



Cori Nevers Biography

I am honored to be considered for a position on the AIRC Board as an agency representative. My career in higher education spans 36 years, including a deep and sustained commitment to international enrollment management since 2009, when I was appointed the inaugural Executive Director of International Admissions at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. In this role, I was entrusted with establishing the university's first international admissions office and developing strategies to recruit bachelor's and master's degree-seeking students from around the world.

During my tenure at Sacred Heart, I built and managed a strong global recruitment network of over 120 educational agencies, partnering primarily with AIRC-accredited agencies whose professionalism aligned with my commitment to ethical, transparent recruitment. By the time of my departure in April 2025, 32 agency partners were consistently contributing to enrollment each term. This experience provided me with a deep understanding of what it takes for a university to attract, enroll, and support international students and agency partners.

While at Sacred Heart, I was an active participant in AIRC—regularly attending conferences and webinars, engaging with agency partners and institutional colleagues, and serving on the newly established Advocacy Committee. These experiences shaped my approach to ethical, result-driven recruitment and reinforced my belief in the importance of collaboration between institutions and agencies.

In April 2025, I became President of University Study Inc., the largest international recruitment agency in the United States. This role has deepened my understanding of the agency perspective and the shared responsibility agencies and institutions hold in advancing student success and safeguarding integrity in recruitment.

Having worked on both sides of international enrollment, I bring a balanced perspective, collaborative spirit, and strong commitment to advancing our field. I would be honored to serve as an informed and effective voice for agencies on the AIRC Board.

Statement

Last week, I received a WhatsApp message from an international student who graduated 10 years ago from Sacred Heart University, where I served as Executive Director of International Admissions (2009-2025). He excitedly wrote about his plans to attend Homecoming in November and hopes I will be in attendance so that I can meet his wife and their two young boys. Where has the time gone? I remember like yesterday when I first met Mostafa and his mother, Maha, when he arrived to start his freshman year, and his last day on campus following graduation, and memories in between, seeing him mature academically, athletically, and personally. Now, a decade later, the formerly unknown international student from Egypt, has become a husband, father, successful businessman, and my friend. I am humbled and reminded of the transformative power of international education, and why I have devoted my career to international enrollment management.

From the day students like Mostafa arrive on campus and beyond into their careers, their growth is extraordinary. The relationships formed, the confidence gained, and the global awareness they carry forward into their personal and professional lives reflect the lasting impact of our work. These global bonds are what make this field so unique—and so deeply fulfilling.

My passion for international education extends beyond individual success stories; it is also rooted in strengthening the systems and partnerships that make such outcomes possible. AIRC has been a guiding force in my professional life, providing a framework of integrity, accountability, and shared purpose that elevates our entire profession. Throughout my career, I have built and managed strong global networks among AIRC affiliated educational institutions and agencies because I have always valued the organization's commitment to ethical, transparent, and student-centered practices.

As a candidate for the AIRC Board, I bring over 15 years of experience in international enrollment management from a university and an AIRC-accredited agency. I have a deep understanding of institutional, and agency needs, and a genuine enthusiasm for advancing AIRC's mission. I hope to contribute my experience and mentorship to support new members, strengthen agency partnerships, and uphold AIRC's forward-thinking vision.

The future of international education depends on collaboration, innovation, and a steadfast commitment to integrity. AIRC embodies all three. I would be honored to play a role in guiding its continued growth, ensuring that our collective work not only sustains but also enhances the global reach and impact of higher education. Serving on the Board would allow me to give back to a community that has profoundly shaped my career and, in turn, to help inspire the next generation of professionals dedicated to transforming students' lives around the world.