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The students' study of Peru began early in the spring of 2016. After a number of on-campus orientation seminars, the group made its annual trip to Washington, D.C., for a series of in-depth country briefings at the Embassy of Peru and the Inter-American Development Bank. In May 2016, the Student Associates with their faculty advisors traveled to Lima for an intensive ten days of meetings, lectures, briefings, and discussions with leaders from government, business, and academia whose expertise and enthusiastic participation in and support for the program are key to the success of our mission.

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