



ISMA or the International Student Mentors Association supports diversity by fostering relationships between international and current students here on campus at Texas A&M University. By providing a platform through community and friendship, students of all different majors; levels of study, ethnic groups and age constantly are coming together.

Though this is not an academic fueled project, in my opinion it adds to the diversity goals for this campus in the most genuine way possible. Through this on-campus organization I have met project managers, architects and owners that have real world experience and that have seen the difficulty that can ensue when there is a lack of understanding. For example while on a trip to Portland with some friends I have met through ISMA, I had a discussion with an architect in that area. He expressed the consistent dispute between his collages in his firm and the project managers in a design-bid build job. Culture is all relative. The culture difference between contractors and architects is quite stark. But in reality it is very similar to the struggles we can face between cultures groups here on campus. Through my personal relationship with a graduate-Level Architect on-change from New Zealand, I can say that it has done nothing but benefit the Architectural community here in Langford and beyond. Said relationship only happened through the diversity that ISMA fosters.

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