

Please complete each section on the other side of this sheet.

Unlike some of your teachers, I am very slow at learning the names and faces of 160 new students each year. Long before Mark Zuckerberg had an Internet connection, I came up with a method that seems to help. I post these completed “minibios” in the classroom. I spend many hours in here after school, so I'll have opportunities to look over these forms and absorb the info. In addition, you'll also get a chance to learn something about your classmates and they'll learn something about you.

It wouldn't be fair for me to ask about you unless I told you something about me. I grew up in western Michigan and graduated from The University of Michigan. I've taught at Rio since 1986. Some of my most delightful students are now teachers here, including Carley Nava, Megan McGlamery, Jennifer Smiley, Christy Thomas, and Phil Montbriand. I look so young and well-preserved because I teach the grooviest subject at the school and get the most wonderful students at Rio. Since you enrolled in physics, you must be wonderful, too!

I mentor other science teachers, write and present papers for science teaching organizations and publications, participate in the development of district, state, and national science exams. I contribute work to a textbook, I author a series of lab manuals, and I've even written a book for Rio Physics. I've been honored by professional science teacher organizations at the state and national level, and even by the President of the United States!

#### SECTION INSTRUCTIONS

A. “Legal” name (the one in the school computer), graduating year, AND class PERIOD.

B. An accurate, current visual representation of yourself. A photograph of your face (or at least a photocopy of one). I need to put names with faces, so as tempting as it would be to paste in a photo of <insert current teen heartthrob name here> please do not. Baby pictures don't work, either. I don't need a whole body shot; just the face. And if you tell me you have no pictures of yourself, I'll be forced to contact your parents. Last year's student ID is okay if you really don't have something better. And we need to see your eyes, so no sunglasses, please.!

C. What you want to be called, the way you want it pronounced. First name or nickname. If anyone has ever mispronounced it (or if you just want to have some fun), write it out phonetically or give other pronunciation clues. Example: Julio is pronounced HOO lee oh. Baird is pronounced BAYrd (rhymes with shared and cared, NOT with beard, bird, card, or wired; it's like “air” with a “b” up front and a “d” in back). I try to pronounce your name the way you tell me to, so be accurate in your phonetic spelling. Also include a phonetic spelling of your last name if people tend to mispronounce it (e.g., Deutsch is pronounced “Doich”) or if you just get a kick out of coming up with phonetic spellings. Hey, some people do. And I appreciate being spared the embarrassment of mispronouncing your name. Oh, and when I do mispronounce your name, that was just me being inept; please correct me on the spot. I usually get everyone's name right long before June.

D. What makes you different from other people? List at least one thing that distinguishes you from most or all of your classmates. Good examples: I once shook hands with a Nobel Laureate; I can pull my leg over my head; I had a painting displayed in the Louvre. Bad examples: I graduated kindergarten; I own a complete set of Teletubbies action figures, This is my fifth and final year at Rio, I like to hang out with friends. Feel free to list more than one distinguishing characteristic. [Me? I've skydived and bungee-jumped, and have groupie shots with Bill Nye and NdGT.]

A.

Class of 20\_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

B.

C.

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