Parent Marhaba 2017

Orientation at NYU Abu Dhabi, called Marhaba (which means "welcome" in Arabic), is an introduction to NYU Abu Dhabi. Parent Marhaba is designed for families and guardians of entering first-year students. During Parent Marhaba, Campus Life offers a range of sessions and activities to inform families about what their student’s life and education will be like for the next four years. Parent Marhaba will include tours of the NYUAD campus, conversations with senior leadership and faculty, as well as opportunities to explore Abu Dhabi.

Parent Marhaba will take place from August 25 – 27, 2017 on campus, primarily in the A6 Building. Parent Marhaba is completely optional and space is limited.

Registration for Parent Marhaba is required. Please see the NYUAD Parent Marhaba website for details about how to register and registration fees.

*Please note that this schedule is subject to change. While NYU Abu Dhabi will do its best to keep the listed timings the same, some of the programming and/or speakers may change.*

### Parent Marhaba Schedule

**Day 1**
**Friday, 25 August**

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<td>3:00PM – 5:00PM</td>
<td><strong>NYU Abu Dhabi Campus Tour</strong>&lt;br&gt;Small group tours of campus led by student leaders give parents and guardians the opportunity to see where their student will work, live, and study.</td>
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<td>5:00PM – 5:15PM</td>
<td><strong>Parent Marhaba Welcome</strong>&lt;br&gt;Welcome from Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Kyle Farley.</td>
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<td>5:15PM – 5:30PM</td>
<td><strong>Parent Marhaba Overview</strong>&lt;br&gt;Overview of the Parent Marhaba Program with Campus Life staff and student leaders (current students).</td>
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<td>5:30PM – 7:30PM</td>
<td><strong>Ali Al Saloom</strong>, star of the hit TV Show “Droob” and the author of “Ask Ali”, comedian, and owner of Maestro Enterprises, will present his talk on UAE culture and heritage.</td>
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<td>7:30PM – 9:00PM</td>
<td><strong>Parent Welcome Dinner</strong>&lt;br&gt;Families and guardians are invited to enjoy an Arabic dinner on-campus featuring local foods and desserts.</td>
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Day 2  
Saturday, 26 August  
The sessions with the Vice Chancellor, Provost, Deans and academic leadership, from 8:30-11:30am, require pre-registration but not payment of a registration fee.

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| 8:00AM – 8:30AM | **Parent Marhaba Registration**  
Parents and guardians will register for the event, receive their event schedule, and a small gift from the university. |
| 8:30AM – 9:00AM | **Official Welcome from Vice Chancellor Al Bloom**  
Vice Chancellor Al Bloom will talk about the vision of the university, the intellectual vitality on campus, and the many opportunities for undergraduates. |
| 9:00AM – 10:00AM | **Conversation with Campus Life Leadership**  
Student Affairs leadership from Student Life, Residential Education, Health & Wellness, and Public Safety will address community life at NYU Abu Dhabi. |
| 10:00AM – 11:30AM | **Conversation with Provost Fabio Piano and Academic Leadership**  
- Robert Young, Dean of Arts and Humanities  
- Samer Madanat, Dean of Engineering  
- David Seicchitano, Dean of Science  
- Hervé Crès, Dean of Social Science  
- Carol Brandt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Education and Outreach  
- Charles Grim, Vice Provost of Academic Administration  
- Bryan Waterman, Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Development  
Academic leadership will provide families with information about the NYUAD curriculum, the value of a Liberal Arts Education, the specialized areas of study/majors, study abroad, and faculty mentorship. Families will have the opportunity to ask questions. |
| 11:30AM – 12:30PM | **Student Panel: The NYU Abu Dhabi Student Experience**  
Current students will share their experience studying and living at NYU Abu Dhabi. There will be time for questions and answers. |
| 1:00PM – 2:00PM | **Lunch on Campus**  
Parents and guardians are invited to lunch on campus with current student leaders and representatives from Campus Life. |
| 2:00PM – 3:00PM | **Workshops: How to Support Your NYU Abu Dhabi Student**  
Parents and guardians are invited to choose one of the following two workshops:  
- **Parental Guide to Supporting your Student at NYUAD**  
  Virginie Sidi Ali Mebarek, Wellness Counselor  
  *In tandem with the NYUAD Wellness department, we have utilized the wisdom of many researchers, psychologists, and other experts to compile the “Parental Guide to Supporting your Student at NYUAD,” to help parents support their children through the NYUAD experience.*  
- **Changes for the New College Student**  
  Rami Nizar Alshihabi, Director of Counseling  
  *Moving on to college is a huge milestone in our students’ and their families’ lives. It is a significant transition and a time of separation. This move requires important adjustments and changes and through these changes, no matter positive and/or negative, a significant amount of stress is felt. This is normal, and with time and support, our students become better-equipped adults ready to manage life’s obstacles.* |
| 3:00PM – 6:00PM | **IKEA Trip with Students**  
Parents and guardians can join their student on a trip to IKEA to buy some essential supplies for their new home on campus. |
Residential College Open House
Parents and guardians are invited inside the residential colleges to explore the facilities, help their student unpack, and meet the faculty, Campus Life staff, and upperclassmen Resident Assistants who live in the houses with the students.

Marketplace Dinner Buffet for Families
Students, parents, and guardians are invited to a buffet dinner in the Marketplace. Shuttle buses will be provided back to the World Trade Center Mall (in downtown Abu Dhabi) for families. Taxis are readily available at this location.

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Day 3
Sunday, 27 August

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| 9:00AM – 10:30AM | Emirates Palace Hotel Tour  
Parents and guardians are invited to tour Emirates Palace, explore the hotel’s lush gardens, and indulge in the signature Emirates Palace Camelchino. |
| 11:00AM – 12:50PM | Emirati Exhibition  
This is an opportunity for parents to discover the artistic, cultural and social expression of the Emirati culture through art. |
| 1:00PM – 2:00PM | Parents and Students Farewell Lunch  
This will be the last formal meal for families during orientation. The lunch will be on-campus and feature Arabic and Indian dishes. |
| 2:30PM – 4:30PM | Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Tour  
Parents and guardians are invited on a guided tour of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque where they will learn how the mosque was founded as a religious observance destination and a place to highlight the humanitarian virtues of the late Sheikh Zayed as well as to consolidate coexistence between nations through innovative services, religious, cultural and social programs, and activities. Guidance about appropriate attire may be found on the Grand Mosque’s website. |
| 5:00PM – 6:30PM | Experiencing Emirati Cuisine  
Parents and guardians will stop for afternoon tea and light desserts unique to the area. Emirati students and staff will explain the customs and hospitality practices associated with eating, drinking, and sharing meals in the UAE. |

Registration:
The registration fee for Parent Marhaba is AED 300 (USD 80) for a maximum of four people (excluding the admitted student). This non-refundable fee will go towards the cost of the programming being offered, including transportation to organized sites and venues, and Parent Marhaba-organized activities and meals.

The morning of August 26 will include discussions with the Vice Chancellor, Campus Life Leadership, and Academic Leadership. These sessions, from 8:30-11:30am, require pre-registration but not payment of a registration fee. Only families who have paid the Parent Marhaba registration fee will be eligible for the other Parent Marhaba sessions, activities, meals and transportation.