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# New Year, New Team

## Our First Family

### Time with ETP!

While Mondays can be the most dreaded day of the week, our ETP and ISOP members are able to look forward to reconnecting. Every Monday members are welcome to bring their dinners to a private dining location for time to reconnect.

For our first Family Time, the two teams joined forces for a few rounds of Speed Friend Networking. The goal of this exercise was for each small group to get to know each other a bit better. Students were asked to answer questions such as “how did you hear about Hollins?” or “if you could cook a meal for your favorite person, what would it be and why?” Smiles and laughs were shared as the teams bonded with this lighthearted game.



Follow us on Instagram for more live updates like this one! Check out this highlight from our first Family Time.



## New School Year...New ISOP Members!

*In August 2019, the campus welcomed a new group of International Student Orientation Program first years. They arrived on campus a few days before the rest of their class in order to participate in pre-orientation activities. These activities were also led by new and returning peer mentors. However, the group was still fueled by the love and motivation of Associate Dean Jeri Suarez and Graduate Assistant Caitlyn Lewis.*

ISOP has officially kicked off their year! This year we are excited to welcome students from all over the globe. Our new team is a beautiful blend of students from Nepal, Saipan, Vietnam, the Bahamas, the United Kingdom, Rwanda, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Cambodia. Not only is this group getting acquainted to the college experience but also being in a different country. With this in mind, the pre-orientation program is designed not only for team building but also getting acquainted to new experiences. The three day program consists of a wide range of learning opportunities as well as bonding experiences. Students were given the chance to get to know the campus through an informational tour. ISOP mentees also had the opportunity to attend several informative sessions with departments ranging from the business office, academics, technology assistance, and the health center. Alongside getting all affairs squared away, the ISOP mentees were allotted time to unwind and have fun as a group. These activities consisted of a trip to Target as well as a game night and movie night with the Early Transition Program. Students were not only able to meet the other mentees in their sister program but also to slow down after a hectic few days. We have an exciting year ahead of us full of new opportunities to grow not only as a student but also as the young adults we are.



*Above: ISOP mentees concentrating during an activity that shows what we appreciate or have learned about one another within the first few days.*

*Below: Taking the time to reflect on the day's activities.*

