# Getting Your Students to Think Outside the Box

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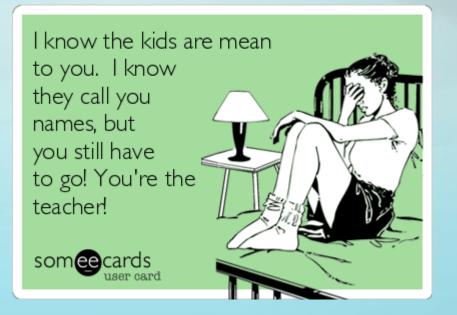
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## Student Focus attendees will be able to

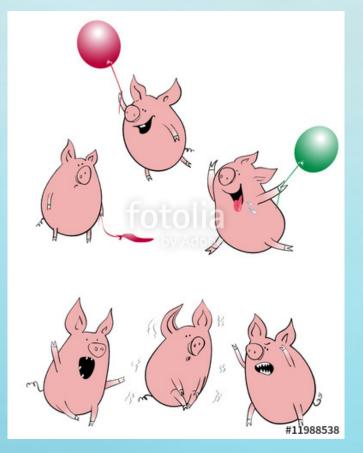
- Design activities to increase student satisfaction and engagement.
- Create opportunities of interaction that foster student engagement and retention.

#### Exercises

- Personality Profile
- Ice Breakers
- PowerPoint Project
- Group Decisions
- Disaster Preparation
- Team Bus Exercise
- Whose Problem is it Anyway?



### The Pig Personality Profile



This icebreaker is not scientific but it's good for a lot of laughs, gets students thinking and talking and sets the stage for a good experience in the course. Students come to class the first day with a myriad of apprehensions. Use this to loosen them up a little and let them know you are not Mr. or Ms. Meanie

# ICE BREAKERS

- #1 Word Association
- #2 Burning Questions
- #3 The Human Web



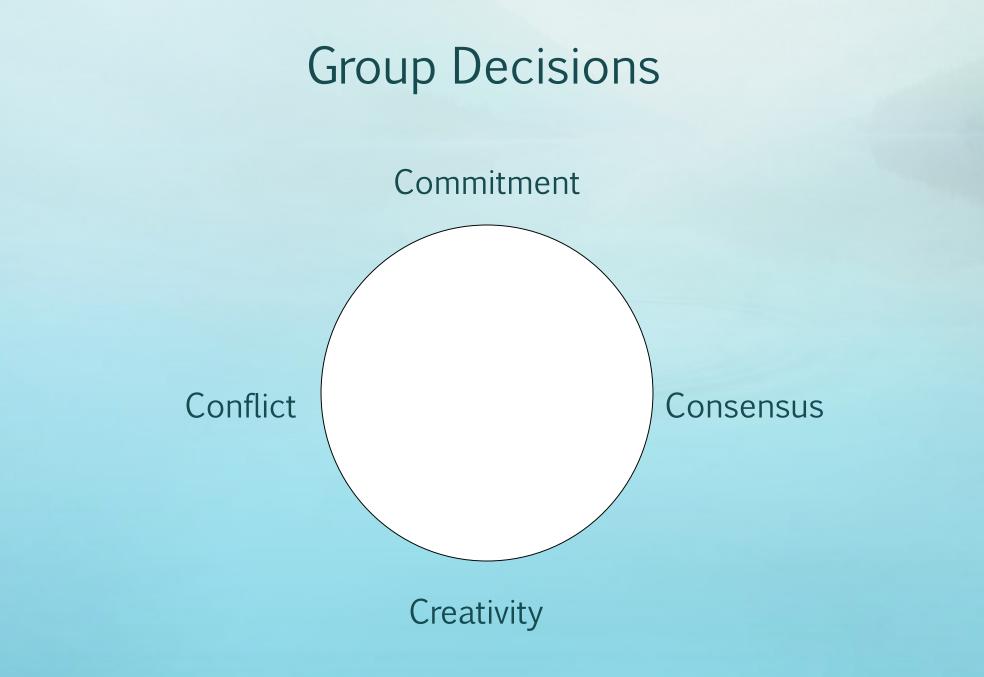
## **POWERPOINT PROJECT**



As a health science student, it is important to be aware of current issues in your field of study and its deficiencies by identifying opportunities for improvement within your field of study.

You will do research and then create a short PowerPoint presentation (10 slides not including the cover and reference pages) designed to show which part of the healthcare system should receive more funding, volunteers, and/or help to eliminate that deficiency or at least minimize it for a particular community or group.

(See the full directions in the handout.)



### **Disaster Preparation**

#### Team Number One



#### Team Number Two

One-half of your organizations facilities, equipment, and capital resources have been lost in the worst major disaster since the Category 5 hurricanes of Harvey and Irma.

What would you do?

Develop a brief plan that would enable your organization to get back on track. Estimate how long it might take to implement such a plan. Thousands have died in the most destructive hurricane in the worst major disaster since the Category 5 hurricanes of Harvey and Irma.

Your organization has lost half of its employees.

What would you do?

Develop a brief plan that would enable your organization to get back on track. Estimate how long it might take to implement such a plan.

# **TEAM BUS EXERCISE**



#### WHOSE PROBLEM IS IT ANYWAY?

- Each student writes on a small piece of paper or index card a problem that they are having. You can determine what areas the problems can be in such as studying, homework, math, time management, using the library, finding a job, finding time to be with family and friends while in school, and more.
- Each student folds the paper in half and puts the problem into the box. One at a time each student will close his or her eyes and pick someone's problem out of the box.
- Have them read the problem and think for a minute or two about a solution, tip, or idea to help the owner of the problem. (See the full directions in the handout.)

Thanks for Inviting me!

Any Questions!



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