



# UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS 2013-2014

## Benedict College

### USA

During the 2013-14 reporting period, Benedict College engaged in a number of activities that underscore its on-going commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly notable:



In March of 2013, an event jointly presented by the Benedict College Office of International Programs (OIP) and the United Nations Youth Assembly highlighted the importance of travel and studying abroad as an integral component of one's college education. Dr. Ibrahim Demir, Assistant Professor of Economics and native of Turkey, discussed study abroad as a gateway to the world. The second part of this program highlighted the U.N. conference participation and unique experiences of

Miss Nazarine Nato, sophomore, environmental engineering major from Kenya and Mr. Lyon Takudzwa Muswere, freshman, computer science major from Zimbabwe, both of whom represented Benedict College at the 11th Annual United Nations Youth Assembly held at the United Nations headquarters in New York on January 30 – February 1, 2013.

Another event, co-sponsored by the Benedict College's OIP and its International Student Association (ISA), was designed to spotlight the inequities and barriers to basic education confronted by impoverished children in Kenya and to raise funds to build a school equipped with modern classrooms to educate these children, who are literally educated "under a rock" in Walala, Kenya.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Benedict College Foreign Language Conference—intended to celebrate the linguistic, ethnic, and geographic diversity, contributions and internationalization of students, faculty and staff—international students delivered a presentation on human rights relative to their countries of origin and on the topic of *Facilitating the Dream through Language and Cultural Awareness*. Conference participants also showcased traditional language, literature, music and attire from their native countries.

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