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Dillard University welcomed a group of 24 public school teachers from Brazil this summer for an intensive English language study program and received a dose of global awareness in return.

As part of a new collaboration between the U.S. and Brazilian governments and historically black colleges and universities in the United States, the teachers are spending six weeks taking classes to improve their reading, writing and speaking abilities, then taking their sharpened English skills back to their students.

The teachers were warned to give Americans more personal space and told that Americans are not as outwardly friendly as Brazilians but found a warm welcome in New Orleans.

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