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sister profs?

Evandro Bittencourt, a visiting professor from the University of Region in Brazil, and Linda Rice, provost of Tidewater Community College's Chesapeake campus, watch a demonstration of one of TCC's on-line classes during a meeting last Tuesday.

Bittencourt was one of two professors visiting Chesapeake as part of the Sister Cities program. The professors visited several colleges while in the area with the purpose of setting up international student exchanges and to share knowledge of teaching methodologies. Bittencourt said that distance learning is important for people in Brazil because of transportation issues.

Chesapeake became a sister city with the Brazilian city of Joinville, Santa Catarina, in 2002. The mission of the Sister Cities program is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time. A group of representatives from Chesapeake plan to visit Joinville as a part of this program in June.



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Evandro Bittencourt of University of Region in Brazil, and Linda Rice, provost of TCC Chesapeake, watch the demonstration of an online class.

Other residents and officials from both cities have made trips to visit one another's communities in the five years since the relationship was established.

—Christy Barritt