International Deaf Partnerships

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Description of IDP

- In the spirit of DPN our International Deaf Partnerships promote a shared agenda of self-empowerment through deaf peer mentoring.
- The mentoring occurs within the American and Latin American deaf communities (Argentina, Costa Rica and Mexico). Efforts are underway to expand to Colombia and Puerto Rico.
- We are currently piloting a new site in Africa.
Latin American Partners

- CAS- Confederación Argentina de Sordos (Argentine Deaf Confederation)
- Movimiento de Sordos de Mendoza (Deaf Movement - Mendoza)
Latin American Partners

• ANASCOR-
  Asociación de Sordos de Costa Rica (Costa Rica Deaf Association)

• FEMESOR-
  Federación Mexicana de Sordos (Mexican Deaf Federation)

• Asociación de Sordos de Guadalajara (Guadalajara Deaf Association)
African Partner

- **Buea School for the Deaf (BSD)**
  Hillary Roberts, an undergraduate student, is currently interning at BSD in Cameroon.
Goals of the Program

- To promote Deaf Education and Deaf Empowerment through leadership in action
- To promote solidarity among deaf people in the U.S. and in developing nations

Kelly Scherf, Lindsay Huss, and Christy Smith interacting with members of the Costa Rican deaf community in 2000.
Unique Features

- Local and global deaf community driven
- Strong service learning/deaf advocacy component
- Provides “immersion” experience (interns communicate in the written and sign languages of the host country)
- Provides “deaf friendly” environment (deaf host families and coordinators)

Mary Agnes Connor interning in Guadalajara in 2004
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