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STUDENTS GET TASTE OF AMERICAN LIFE

CHARLESTON, IL.--Charles Joley, dean of Eastern Illinois University's College of Education, proudly poses with some of the Brazilian students who are spending two months at Eastern through a new exchange initiated by Joley.



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EASTERN HOSTS BRAZILIAN STUDENTS

CHARLESTON, IL.--Ten Brazilian students are learning what it's like to study at an American university through a new exchange program at Eastern Illinois University.

The university students from Sao Paulo, Brazil, will spend the next two months at Eastern attending classes while living with American students and families.

"It will be a great experience for both the Brazilian and American students to learn from each other," said Charles Joley, dean of Eastern's College of Education.

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Joley visited the Armando Alvares Penteado Foundation (FAAP) in Sao Paulo two years ago to initiate an intercultural exchange between Eastern and the university and public school the Brazilian Foundation operates.

The students, ages 18 to 24, will be attending regular classes on various subjects as "observers," Joley said. Most of them are pursuing business careers and will be enrolled in courses in the Lumpkin College of Business.

"I am encouraging the students to make class presentations and to get involved in extra-curricular activities," Joley added.

Only two of the ten students have been to the United States before. During an orientation session on their first full day at Eastern, Joley told them, "We want you to enjoy your life here and be happy. I hope you'll make lots of new friends and share your way of life in Brazil with our students."

While all of the visitors speak Portuguese and English, most said one of the reasons for wanting to come to the U.S. and Eastern was to learn better English.

Maria Annunziata, sociology teacher at FAAP University and the students' guide, said, "During my stay in the U.S., I will be interested in getting to know people and learning about their culture. I would like to stimulate this kind of interest through the interchange between American teachers and students. It is important to share and to debate educational philosophies and experiences."

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The majority of students will be living with Charleston families, with the exception of two students who will live in dormitories.

Joley commented, "This program is a starting point for intercultural exchange between the two universities."

He said a group of EIU students will spend May and June at FAAP University. Another aspect of the program will be for EIU students to be able to student teach at FAAP.

There has also been discussion about developing an instructional materials center for FAAP similar to the one in EIU's College of Education.

"The possibilities are endless. The deans of Eastern's Colleges of Fine Arts and Business hope to get their students involved in the exchange program too," Joley said.