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Abstract: Challenges facing International Students at Dominican

(Video Program)

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In fall 2014, I produced a 20-minute film to address the challenges that international students face at Dominican University. Speaking from experience (I am from Kenya), it took me a while to fit in my new school after I came from Africa. I was homesick, lonely and many things did not make much sense. I sensed that other foreign students must have been experiencing the same challenges. Hence, I interviewed students from Brazil, Colombia, Ivory Coast, Saudi Arabia and Spain to find out their feelings and thoughts. The interviews were recorded on campus. These international students said they struggled to adapt, to understand lectures at times, embracing strange foods, mannerisms, culture, and many other alien behaviors. Therefore, I thought it was paramount to make a video addressing these challenges in the hope of enhancing great relationships between international students and local students – including their faculty and professors. I hope this video will contribute to better understand across the university.