

GROUP RESUME

Purpose

This in-class activity is designed to assist faculty in getting to know their students, help students get to know one another, and encourage domestic and international students to become more acquainted.

Overview

Students are divided into small groups and asked to complete a prepared “Group Resume” handout that asks quick and fun questions (e.g. total number of pets owned by the group; total number of languages spoken). Upon completing the group resume, each group presents their answers to the class.

Context

This in-class icebreaker activity was adapted for use from a strategy shared at the College Educators Development Program (CEDP). It has been effectively used in both classroom and lab settings and with both small and medium class sizes.

Impact

The Group Resume activity is an excellent icebreaker that helps the students and faculty to get to know each other in a fun manner. It also helps to begin group work at an early stage in the course and assist in helping students feel comfortable in discussions in a nonthreatening manner.