Materials:
Large open space for movement.

Time:
Depending on how large the class and depth of conversations: 20 – 30 minutes.

Objectives:
To provide students with the opportunity to get to know their classmates and to break-up close friendships that have been noticed in class.

Instructions:
Split the class of students into two equal groups. Counting off by 1,2,1,2…is easiest and most efficient way. The 1s can form the outer circle and the 2s can form the inner circle. Have each 1 match up with a 2. These will form the first set of “couples.” If there is an odd number of people involved, the mentor and instructor can join in or not depending on the numbers. A question will be posed to the pairs. Answers will be swapped, and after a certain time limit (determined by the mentor), the 2s (inner circle) will rotate to the right to the next 1 and become a new pair. Another question will be asked, and the process will continue for however long time allows.

Sample Questions:
What is your favorite class and why?
Why URI?
What is your dream career?
If you were given 1 million dollars today, how would you use it?
What is your favorite building on campus?
What is one of your main goals for freshman year?
Are you involved in anything?

Debriefing:
Have everyone gather in a big group and discuss the interesting stories and responses that were told in conversation. As this reflection continues, everyone in the room would be able to know an interesting fact about each student in the room.