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What is your affiliation with UW-Madison? For group submissions, please respond for main contact.

- Student (including undergraduate, graduate, professional)

Describe the concept. If already in use here or elsewhere, please indicate this.

I have noticed quite a few students behaving inappropriately out of insecurity. If this behavior isn't due to a bad personality, it could be due to poor adaptability into a larger city (Madison has 230,000 residents). Wisconsin's top five cities account for 1 million of the 5.6 million Wisconsinites. Almost every city under the top five, has a population less than 70,000 and less than 35,000 under the top 20 cities. If new incoming freshman were required to attend a workshop (some of these bad eggs could use more) that welcomed them, informed them of what to expect of a larger city and school. This may help to set a tone and expectation to students who have yet to be a part of UW Madison. The workshop could be led by faculty and student representatives and encourage appropriate social behavior, open mindedness, and to avoid making assumptions about others.

How would this affect cultural change on campus?

I believe the maturity of future classes would improve from having an example shown and behavioral expectations set, thus helping all students. You could incorporate this into orientation sessions if you have them. (I'm an out of state graduate student, I wouldn't know.)

What resources would be needed to implement your suggestion?

A student and faculty representative and a classroom for an hour. This resolution should not require money.