

I come from a charter high school back in Chicago, with about 14 other schools within the network, the Noble Network. I walked through the “gates” of UIUC with about twenty kids from my graduating class, not counting people from the previous graduating classes from my school. My roommate is a friend I’ve been knowing since my freshman year of high school, so I already have someone to share with. Others, don’t. Unless they’re social butterflies, most freshman probably have a hard time introducing themselves or simply making friends.

**How are students from out of state/those who are the only one from their graduating class to go to UIUC assimilating themselves to this new environment and making friends?**

- Did you purposefully want to come into college not knowing anybody? How come?
- Do you consider yourself social?
- If you consider yourself shy, what is holding you back from breaking through that shell?
- What have been your strategies to “get friends”?
- What kind of student organizations will you seek to join if you decide to join one?
- If student organizations aren’t the move, how about fraternities/sororities?
- Have you felt homesick because of how long you’ve gone without any genuine human interaction?