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The Importance of the Values Promoted by the Values Program at CIEX

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Values are beliefs, are principles that help us to decide what is wrong and what is right, according to different contexts, and in different situations. We can say that people know about values, and students can give their conception about what those mean, but it might not be assumed that they know how to put their values into practice. We are always learning from each other; every day is a new opportunity for putting values into practice.

Values are essential to have a good organization in our society. Kelum *et al.* (2021) claim that "Values are the fundamental beliefs, behaviors and attitudes that have been approved and accepted as what is good by society for a long time". After the previous explanation, values refer to people's performances in different situations in their lives. Values also help people to differentiate between good and bad actions. Kelum *et al.* (2021) explain that value is also a societal system that emphasizes human activities through education and a professional environment. Those values are a fundamental part of the results of culture management and organization. Each value plays an important role in the humanity.

As part of my own experience as a student, it is important and always necessary to review what we know about values and keep in mind our expectations, ideas, and conceptions about what each value is about. As a student, we need to know the way we act in different situations. And how we can improve those skills to communicate effectively and efficiently with people.

During my classes in CIEX, we learned and discussed about many values that were part of our program. Every month we learned about one different value, we talked about it and we shared our ideas and beliefs about that. It was an introductory activity before we started the topic, and also was a very good opportunity to reflect and think about the daily opportunities we have to put it into practice. We shared ideas with a partner, we shared ideas with the group. We practiced English, and little by little we developed our speaking skills, too.

I would like to mention that CIEX has a program about values. Some values seem to have been chosen to learn in each month at different levels. Each month has one value that reinforces students' culture, beliefs, and aspirations to continue working on their tasks to achieve their goals or a global goal. Remembering that they are also studying a new language, languages allow them

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to work with culture. According to Potowski (2010, cited in Karlik, 2023), language is a reflection of the people's cultural values, practices, and ideas (beliefs). So, every language works with cultural differences, rules, and attributes. Those characteristics help and contextualize students' learners to use the language appropriately.

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