

*“Equity and Diversity”*

<b>Perceptions</b>
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*Directions: Write in the name of your classmate who you perceive has participated or would participate in the statement below. You cannot choose yourself and try to use everyone’s name at least once.*

1. Changes their car oil. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Been to a Broadway Play. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Likes classical music. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has bungee jumped. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Played a varsity sport in high school. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was a boy/girl scout. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is a good cook. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Likes to do Yoga \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is an avid reader outside of class. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Was considered very popular in high school. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Has been in a mosh pit. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Likes to bowl. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Would like to have a large family \_\_\_\_\_
14. Likes to go to casinos \_\_\_\_\_
15. Enjoys art museums. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Watches the Discovery or Learning channel. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Can see singing in the rain. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Had ballet lessons. \_\_\_\_\_
19. Could see joining a Greek organization \_\_\_\_\_
20. Goes to bible study \_\_\_\_\_
21. Likes Dr. Dre/DMX/Wu-tang Clan \_\_\_\_\_
22. Is probably from a wealthy family \_\_\_\_\_
23. Has traveled internationally \_\_\_\_\_
24. Can play the piano \_\_\_\_\_
25. Likes to go hiking. \_\_\_\_\_
26. Knows a lot about fishing. \_\_\_\_\_
27. Follows horoscopes. \_\_\_\_\_
28. Likes techno music \_\_\_\_\_
29. Could see being a politician. \_\_\_\_\_
30. Likes to be in the limelight. \_\_\_\_\_
31. Knows what a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is \_\_\_\_\_
32. Has seen a rated X movie \_\_\_\_\_
33. Recycles \_\_\_\_\_
34. Is in the Honors program \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

*Initial discussion was centered around how individual bias dictates perceptions. As the discussion became deeper, many realized how perceptions can help/hinder assessment and treatment of patients in the emergency medical environment.*

*Students were very appreciative of the exercise to highlight how bias dictates perceptions.*

Findings:

*This exercise was a good “eye-opener” for the participants. Many reported the bias that they individually held in just viewing their perceptions of others. Much effort was placed on removing initial bias when evaluating patients in the emergency medical situations as well as with general interactions.*