

## Parent & Family Marhaba 2021

*Marhaba*, meaning ‘welcome’ in Arabic, is an orientation program designed to welcome incoming students to NYU Abu Dhabi. Parent & Family Marhaba is designed to welcome families of first year students into the NYUAD community. During Parent & Family Marhaba, Campus Life will offer a range of virtual sessions to help families know what to expect from their student’s first semester at university.

Parent & Family Marhaba will take place online on Saturday, August 7, 4:15-8pm GST, and Sunday, August 8, 5-8pm GST. The program is optional and parents are invited to sign up [here](#). Zoom links for sessions will be shared via email with participants who have signed up. Recordings for some sessions will be shared with families via email, and will be available for a limited time after the program.

### Saturday, August 7th

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Official Welcome from NYU Abu Dhabi Vice Chancellor</b> <i>Welcome message from NYU Abu Dhabi Vice Chancellor, Mariet Westermann about the vision of the university, the intellectual vitality on campus, and an overview of the many opportunities for undergraduates.</i>
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Conversation with Associate Dean Michael Martinez and Vice Provost of Undergraduate Academic Development Bryan Waterman</b> <i>Michael Martinez, Associate Dean of Students, and Bryan Waterman, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Academic Development discuss the value of a liberal arts education and the importance of a vibrant campus life at NYU Abu Dhabi. Families will have the opportunity to ask questions.</i>
6:15 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>Health Center Information Session</b> <i>Parents and families are invited to attend this session to learn more about health, counselling, and health insurance resources at NYUAD.</i> <i>Speakers: Dr. Ayaz Virji and Amat Sharif</i>
7:15 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>Parents Q&amp;A Session</b> <i>Staff from Student Life and the Dean of Students Office will address questions from families about their student’s first semester at NYU Abu Dhabi.</i>

### Additional Events:

- **Sunday, August 8th, 5:00PM-5:45PM GST: Online Workshop - Student Success Introduction**  
*The transition to university is unique for each student, and it's common for students to experience academic or and/or personal challenges along the way. This is where the Office of Student Success comes in! We provide comprehensive and individualized success coaching for NYUAD undergraduate students to help them reach their full potential. Learn how we can be a resource for your students.*
- **Sunday, August 8th, 7:00PM-8:00PM GST: Online Workshop - Guide to Supporting Student Wellbeing in the First Semester**  
*In tandem with the NYUAD Health Center, we have utilized the wisdom of psychologists and other experts to compile the, “Guide to Supporting Student Wellbeing in the First Semester,” to help parents and families support their children through the NYUAD experience.*