Alfredo Gonzales speaks with Thao Le of Vietnam and Luka Levata of Serbia in the college’s Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Hope is committed to increasing the number of international students on campus, both for what the college can give to them and for the way they enrich the campus by their presence.

Alfredo Gonzales

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