Beyond the Bubble

The 'Orange Bubble' represents a myth of effortless perfection in the Princeton community. Current students and alumni tell us this image causes stress, undermines resilience, and inhibits meaningful risk-taking. Ask these questions of your fellow alumni to spark authentic conversations that will unite our community and empower all of us to approach setbacks with a sense of adventure and a willingness to learn.

Share your perspective from beyond the bubble!

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Discussion Cards

Look out for our cards at the tents and at your favorite events! You can use these prompts to learn something new about alumni you know and get to know those you don’t. Just remember to be open to perspectives different from your own.

What are you most proud of from this past year and why?
Is there a time you have felt like you failed in the past year?
Who do you turn to for advice when you face setbacks?

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1. What are you most proud of from this past year and why?
2. Is there a time you have felt like you failed in the past year?
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1. What’s your favorite Princeton memory? Why is it meaningful?
2. What was the hardest part about Princeton for you?
3. What do you wish you had known during those times?

1. If time and money weren't a factor, what would you do with your life?
2. Are you doing what you thought you would be doing when you graduated?
3. Can you tell me about something that didn’t go as planned?

1. Can you tell me about a risk you took and how it turned out?
2. What is the biggest challenge you are facing right now?
3. What advice do you need to hear at this moment?

1. What has surprised you about your path so far?
2. What did you learn from those surprises?
3. In an alternate universe, what childhood dream would you pursue?

1. How has your sense of your strengths and weaknesses changed since graduation?
2. Can you recall a setback that turned out to be beneficial?
3. What would you tell your freshman or graduating self about difficult times?