops - we welcome new ideas!**

If you are interested in helping us by offering one of these workshops, there is a place on the registration form for you to indicate which topics are of the greatest interest to you. You will be notified in late August if you are selected to present a workshop.

Peer College Counselors (student hosts) will meet presenters at their tables in the gym at 12:30 PM, escort them to classrooms for workshops, and introduce them at the beginning of the workshop. They will also escort presenters back to the gym after workshops end.

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## Registration and Fees

There is no charge to participate in our College Fair. We are thrilled to be your hosts, and grateful for your willingness to travel so far to meet our students. We hope your time in Monterrey will be wonderful!

To register for the fair (and indicate your interest in presenting any workshops) please complete the online registration form at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RTJBCZ9>.

## Sending Materials in Advance

You are welcome to package any materials that you wish to distribute at the fair and ship them to us in advance. We will store them for you and place them on your table so that they will be waiting for you when you arrive. However, we are also making great efforts to be a "green" campus, so we would appreciate if you would plan on taking all of your materials with you after the fair (you may leave one copy for the counseling office if you like). We will also make recycling bins available.

Our address is:

The American School Foundation of Monterrey  
Attention: Sarah Loring de Garcia  
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Col. San Isidro  
Santa Catarina, N.L. Mexico C.P. 66190  
(Tel. 52-818-288-4400)

We strongly recommend sending boxes by Federal Express or DHL, as the Mexican mail system is not particularly reliable and materials may not reach us in time. UPS is also a reliable carrier, although on occasion we have had packages arrive via UPS and there is an additional charge upon delivery. If this happens we will contact you about it; please be prepared to reimburse us for these charges when you arrive at our fair.

## Arriving in Monterrey

Please see the "Visiting ASFM" section of my website (<http://teacherweb.com/MX/ASFM/Loring/apt3.aspx>) for more details about arriving at the Monterrey airport.

## Transportation

Please see the "Visiting ASFM" section of my website (<http://teacherweb.com/MX/ASFM/Loring/apt3.aspx>) for more details about transportation from the airport and around town.

Leaving ASFM:

When you come to ASFM for the fair, you will be greeted at the registration table by one of our Peer College Counselors. They will ask you if you'll be needing a taxi after the fair (and if so: What time do you plan to leave? Where will you be going? Are you willing to share a taxi with another representative if someone is headed to the same location?). Our security staff will work with the Peer College Counselors to ensure that everyone has transportation after the fair to their hotel or to the airport.

## Recommended Hotels

Please see the "Visiting ASFM" section of my website (<http://teacherweb.com/MX/ASFM/Loring/apt3.aspx>) for hotel recommendations.

## Recommended Restaurants

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