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Relator

People who are especially talented in the Relator theme enjoy close relationships with others. They find deep satisfaction in working hard with friends to achieve a goal.

I am (being) → genuine and authentic
I will (doing) → get to know more about the people closest to me
I bring (contribution) → social depth and transparency
I need (requirement) → time and opportunities for one-on-one interactions
I love (value) → close, caring, mutual relationships
I hate (value) → the initial social discomfort of meeting someone new
Metaphor/Image → knowing and being known by friends
Barrier Label → cliquish cronyism

Career Development Tips
- Talk to your mentors about the career planning process. You will value their wisdom and expertise as you make decisions. Visit your college’s Career Services office to talk through career choices.
- Talk to your trusted circle of friends about how they see you. Don’t ask them what career they think you should choose; instead, ask them to help you see your greatest talents.
- Careers in which in-depth, meaningful relationships are valued are likely to be most rewarding to you. Workplaces in which friendships are encouraged and where you can continuously learn about your clients and associates likely will enable your Relator talents to flourish.
- Stable work environments where you can work with people you trust but also develop multiple levels of relationships probably will bring out your best.
- Interview counselors, teachers, school administrators, mediators, human resource directors, and other who help people as part of their work in an Informational Interview. Ask them about the relationships they develop and what is most rewarding about their jobs.

Theme Contrast
Relator: Socially transparent, I invite my friends in
Includer: Socially inclusive, I invite outsiders in
Relator: I want to get to know more about the people I already know
Woo: I want to get to know more people

General Academic Life Tips
- Create various lines of communication with friends in your classes, such as verbal, phone, and e-mail, and help each other when one of you has to miss a class.
- Seek out advisors, counselors, and professors who demonstrate genuine interest in you as a person and Take Them out to Lunch.
- Get paired with someone in The Major Network in your major of interest and ask what they like most about what they study. This will help you learn about majors by relating to other people.
- Seek out fellow students with whom you can play a mutual tutoring, learning assistance, and support role. Go to the library’s SMART Learning Commons to get paired with someone.
- Take a Community Service Learning Class.

Extracurricular Activities
- Become involved in campus organizations that foster friendships.
- Join organizations that your friends and you have agreed upon.
- Consider community and humanitarian work that you can rally your close friends to be a part of too.
- Discover these types of groups on the U of M’s Student Unions & Activities page!