

68 Questions with Bryan:

Thanh: Hey Bryan, how are you?

Bryan: I am...tired. I can't wait to be done with school.

T: How many years have we known each other?

B: Since the summer of 5th grade so almost 10 years now

T: How did we meet?

B: Through Steppingstone, when you were an advisor and I was a scholar

T: And how old are you now?

B: I am turning 19 soon

T: What's it been like learning how to drive in Boston?

B: Let's just say I didn't like driving at first and that didn't help.

T: How would you describe yourself in a hashtag?

B: #Dedicated

T: What's one thing a lot of people don't know about you?

B: I'm actually 5'10" but since I slouch so much, people think I'm 5'6"!

T: Favorite time of the day?

B: 4-6 in the morning because of the sunrise.

T: Best surprise you've had?

B: Best surprise I've had was when my best friend threw me a birthday party because his prom was the same day as my birthday

T: Where'd you grow up?

B: I grew up right here in Dorchester.

T: What are three things you can't live without?

B: Food, obviously. Books and my friends.

T: Which 3 people (living or dead) would you like to have dinner with?

B: Nikola Tesla, definitely, any of the Rothschilds...anybody from that family, and Bill Gates.

T: What's your biggest fear?

B: My biggest fear is being alone.

T: Greatest accomplishment?

B: That's either the business I ran last summer...I made a lot of money from that business, or the award I won from ScholarJet.

T: Favorite phone app?

B: I'm going to go with Youtube for obvious reasons. I use that way too much.

T: Current TV show you're watching?

B: The ONLY TV show I'm watching is The Flash.

T: Favorite movie?

B: That's a tough one...all time, I have no idea. From the past year, it was The Greatest Showman. That was a great movie. Fantastic.

T: Horror or action movies?

B: Definitely psychological horror, for sure.

T: Favorite video game?

B: I'll always have a special spot in my heart for the first Pokemon game I ever played...Pokemon Emerald

T: Most adventurous thing you've done in your life?

B: Ziplining across an island. That was fun!

T: How would you define yourself in three words?

B: Unique, caring, and intelligent.

T: Superpower you would want?

B: Super speed, super speed anytime.

T: Favorite comic book character?

B: Mr. Terrific from DC.

T: Best piece of advice you've received?

B: This is a straight up quote: "Bryan, you are a terrible student but a fantastic person, we need to get you out of a high school as soon as possible."

T: Best advice you'd give your younger self?

B: Do things for yourself instead of other people.

T: What do you want to be when you grow up?

B: Happy

T: Best way to relax?

B: Being out in nature, for sure.

T: Favorite color?

B: Midnight blue

T: Least favorite color?

B: Neon yellow, it's disgusting. Or black and white stripes.

T: Weirdest word in the English language?

B: I cannot remember how to pronounce this, probably the longest word I've ever read, but it means the fear of long words! [That word is: wordhippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia]

T: Do you speak any other languages?

B: *Si, hablo Español* [Yes, I speak Spanish]

T: What's your favorite word in that language?

B: Proposito

T: Summer or winter?

B: Winter

T: Stairs or elevator?

B: Stairs. I've seen way too many horror movies for elevators!

T: You are stuck on an island, you can pick one food to eat forever without getting tired of it, what would you eat?

B: Chicken. I love chicken.

T: A dessert you don't like?

B: I don't like most desserts. I've never been a fan of sweets.

T: What's a skill you're working on mastering?

B: My negotiation skills when it comes to business transactions

T: Song you can listen to on repeat?

B: This song by a Japanese group called Niko Touch the Walls and the song's called Diver.

T: If you could master one instrument, what would it be?

B: The piano

T: Who's your role model?

B: Nikola Tesla

T: If you could switch lives with someone for a day, who would it be?

B: Bill Gates

T: What are you most excited about at this time in your life?

B: College, for sure.

T: What is your go to for a good laugh?

B: Standup comedy

T: How long have you been volunteering here?

B: I've been volunteering for two academic years so far.

T: Favorite part about volunteering with VietAID?

B: The kids for sure

T: Favorite memory here at VietAID?

B: Getting to be a tree at last year's end of year showcase.

T: If you could live anywhere for a year, where would you go?

B: Costa Rica

T: What about a different time period?

B: A different time period? I would go to the future.

T: Do you have a talent?

B: I've always been good at learning things very quickly.

T: Do you have any siblings?

B: I have two and a half siblings. Two younger brothers and an older half-brother.

T: Boat or airplane?

B: Definitely boat. I hate airplanes.

T: If you were an animal, what would you be?

B: Either a monkey or a cat

T: What was the last meal you had?

B: Uh, last meal I had was chicken and fries.

T: If a movie was made about you, what genre would it be?

B: A dark comedy

T: Which celebrity would you cast to play you?

B: Uh..hm. Let's see. Donald Glover.

T: What was the last book that you read?

B: Academic wise was just a textbook. Personal wise...uh personal reading it was A Brief History in Time.

T: What's your favorite motto in life?

B: My favorite motto in life is...I have a few. Okay uh 'say less, do more.'

T: What do you love on your pizza?

B: Extra cheese and Tabasco sauce.

T: Do you bake?

B: All the time

T: What's the best thing you've ever baked?

B: Uh I really enjoy my cereal brownies, but the best thing I ever made was my American style *dulce con leche*.

T: Best gift you've ever received?

B: The best gifts I ever received was...the Christmas gifts my best friends gave, which were a copy of the new Zelda game and a new board game called Exploding Kittens

T: Best gift you've ever given?

B: I try to make every gift the best gift I've ever given...I try and top myself each time.

T: Last gift you gave a friend?

B: Last gift I gave a friend was a full cake for her birthday

T: If you had unlimited money, what would you do?

B: I would do so much. I would start off by funding all my business ideas. Then I would go into funding research on "incurable" diseases. Then after that, making sure public education gets the funding it deserves. Then paying for my college and my friends' college.

T: Who is your favorite teacher and why?

B: My favorite teacher is my teacher Mr. Isen, because I've had him for the same class twice now because of other reasons and he's still such an amazing teacher that teaches you not only about the subject but about how to live your life and make the most of it.

T: What's special about the students here at VietAID?

B: The students here at VietAID are incredibly intelligent and they're a perfect example of how intelligent and uniqueness often gets overlooked in the school system because of "behavior

issues” or certain other aspects that aren’t conventional and it’s sad to me to think that the uniqueness that makes them so bright is going to be put aside or crushed by the school system.

T: McDonald’s or Burger King?

B: Burger King. I hate McDonald’s.

T: What’s a random thing you have in your pocket right now?

B: My phone case without a phone in it that has a note inside of it that is melting...

T: Alright that’s all I have...thank you!

B: Awesome.