

# CHASING EQUITY

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## United Nations Sustainable Goals:

The UN Sustainable Goals that we aimed to achieve was a combination of reduced inequalities and peace & justice strong institutions. Our policy of illegalizing lobbying aims to dismantle a system that proportionally disadvantages individuals who cannot pay politicians/political organizations. This is all in hopes of creating just institutions that value equity. Our activism project aims to also tackle these goals by creating a mini-convention that spreads IMSA's Equity & Inclusion Programs to other schools.



## Policy

Our policy was aimed at creating was a federal law that illegalizes lobbying. We found that many members of the upper class were bribing politicians/political organizations to gain an upper hand, which ultimately undermined the purpose of a democracy. We aimed to reach out to politicians who have vocalized their disapproval regarding lobbying and would be willing promote our goal and allow our movement to gain traction. We understand that their will be pushback seeing that many of the politicians in office lobby to obtain campaign money and would be resistant to passing the policy within office, but we will be persistent with gathering support through social media and petitions to push towards change. If illegalizing lobbying is ineffective we have other policy alternatives with the same goal of obtaining equity.

When prompted to apply our goals to our own communities we all knew that we wanted to make an impact within our home towns. We worked with Dr. Coleman, IMSA's director of Equity and Inclusion, on the possibility of holding a mini-convention for other school's students and faculty. This would be a chance to discuss the importance of equity and inclusion within schools and potential events and clubs IMSA has that could be implemented within other schools. Although, our project won't be completed this year, we are devoted to investing future time.

## Activism Project

## Importance

Inclusiveness and Equity is important so that each individual has an opportunity to reach their goals and so that no individual is bound by their race, gender, religion, circumstances, or contingency. It is important that this is valued within all institutions. Although we have made great strides as a country to become more inclusive, change happens in small increments and we still have a long way to go.