

Acting Out Summary

Welcome to the Orientation Play! During this show, five contestants will take on challenges as first year college students. Watch them navigate through the jungle, across a river, and compete to catch....chickens? In this competition, these freshmen will have to juggle social, academic, and financial obstacles. If they fail to make good decisions, they may fail their first semester in college. What will these first years discover when they ask themselves "what if?" Can they conquer the challenges and pass their final exams? Will you?

ACTING OUT Orientation Play
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The real life of college students

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ACT I

scene 1

ACT I Scene 1 The stage is bare. After a moment, dramatic music begins to play, either through a speaker or created by the ensemble. The Host walks onto the stage and begins to speak.

JULIEANA

Hi everyone, before we introduce ourselves and get the ball rolling, we wanted to come out here and welcome you to the Orientation Play!

JIM

This play was written by Buffalo State students for you and we hope it gives you a head-start for your Freshman year.

JANAE

We're going to be real with you, okay? We want you to know what to expect your first year so hopefully you can be prepared.

CRISTALIS

Save any questions you have for the end because we'll have a Q&A! You can ask us anything, we're here to give you answers!

The ENSEMBLE performs dramatic "SURVIVOR" style theme music with stomping and singing. Ends. The HOST enters.

HOST

Buffalo, NY. The queen city. The city of good neighbors. A city where winter last from October to May every year, while summer lasts for about three weeks in late July. A city with such incredible food, that if falling into Niagara Falls doesn't kill you, your cholesterol just might. On this diverse campus of SUNY Buffalo State, these five freshmen will experience challenges like never before in order to get the absolute most out of their education, and make themselves better individuals by doing so. A commuter and two sets of roommates. Will they be able to work together to survive the tasks that their first year of college brings them? We'll find out. But first, let's meet our contestants.

ENSEMBLE acts as Camera In on Student 3 with Zoom-In noise. They repeat this action throughout the play.

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JIM

I'm Jim, and I'm from _____. I'm so thrilled to finally be out of high school. I was getting so fed up with having to go through the same boring classes day after day. I finally get to start going to classes that I actually care about. I'm a little worried about these General Education courses, but I'm sure as long as I take 101s, I won't even have to pay much attention to them at all. Hopefully these challenges will go in my favor!

ENSEMBLE: Camera Out/Zoom Out Noise. Damario is up.

HOST

Thank you,_____.

Camera In/Zoom In on Damario.

DAMARIO

My name is Damario, and I'm a commuter. All of this is so new and exciting for me, but there's still a lot to be nervous about. I'm responsible for getting myself to and from campus all the time. What if I miss the bus or can't get a ride? What if I get stuck on campus? What if I don't make friends because I'm so out of touch with everything? Oh boy...this is going to be tough.

HOST

I bet you'll be fine, Janae .

Camera Out/Zoom Out

JANAE

What's up everyone?! I'm Janae, and I am so excited to start college! If this is anything like high school was, it should be an absolute breeze. I've heard so many things about how fun college is, and now that I'm out of my house, I can have fun all the time with no consequences. I can't wait to make new friends and just be myself. I'm sure I can find a way to go out as much as I want, and still get straight A's. These challenges are going to be a breeze!

Camera Out/Zoom Out.

HOST

Well, I'm thinking that these challenges are gonna give you a run for your money, Janae.

Camera Out/Zoom out. Camera In/Zoom In on Julieana.

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JULIEANA

Hey there! My name is , and I'm from way out in Clarence. It's my first time in a big city, so I'm a little nervous, but I'm also totally pumped and super excited to be here! Everyone seems super nice and I think one of you is my new roommate, am I right?

ENSEMBLE looks around, nervous. Camera Out/Zoom Out. Camera In/Zoom In on Cristalis.

CRISTALIS

I'm Cristalis. I'm from Buffalo. Uh, I guess this is cool or something and I'm probably just going to win whatever we do anyway. High School was pretty lame and I'm not expecting college to be much better, but I'm going to do what needs to get done so I can get out.

Camera Out/Zoom Out

HOST

Now that we've gotten to know each other, let's dive right in. Our first challenge will start right at the beginning and take us through to midterms. This is make or break, people. This is your opportunity to start out your college career on the right track. Now, are you ready?

The CAST looks around, confused.

JIM

But...you didn't tell us what the challenge is?

They ad lib "Yeah," "What are we supposed to do?" Suddenly, faint chicken noises start and grow louder. The CAST frantically searches for the source.

CRISTALIS

What's happenning?!

HOST

IT'S TIME FOR....DON'T CHICKEN OUT! RELEASE THE CHICKENS!

Julieana opens a cage and so many chickens come out, flooding the stage. Establish baskets for collecting chickens downstage.

HOST

As you can see, we have released over one hundred chickens into this space, and your job is to catch as many as you can!

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