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Centro Universitário IESB Brasília

Brazil

Through a range of events, institutional restructuring efforts and student lead research, Centro Universitário IESB Brasília worked to support a great number of the United Nations Academic Impact initiative's priorities, including UNAI's commitment to educational opportunity for all, global citizenship through education, and inter-cultural dialogue and understanding. Among the most notable of these efforts are the following:



With the implementation of its new Internationalization program, IESB committed itself to increasing opportunities for students and faculty to exchange experiences with universities around the globe. These efforts are meant to inspire a greater sense of global citizenship, diversity, social justice and equality in IESB's student body and faculty.

Over the past year, student projects focused on such diverse topics as a historical and judicial analysis of the concept of Human Rights and the use of sustainable materials for housing improvements in impoverished areas—thereby promoting several principles inherent in the United Nations Charter.

IESB established a partnership with a local English language school, such that IESB students can now receive English language instruction at a much-reduced fee. The administration hopes that this will foster a greater sense of global citizenship and prepare students to enter into a globalized economy after graduation.

IESB's significant contribution to Brazil's Projecto Fenix has involved the participation of a range of university departments, including Law, Psychology, Administration, Nursing and Social Services. The larger effort aims to promote expanded social opportunity and uphold the human rights of low-income communities in Brazil that have grown increasingly reliant on scavenging for potentially re-sellable materials as a means of survival.

Finally, in November of 2013, IESB organized and hosted the annual meeting of the International Association of University Presidents, where significant topics such as globalization and its implications for educating the global citizenry were discussed. An action plan was developed and the implementation of proposed programmes is currently underway.

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