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**MBA Students Join the Fight
Violations**

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against Human Rights

A duo of MBA students at University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) worked with guidance from the Homeland Security Investigation's (HSI) Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center (HRVWCC) over a period of eight weeks as part of their project-focused capstone class taught by Dr. Erin Pleggenkuhle-Miles.

Lindsay Wyant and Jerry Farke teamed up to apply their business acumen and unique life experiences in support of the Center's mission to investigate potential human rights violations. Their work focused on the mining industry in Central Africa and offered a novel, business-oriented approach to this complex issue.

Wyant has worked professionally for an agency advocating for human rights with human trafficking victims. Farke drew insight from his undergraduate experience at South Dakota Mines, combining a professional network of mining industry experts with a business lens developed through coursework at UNO.

This project stemmed from UNO's newly minted partnership with DHS through the National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE), led by Dr. Gina Ligon. Farke and Wyant developed an awareness of DHS initiatives and a greater appreciation for the value of a diverse team approach in support of these missions. The unique perspectives and skillsets of this team culminated in a comprehensive report and recommendation to further advance NCITE's goal of assisting DHS in combating terrorism.