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Thanks Paige – she did a great job. And so did our awesome agent!

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Great proactive article Lori! I had this open all day meaning to read and finally got to it. I like the way she tied in the other college entry story.

Nice work!

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Jenn,

Below is the link to the story Brittany posted earlier tonight on our student visa fraud case today. We (HSI) are very pleased.

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-chinese-visa-fraud-20190312-story.html>

Thanks also for your help in getting late release posting to [www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov) !

Lori

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Perfect! Thanks so much, Lori.

Carissa (and really everyone for viz)- a notice to HSI staff about the expansion of the Citizens Academy will go out sometime Tues afternoon or Wed morning so that we have alerted the workforce about it before we tell a reporter.

Thanks, all!

Jenn

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Hi Jenn,

Brittney is confirmed for Wednesday interview with Mr. Benner at 2 p.m. ET, and available to chat on Monday after our PAO call.

Her call in number is: 760-600-(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (cell).

Thanks, and have a nice weekend everyone!

Lori

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Thanks, Lori. It looks like we can do the interview on Wednesday afternoon, if that works for her. It would be 2 p.m. ET, if that works for her. Can you confirm and see if she's avail for a chat with me (and you're welcome to join) on Monday? Maybe after our PAO call?

We'll also need the best number to reach her on Wednesday for the interview.

Thanks so much!

Jenn

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Hi Jenn,

Brittney is looking forward to the interview – hopefully next week – and happy to pre-brief with you. We're standing by.

Thank you!

Lori

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Hi all,

Circling back on this...it looks like the soonest EAD Benner can do with his travel schedule, etc. is next Thursday. Could that still work?

That allows time for HSI to announce the expansion of the Citizens Academy internally, as well. To date they have not sent anything official to their employees letting them know about this.

Lori- as soon as I get a timeframe, I'll let you know so you can confirm with Brittney. At that point, it might be helpful if I can chat with her briefly to make sure Mr. Benner is prepped for any topic areas she wants to discuss. Will that work?

Thanks so much!

Jenn

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This is great!

Here are the talking points we put together for the nationwide roll out:

- The HSI Citizens Academy highlights the more than 400 federal laws enforced by HSI special agents, including child exploitation, money laundering, human trafficking and more.
- The HSI Citizens Academy provides an opportunity for community members to participate in classroom instruction and practical, real-world exercises, like those which agents experience in training.
- Interested community members must apply and undergo a limited background check before ultimately being selected to participate in the academy. Space is limited for this rare opportunity to learn alongside federal agents.

\*\*\*One point to note, we had to rework pre-academy outreach for the Citizens Academy communications plan so we were not hosting an open call to the public. HSI wants each SAC office to leverage existing relationships/networks to solicit academy participation. We have to tread lightly on this point if asked how members of the public can participate.

I've also attached the working draft of the communications plan.

Thanks!

Carissa Cutrell

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Hi Lori,

It looks like EAD Benner is on board to do this interview. He's especially keen to talk about the Citizens Academy as it is set to expand nationwide. We are holding a time on his calendar for Friday afternoon, but I wanted to check with you about the feasibility of maybe pushing the interview back to early next week...I want to be sure we have adequate time to prep him for the interview and to adjust anything we need to in our rollout strategy for the expansion of Citizens Academy. I've added Carissa here who has been working on the Citizens Academy rollout.

Carissa- Let us know if this interview/story would negatively impact your timeline for the rollout, especially if we end up doing it Friday, in which case the piece could run as early as this weekend.

Thanks!

Jenn

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Jenn, thanks for your consideration to request below.

Lori

**DEADLINE:** COB Friday, March 8 (if possible)

**ISSUE/BACKGROUND:** *Los Angeles Times* reporter Brittney Mejia is in the final stages of a story she has been working on for several months about Homeland Security Investigations. Through her recent participation in HSI Los Angeles' Citizens Academy, ongoing interviews with HSI Los Angeles (including **Los Angeles SAC Joe Macias and ASAC and Citizens Academy Director** <sup>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</sup>), reporter has had an eye-opening experience as the breadth and scope of HSI's mission and the challenges that HSI has in **1)** being a part of the agency that most people think of as immigration enforcement only and **2)** the state and local laws and policies continuing to be enacted that prevent HSI from information-sharing and/or from working together with longstanding law enforcement partners. In addition to HSI, reporter has conducted interviews with some of our law enforcement partners, including the Los Angeles Police Dept.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-ice-citizens-academy-20181205-story.html>

To give the reporter some broad agency perspective on our mission, goals and outreach for HSI nationally and globally, (including national expansion of HSI Citizens Academies) and pull some of the things she has learned together, she is requesting to speak telephonically with a representative from HQ HSI leadership.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

HSI and PAO Los Angeles highly recommend Los Angeles Times interview with HSI leadership representative for national perspective. The reporter (who officially covers immigration, but has recently been expanding her beat) appears genuinely interested in helping the public understand the critical importance of HSI. (We are very anxious for this story to finally come out!)

\*The *Los Angeles Times's* reach is throughout California, but particularly, the same stories appear in both the Los Angeles and San Diego editions.


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