For each pair, pick the option that best reflects your preferences.

•	I like to receive notes of affirmation. I like to be hugged.	A E
•	I like to spend one-to-one time with a person who is special to me. I feel loved when someone gives practical help to me.	B D
•	I like it when people give me gifts. I like leisurely visits with friends and loved ones.	C B
•	I feel loved when someone I love or admire puts their arm around me. I feel loved when I receive a gift from someone I love or admire.	E C
•	I like to go places with friends and loved ones. I like to high-five or hold hands with people who are special to me.	B E
•	I like to be told that I am appreciated. I like for a person to look at me when we are talking.	A B
•	I like when people give me cards, flowers, or other small tokens. I feel loved when people affirm me.	C A
•	Words of acceptance are important to me. I know someone loves me when they help me.	A D
•	What someone does affects me more than what he or she says. Hugs make me feel connected and valued.	D E
•	Would you help me cook dinner? I like going fun places with you!	D B
•	I've got a surprise for you. We can make something really cool together.	C D
•	How did you know how to do that? You're brilliant. I can't wait to give you your present!	A C
•	Would you like for me to scratch your back? Let's spend the day doing whatever you want to do.	E B
•	I feel loved when people do things to help me.	D

•	I feel loved when people give me a reassuring handshake or hug.	E
•	I value praise and try to avoid criticism. Several small gifts mean more to me than one large gift.	A C
•	I need physical contact with people everyday. I need words of encouragement and affirmation everyday.	E A
•	I know a person is thinking of me when they give me a gift. I feel loved when a person helps me with my chores or tasks.	C D
•	I really enjoy the feeling I get when someone gives me undivided attention. I really enjoy the feeling I get when someone does some act to serve me.	B D
•	I like for people to cross the street to shake hands or hug when they see me. I like when people listen to me, showing genuine interest in what I'm saying.	
•	I feel loved when someone celebrates my birthday with a gift. I feel loved when someone celebrates my birthday with meaningful words.	C A

Discussion Questions

- What does this tell you about how you <u>receive</u> "love?" Is this different than how you give "love?"
 - a. Are they different? Same?
 - b. Were you surprised by your answers?
- List some examples of actions that portray your love language.
 - a. Refer to handout. Pass them out.
- How can you apply this to your interactions with each other and incoming students/guests this summer?
 - a. Secret buddies
 - b. Different types of students and guests have preferences in style. Refer to small talk training and introductions.

5 Love Languages

- **A) Words of affirmation** These are the ways you express your gratitude, and even your needs to someone else in a positive manner, such as: "I appreciate your help running skit lines when I was sick;" "I really appreciate you doing such a good job with your small groups."
 - **Verbal compliments** "Your enthusiasm in the mornings at orientation has been excellent;" "Thank you for answering my questions about Mason. I'm really excited about coming here in the Fall;" "I'm sure your small group members really love you."
 - Encouraging words "I know you'll do great;" "You've got great potential;"
 "Keep it up"
 - **Kind words** Said in a kind and gentle tone of voice: "I care about you;" "I hope we can learn from this experience;" "You're not a failure just because you failed;" "I know you can"
 - **Humble words** Making requests, not demands: "I really liked it when you were on time for PL training, do you think you can do it again;" "Do you think it would be possible to swap duties farther in advance next time;" "I'd really like it if we could talk about this and find a solution."
- **B) Quality Time** Time spent with another person with your undivided attention focused on them. This can happen in groups, but it is a little more difficult. **Togetherness** (focused attention) and **Quality Conversation** (focused not on what you're saying, but what you're hearing) are 2 types of Quality Time.
 - **Sitting around and talking (TV off)** Maintain eye contact; don't listen and do something else at the same time; listen for feelings; observe body language; refuse to interrupt
 - Taking a walk or going somewhere together
 - Playing games
 - Doing something you mutually enjoy
- **C) Receiving Gifts** A gift is any tangible item that reminds you that someone was thinking of you when they gave it to you. These gifts don't have to cost any money or take a lot of time to create. They just have to show thoughtfulness and remind them that you care.
 - · A handmade or store-bought card
 - Candy
 - Flowers
 - Snack or a meal
- **D) Acts of Service** This is a way of expressing love or care for someone by serving them, doing something for them, or helping them to accomplish a task without expecting anything in return. Sometimes, actions can speak much louder than words.
 - Bringing someone coffee
 - Cleaning up a mess
 - Putting up someone else's posters
 - Volunteering when someone is asking for help or input

- **E) Physical Touch** This last love language is pretty simple: it is expressing love by having some sort of positive physical contact with another person. Physical touch can be especially important in times of high stress or in some crisis situations.
 - Hugs
 - High Fives
 - Handshakes
 - Pats on the back
 - Massages

Love Languages Tally Sheet

	A	В	С	D	E
Tally					
Total					

A means		
B means		
C means		
D means		
E means		

Questions to Answer:

- What does this tell you about how you <u>receive</u> "love?" Is this different than how you <u>give</u> "love?"
- List some examples of actions that portray your love language.
- How can you apply this to your interactions with each other and incoming students/guests this summer?