

Student participates in international conference

The MCC provides a platform for student leaders from across the world to engage in dialogue regarding global development. The event, hosted by Lynn University, inspires student participants to act to create sustainable change, increase awareness of global issues, and provoke reflection regarding solutions to these problems such as world hunger and poverty to help advance the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.

"It was amazing," Magda said. "It was a powerful and inspiring experience, where I got to meet other student leaders from all around the world, learn about their projects, their aspirations and how we could cooperate and work together to address the global issues that concern us most. It was incredibly encouraging to learn that there are hundreds of youth out there with the same dreams, facing the same struggles and aiming for the same outcome: to make this world a better place."

The keynote speakers at the MCC included actresses Mischa Barton and Kristen Davis, Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet, UNICEF President and CEO Caryl Stern and Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer-prize winning columnist with the *New York Times*.

The conference coincided with International Day of the Girl Child, a movement working toward achieving equality between the sexes. Magda, a native of Uruguay, is currently working on a research project centered on women's roles in politics in her homeland, an emerging market that ranks high among the world's least gender biased country.