



# META: THE BANQUET

The eight students arrive at orientation. Over the next few days, they quickly find each other and become friends. However, there's a gripping sense of dismay when they discover that something, or someone, seems to be missing....

During convocation, the students are invited up to represent the organization that sent them here: the National Academic Scholarship Association. They decide to perform a skit at a blackboard to introduce themselves and express their frustration. **Why are the students upset?**



My name is Bee.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: I can walk  
on s \_\_\_\_\_ s.

My name is Boomer.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: Over the  
summer, I built my own  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My name is Celine.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: I love to eat  
\_\_\_\_\_ s.

My name is Marlen.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: My favorite game  
is One Night Ultimate  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My name is Michael.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: My most valued  
trait is my \_\_\_\_\_.

My name is Mihir.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: I have a  
\_\_\_\_\_ on my  
left arm.

My name is Nora.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: My favorite  
color is \_\_\_\_\_.

My name is Pablo.  
I am from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fun fact: My favorite  
scientific instrument is  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

The students line up from left to right in order by where they're from. Then:

1. The first student writes their name on the board.
2. The second student switches the second and fourth letters on the board.
3. The third student writes their name backwards on the left.
4. The fourth student writes the first two letters of their name on the left, then erases the third, fourth, and fifth letters on the board.
5. The fifth student writes the two letters immediately after the last letter of their name in the alphabet after the I on the board.
6. The sixth student swaps the third and fourth letters on the board, then writes the letter immediately after the second letter of their name in the alphabet to the right of those letters.
7. The seventh student writes the first letter of their name on the left, then erases the top half of that letter. Now it's a different letter! Then they replace the first A with an O.
8. The eighth student writes their name on the left and then erases the third letter. Finally, they take the third-to-last and second-to-last letters and shift them forward by nineteen positions in the alphabet.