ACTIVITY: U.S. Classroom Simulation

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   - 5 minute time limit

2. With everyone at your table/group: Beginning with the person who shared last in step 1, and allowing time for everyone to speak, **INDICATE WHAT YOU ARE MOST EXCITED TO EXPERIENCE IN U.S. CLASSROOMS**
   - 3 minute time limit
   - Share with all participants
Responses

1. What are you most excited to experience in U.S. classrooms?
   - On-campus employment opportunities
   - Completing coursework
   - Practical knowledge from subject matters
   - Testing patience with undergraduates (for teaching assistants)
   - Balancing coursework and teaching
   - Group work/discussion with peers and professors
   - Diversity in the classroom
   - Practical application of knowledge/what I studied at a previous institution
   - Hands-on projects
   - Interactive sessions
   - Making friends with other students (domestic and international)
   - Solving real-world problems
   - Different testing formats
   - Exposure to industries
   - Exposure to different ideas

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3. Finally, starting with the person who shared third in step 2, and allowing time for everyone to speak, REVEAL WHAT YOU ARE MOST NERVOUS ABOUT AS YOU BEGIN YOUR STUDIES
   - 3 minute time limit
   - Share with all participants
Responses

1. What are you most nervous about as you begin your studies?
   • Subject matter
   • Grading system
   • Weather
   • Professors speaking too quickly
   • Beginning school again after working
   • Leaving home countries + culture shock
   • Course selection
   • Presentations
   • On-campus employment
   • Effective time management
   • Assignments/Tests
   • Grammatical errors in exams/papers
   • Language barrier
   • Cooperation with other students
   • Cooking
   • Internships
   • Making new friends
   • Competition

B-Engaged

- **Website:** https://bengaged.binghamton.edu

- Promotes campus events, student clubs, and news

- Sign in using your PODS account (what you use to sign into your email)

- You may see references to a “G.I.M.” in B-Engaged at the beginning of the semester
  - G.I.M. stands for general interest meeting
B-Engaged

Welcome to CampusGroups!
Where campus communities connect and engage

Bing Pop

- **Website**: https://bingpop.com
- Promotes events in the greater Binghamton area
- **The next big event**: LUMA 2019
  September 6 and 7
Points of Conversation

- Teaching Approach
  - Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous

- Professors' Expectations
  - What to think vs. How to think
  - Theory vs. Application
  - Hierarchical Relationship vs. Truncated Relationship

- Keys to Academic Success
  - Attend Class
    - In-Class Participation
      - Resources
        - 4 Ways International Students Can Participate in Class by Jia Guo, U.S. News & World Report
        - “Tips For Participating In Class Discussions”, University Counseling Service, The University of Iowa
      - Organization/Time Management
      - Proactive vs. Reactive
  - Plagiarism: Cultural Context

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

Keep making new friends!

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

Keep working hard, learn from your mistakes — they shape us not Break us!!
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you:

Be Positive,
Work hard.
Don’t lose hope...

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you:

Life is like a game,
Enjoy the play.
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

JUST WAIT... EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST FINE

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

Join a Club!
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you
Go to office hours!

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you
Everybody here is to help you! ASK :D
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

Stay away from SCAM CALLS.
- No officials will call to tell you that you are getting arrested...
- Keep looking for SSSS mails

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

Call your mother often 📞😊
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Keep going!

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