

## UCAB trains 100 children of Fe y Alegria in computer science

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The children of the School Ciudad de los Muchachos, of Fe y Alegria, were certified as programmers, at an introductory level, in an event held in the main hall of the Andres Bello Catholic University.

“The university feels honored to be part of this experience that today we not only recognize but also celebrate. This project fits perfectly with the principles and way of working at the university. It brings together fundamental virtues for us such as

the innovative character, as well as involving the use of new technologies to train. It is clear that the competencies linked to new technologies are something fundamental in the 21st century”, affirmed the vice-rector of Identity, Student Development and Social Extension, Nestor Luengo.

During the training course, more than 10 students of Computing and Education of the UCAB gave virtual classes, to teach the basic elements of the programming and creation of software, to the children of sixth grade of the school Ciudad de los Muchachos, located in Guarenas.

This work is part of a community service project of the university carried out together with [Progracademy](#). A network focused on the training of primary and secondary students for the development of competencies in the areas of critical, creative and computational thinking, as well as in communication, collaboration and character.

“With this experience, we have managed to develop computational skills, but I am sure that we have gone further. These children have also developed citizen skills”, said Silvia Lobo, director of the school.

The project began in October 2016 with the training of the coaches, explained Germán Gil Alba, academic director of **Progracademy**. It began in a period of pre-service to instruct, virtually, those who would be tutors and did not have any type of teaching experience.

"During this process, simulations of the classes were made so that the sixth grade children had the best possible experience by the ucabistas", he concluded.