MGH Global Health Community Meeting 05/27/25 Program Updates

Immigration Updates from Noel Palatas (MGB Office of Global Professional and Scholars)

- Office for Global Professionals and Scholars (GPS) is for MGB employees
- J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa
    - Largest visa program and is for training and international exchange
    - MGB Research Scholar J-1 Program: short-term scholar for academic research
        - Work with the Department of State
        - Flexible funding sources for extended workers and temporary training sources
        - Promotes cultural exchange, international collaboration, and training
    - Harvard International J-1 Student Intern: course credit for undergraduates
    - ECFMG – Alien Physician J-1
- H-1B Visa
    - For specialty occupations, meaning it requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a specific field of study
    - Based on the employer and employee relationship with a competitive salary
    - Has a limit of 6 years, with a maximum of 3 years at a time
- B-1 Business Visa or B-2 Tourist Visa
    - For short-term observers of only a few weeks
- Other visa types: TN, O-1, E-3, H-1B1
- Current events
    - Denials of entry to the United States
    - F-1 SEVIS terminations and revocations
    - Registration requirements
    - Social media vetting at ports of entry
    - Revocation of the Harvard F-1 and J-1 programs
- Those whose visas are revoked have usually been notified while in the U.S.
- Contact npalatas@mgb.org or visas@mgb.org with questions.