



QUICK BIC NEWS

Welcome, BIC class of 2015!

After a one-hour introductory lecture on the first day of World Cultures, I must admit, my palms were a wee bit sweaty. I had dodged having to answer a question by wearing an outfit that was just inconspicuous enough that Professor Hanks didn't focus in on me calling out "blue shirt" or "yellow hat," expecting a response. But, then, as soon as I thought I was in the clear, he brought out the beach ball. With five minutes remaining, he asked us--his colleagues--what our thoughts were. The ball was tossed, and whoever touched it, even if that touch was by accident, must respond in front of their 200 peers. Phew. Day 1 was over.

As the days continued, they quickly turned into semesters, and now, here I am, a senior, completely done with all BIC courses. (Thankfully, I was much less nervous in subsequent classes.) And what a wild ride this has been! I had no idea that my dear friends whom I now hold closest to me were sitting in that same auditorium when the beach ball was thrown. I had no idea that I would become comfortable with public speaking, and would actually come to enjoy it. I had no idea that late night paper writing sessions would also be late night deep conversation starters, and that my life



freshman at homecoming mass meeting 2009

would change a little bit more after each paper was submitted.

The BIC has without a doubt been the best investment of my time at Baylor. It will be for you too, if you let it. The BIC is unique in that it will be most rewarding, only if you choose to enjoy the hardest things. Anyone can enjoy making friends, field trips, and avoiding taking the boring required courses. But it becomes a bit hard to enjoy the incessant readings, the quizzes that you just can't ace (even if you did read), and the classmates who get a little too obnoxious. Find value in the latter, and I am sure that you will have the best four years of your life, as I have.

Try not to get nervous on the first day, and just for me--catch the ball. Make a big statement on your first day!

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Looking forward...



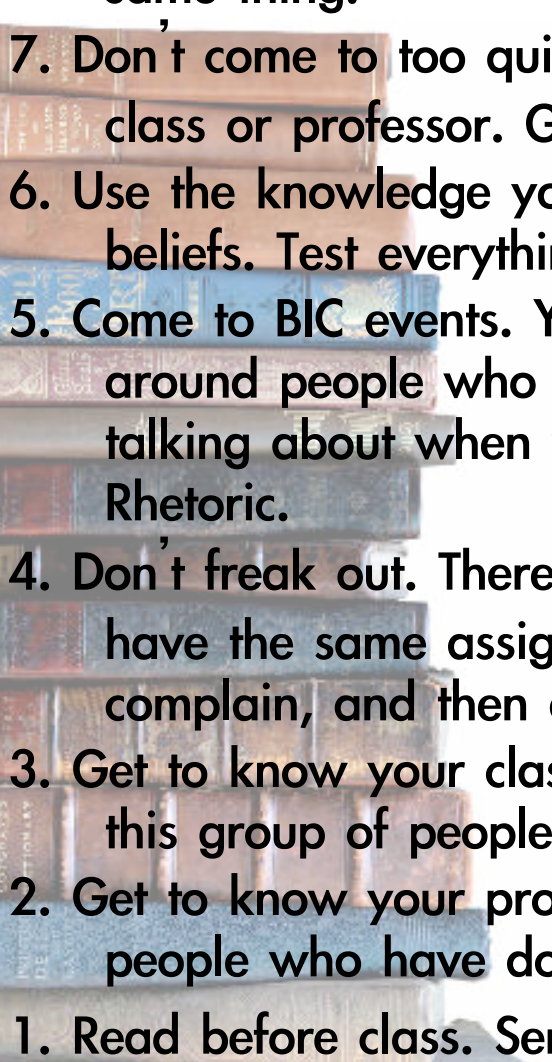
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calendars
for the event
of the
semester.
august 27th.
8:30 a.m.

annual events:

- Honors College Board Game Tournament
- 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.

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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.

for more advice or to talk to an upperclassmen, email BIC.BUDDIES@baylor.edu