



Memorandum-of-Understanding

This partnership between Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas, Inc. (CEPA) and Texas A&M University-Commerce establishes a historic link between a premier institution of higher learning and a Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation organized and operated exclusively for public and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This leadership model sets the trend for educational reform initiatives and initiates a dynamic interchange of ideas among an interdisciplinary group of professionals dedicated to a common mission and philosophy.

The MOU states:

I. Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas, hereafter known as CEPA and Texas A&M University-Commerce, hereafter known as A&M-Commerce, agree to establish a partnership to promote collaborative research and outreach initiatives for professional development throughout the Americas.

II. CEPA and A&M-Commerce agree to work cooperatively in promoting exchange programs nationally and internationally with emphasis on "collaboration and cooperation" for promoting ethical leadership through a democratic process in an interdisciplinary arena. Professionals from education, business, civic and social sciences, the humanities, and the cultural, scientific, economic, health, law enforcement, and military fields will be invited to participate.

III. CEPA and A&M-Commerce agree to promote a newer, more democratic type of leadership in which individuals are motivated and empowered and where leadership is seen as a shared process involving leaders, teachers, students, parents, and community members. CEPA and A&M-Commerce will dedicate themselves to the improvement of instructional leadership by developing the ideal of leading with vision and values, and empowering every individual.

IV. CEPA and A&M-Commerce commit to outreach initiatives for developing responsible leadership as well as empowering and mentoring future leaders in conjunction with their formal academic programs.

V. CEPA and A&M-Commerce will commit to outreach initiatives through hosting, if and when possible, international forums, seminars, and conferences. These outreach initiatives are intended to increase mutual understanding between nations, and for strengthening the ties which unite us by demonstrating educational and cultural interests, development, and our collective achievements.

