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Reminders:

- These are **suggestions** for ways to keep the conversation going. Don't feel compelled to discuss everything in these documents.
- Be conscientious when giving your opinions—let mentees form their own impressions. Understand that every experience is different.
- Being candid will help your mentee feel more inclined to be sincere and vulnerable in return.
- You may not know the answer to some of your mentee's questions—don't be afraid to say "I don't know," and direct them to information in the resources guide.

Introductions:

- * Break the ice by introducing yourself first! You can choose which identities you want to share including pronouns, race, sexuality, religion, culture, languages, etc. Only share what you feel comfortable with and don't pressure your mentee to share their identities unless they want to! Remember, before asking your mentee any of these questions, answer them yourself so they feel comfortable to share as well!

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Introductions:

- Where are you from/where have you lived?
- What do you like or dislike most about your current neighborhood?
- Tell me about your family (siblings, pets, etc).
  - Who do you consider yourself closest with?
- Why did you choose to attend Duke?
- What are you most looking forward to doing at Duke?
- What are your goals?
  - What are your academic and/or personal goals?
  - What was your dream profession as a kid?
    - Has that changed? If so, why?

General Interests:

- What are you passionate about?
- Do you have a bucket list? What is on it?
- What is something you could never get tired of doing?
- What are your hobbies? Are you planning to continue doing these at Duke?
- How was your high school experience?
- What are you doing this summer?
  - What was your favorite summer memory?
- What are you most nervous about coming into college?
- What do you wish you could spend the rest of your life doing with no consequences?

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In-Depth Personality Questions:

- What do you feel most grateful for?
- What do you value in a friendship?
  - Are you concerned about maintaining friendships in college?
- How would your friends describe you? How would your family describe you? How would you describe yourself? If these are different, why?
  - Do you think these descriptions have changed in the past few years?
- Do you know what your Myers Briggs Personality or Enneagram is? Do you agree?
- What is something particular about your family, background, heritage, or culture that you are proud of?

Get-To-Know-You Questions:

- Do you have a favorite song? Why? Favorite band?
- What is the last funny video you watched?
- What is the best place to take a date?
- What is something a ton of people are obsessed with but you just don't get the point of?
- Do you prefer to blend in with a crowd or stand out?

Don't forget to ask if the mentee has any other questions!

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