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## **U.S. College Campuses Forge Close Ties with Israel**

When the boycott, divestment and sanction (BDS) movement was first launched on American campuses more than a decade ago, Israel's opponents hoped to drive a wedge between U.S. and Israeli academic institutions. Their goal was—and remains—to delegitimize the Jewish state. Despite vitriolic attacks and attempts to obscure this agenda, which precludes even the possibility of peace through direct negotiations (let alone coexistence between Arabs and Jews), a remarkable result has emerged: Not one American campus has come close to divesting from Israel. A simple inventory of the tangible, contractual and mutually beneficial ties between the two nations would suggest that, in fact, the exact opposite of BDS has taken place. Simply put, there is more cooperation between American and Israeli colleges and universities than ever before in history. And such ties continue to blossom.

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