Let's Talk: Vol to Vol Sessions
On Tuesday, August 18th, 184 virtual dialogue sessions took place. Resident Assistants, SGA Representatives, Peer Mentors, and Student Success Ambassadors facilitated Intergroup Dialogue sessions amongst incoming first-year scholars. The dialogues focused on diversity and inclusion to promote a welcoming environment for scholars with diverse identities.

Facilitator Assessment Responses
After their dialogue sessions, facilitators were required to take an anonymous post assessment survey. 137 facilitators responded to the survey to record how successful their Intergroup Dialogue session was and provide feedback on the impact of their session.

Facilitation & The Future
Facilitators responded to questions pertaining to future dialogue sessions.

SUGGESTIONS FROM FACILITATORS FOR FUTURE DIALOGUES
- In person dialogue sessions
- Having more time to review facilitation materials
- Getting to know your facilitation partner before dialogue session
- Having an experienced facilitator in each session
- Getting to know participants before dialogue sessions
- Understanding how the dialogue was presented to participants

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First-year students participated in Vol to Vol: Virtual Intergroup Dialogue sessions during New Student Orientation. As part of their facilitation, scholars took an anonymous survey before and after their Intergroup Dialogue session. Some of the survey questions pertained to diversity & inclusion, their comfortability with sharing their identities with others, and their openness to learning different perspectives.

Pre Assessment: 2,541 Responses

“I was a great way to meet silents and express your feelings without having to because of thoughts of judgement.”

- Dialogue Participant

Post Assessment: 2,148 Responses

“The discussion was extremely comforting in the fact that there are people at the University of Tennessee who will accept and respect different views and values.”

- Dialogue Participant

Pre Assessment Responses Takeaways

- I am comfortable interacting with individuals whose stories and experiences are different than my own.
- I am interested in learning about diversity and inclusion.

Post Assessment Responses Takeaways

- I felt like I was part of a respectful campus community that recognizes diverse perspectives and identities.
- I felt heard and understood when I expressed my ideas and perspectives with others.
- I felt comfortable expressing my ideas and perspectives with others.

Suggestions from Participants for Future Dialogues

- Engaging in an icebreaker with your dialogue group before the session is a good idea.
- Having face-to-face dialogue sessions.
- Having the dialogue later in the semester, so scholars feel more comfortable with each other.

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