



# UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS 2013-2014

## Lehman College

### USA

The 2013-14 reporting period has become an important landmark in Lehman College's contribution to the fulfilment of UNAI principles of building peace through conflict resolution studies, creating educational opportunities for all and establishing intercultural dialogue through education. The College has enormously expanded its international programs and global partnerships during this reporting period. The following examples stand out as particularly notable:

Over the past year, Lehman College has developed and begun to implement a strategic plan for internationalization, some of the components of which called for partnerships with professional organizations such as NAFSA, the ACE Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement, the Association of International Education Administrators, and the Institute of International Education.

In January of 2014, the College created the Office of International Programs and Global Partnerships, led by the Vice President for Workforce and Global Partnerships. The newly created office is committed to promoting international opportunities and organizes events year-round to promote international opportunities and global citizenship. The College has recently signed agreements with a number of international institutions, furthering its efforts to make international opportunities accessible to its students. Additionally, Lehman College has committed to doubling the number of its students will study abroad in the next five years.

Lehman College, working with Global Majority over the past three years, organized a winter session in Chile, where Lehman students participated in the seminar on Transitional Justice, Human Rights, and Chile's Vulnerable Populations. Students met important global figures and victims of human rights violations, and also visited Mapuche communities in the south of Chile. Finally, program participants were asked to submit a report to Chile's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning their visit to the Mapuche communities and to draft recommendations for improving the current state.

Lehman L.I.F.E. (Leaders Involved for Everyone) supports service opportunities for students by creating awareness of need in communities around the world and fostering action through volunteer work. The main goal is to increase awareness of issues affecting humanity in the global society. This year a group of Lehman students participated in the project Students Helping Honduras, from April 12 to April 22, 2014. Their purpose was to help educators in the rural area near El Progreso, and to improve conditions at local schools.

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