



QUICK BIC NEWS

Welcome, BIC class of 2014!

You're about to embark on something really special. Yes, I know that your parents, relatives, former teachers, and church leaders are all telling you this. But allow it to be said by just one more person, someone who was in your shoes two years ago. Your freshman year, your entire college experience, including your BIC courses, is something very special.

You will be challenged like never before. Academically, you will be tested. Things you once knew for sure might not seem so concrete after a class discussion. Ways of studying that earned you A's in high school might lead to a mere passing score. You might find a passion rise out of you that you never even knew existed within your flesh, and you might want to drop everything else and follow it. That may happen more than once.

Socially, you will be tested. You just left a group of friends, who was your core. You're meeting fascinating, thrilling people with whom you want to engage in discussion. Do so. Keep up with both groups. Open up to others, and begin a community with them, for this is the most rewarding thing.



freshman at homecoming mass meeting 2009

Personally, you will be tested. This is a whole new ball game, without parents. You alone are responsible for you. And you can do as you please. So, please, figure out who you are. Take time alone. Reflect on everything going on. Because there's always A LOT going on; you will be lucky to come across a dull moment these 4 years.

This is exciting, nerve-wracking, scary, something you've been waiting to come for a long time. So, embrace it. Take the moments that come and hold onto them dearly. Capture them. Make memories, make friends, make yourself into who you've always wanted to be. You've got four years (maybe five...or more) to do this. It happens quickly. So, class of 2014, get ready, get set, GO! You're about to embark on something really special.

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Looking forward...



mark your
calendars
for the event
of the
semester.
august 28th.
8: 45 a.m.

annual events:

- FAB. faculty appreciation banquet.
- field trips to a hindu temple & mosque & museums
- volunteering at ZOO BOO
- team BICtory at Relay for Life & much much more!



Top Ten Things to know as a first year BIC-er.

10. Be prepared for anything.
9. Talk to upperclassmen. They are a great resource for choosing professors, study tips, & etc.
8. Say what's on your mind. Professors like it. & unlike high school, not everybody else is thinking the exact same thing.
7. Don't come to too quick of a conclusion about any class or professor. Give everything a chance.
6. Use the knowledge you get to question your beliefs. Test everything. Hold on to the good.
5. Come to BIC events. You get a chance to be around people who actually know what you are talking about when you mention Cultures or Rhetoric.
4. Don't freak out. There are 200 other people who have the same assignments and tests. Go to them, complain, and then do it.
3. Get to know your classmates. You will grow up with this group of people. Become one BIC happy family.
2. Get to know your professors. They are awesome people who have done outrageous things.
1. Read before class. Seriously. or sparknotes it.