

## Letter to freshman/transfer student

Howdy y'all,

It's your BG mom, coming in hot (just like a fajita). It is so exciting to be here and finally meet all of y'all! Like lets freaking rage! Really, though we have been praying fiercely for each of you throughout this crazy year. You are probably wondering to yourself who is this person claiming to be my mom. Well I am Gabrielle Holloman from senior Sociology major from Forney Texas and the end goal career wise think like FBI behavior analysis kind of stuff. Some things about me is I love to go thrifting, coffee talks, and just driving around vibing. Also I'm a big camp girl! I've worked at Pine Cove the last two summers so ask me about it :)

I remember coming into Impact as a transfer student and I still had nerves of just all the new unknowns that came with it. I had no idea what retreat would look like and was just honestly along for the ride. For me the Lord truly showed me through retreat what a genuine and real christian community is supposed to look like. That the Lord is bigger than anything around us and how constant He is as well.

That being said I hope this encourages y'all. You guys are legit taking such a big leap of faith by braving the awkwardness that comes with zoom calls and diving right into retreat. One piece of advice from your mom here is to just straight up full send into retreat. Make this a time to grow closer to the Lord and build a solid community. Worry less about how you look to others and remember that your identity is found in Christ. Finding peace and security in the fact that the Lord loves you has been freeing for me. Wherever you are spiritually/emotionally etc. right now, know we are so excited to have you here and show you the love of Christ. Please reach out about legit anything! We love y'all and are here no matter what.

All the love  
Gabrielle