

Nova Southeastern University's

2020 Orientation Tacklebox

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Nova Southeastern University (virtually)! This is your Orientation Tacklebox that contains all the information you need to attend a successful, LIVE, virtual Orientation for the Class of 2024!

In this tackle box, you will find the following:

- A letter from Dr. Brad Williams, our Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies
- A Student Schedule for Orientation
- A Parent and Guest Schedule for Orientation

I want to share a few tips and details with you to make sure you are swimming smoothly through your Orientation experience.

First, please note that students and families can be on the same device for “Orientation Check-In” and the “Welcome to Nova Southeastern University” sessions but will need separate devices after the welcome session is over. The student will need their own device to attend “Now You’re a Shark!”, “Putting the yoU in UNIV” and “We are Family! I Got My UNIV with Me!”. Parents and guests are not permitted to attend these sessions. If you only have one device at home, we ask that you allow your student to use it to attend their sessions. The parent sessions, “Parent University” and “Panel: Ask the Experts!” will be recorded to be able to be viewed later.

Secondly, we have an Orientation Hotline to assist with any questions you may have during our program on August 6, 2020 from 1:00pm-5:00pm. The number is 954-654-0849. You can also call the office at 954-262-8050.

My third tip is regarding the links you will use to attend the LIVE, virtual sessions. The “Orientation Check-In” link was sent as a calendar invite to the NSU student email @mysu.nova.edu. A separate link for the “Putting the yoU in UNIV” session has also been sent to the NSU student email. The webinar link that will be used for “Welcome to Nova Southeastern University” as well as the parent and guest sessions, “Parent University” and “Panel: Ask the Experts!” is located on the NSU Orientation Website, under Freshmen Students. You can also use the Zoom Webinar ID to join, which is Zoom Webinar ID: 957 7942 2363 – NOVA Class of 2024 Virtual Orientation Experience.

Finally, you should complete the Canvas Orientation Course, Swimming with the Sharks, before you attend the LIVE, virtual Orientation event on August 6, 2020 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. It includes very important information regarding Public Safety, Title IX and our Counseling and Wellness Services. Check your NSU student email for an invitation to the course.

I believe our LIVE, virtual Orientation will be an experience you will never forget! Not only will you be making history by attending our first ever, completely virtual Orientation, but you will also start to build your NSU Shark Community that will always be here to support you as you swim through your years here and beyond.

See you soon... Be safe... And GO SHARKS!

Ashley McCafferty
Director, Orientation and Commuter Services

Dear Students and Families:

I believe it goes without saying that these are unique and unprecedented times.

For the past four months, NSU has worked tirelessly to look at every facet of student life and determine how we make fall semester both safe and meaningful. Orientation is always a key moment in fall semester, a celebration of all things new.

Orientation also normally involves approximately 3,000 students and parents coming together in our University Center. That simply does not make sense for where we are right now, especially given how carefully university planning has been in creating smaller but meaningful group encounters such as classes and club gatherings. Resultantly, we have determined to modify this year's 'Orientation 2020'.

Orientation will be a LIVE EVENT, scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2020, done fully online. Registration will begin at 1PM with the live Orientation running from 2:30 to 5:00 (register early at 1PM so you don't get shut out once we begin!).

We believe this 'virtual Orientation' will have two important "value pieces". First, it will insure a maximum level of safety. Second, and also very important, it will get information out to students and families BEFORE they arrive at NSU. One thing we have heard throughout the summer is the desire to gain important, timely information. Orientation 2020 accomplishes this and more.

Keep in mind Orientation 2020 involves TWO orientations, one for students and one for parents. Each audience will discover important information. For students, they will meet other students in their UNIV class for fall 2020 PLUS their faculty member. In essence, and in a unique manner, Orientation 2020 will be the student's FIRST class at NSU.

I look forward to (virtually) meeting everyone on August 6th at 2:30 PM for NSU's "Orientation 2020".

Until then. Be safe and... FINS UP!

Dr. Brad A. Williams

Vice President for Student Affairs

Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies

Swim with the Sharks!

NSU's Orientation for the Class of 2024

Student Schedule

Thursday, August 6, 2020

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**2:30 PM –
3:10 PM**

Now You're a Shark!

UNIV Class Link – Zoom Calendar Invite Sent From Your Peer Leader

Check your NSU email or your UNIV GroupMe for the link to your UNIV Virtual Classroom! Your Peer Leader will play a big role in your first year, and they cannot wait to swim through this experience with you.

3:10 PM

Putting the yoU in UNIV

UNIV Class Link – Zoom Calendar Invite Sent From Your Peer Leader

Your first year is unbelievably important to your success at NSU. Get to know your supportive UNIV family, engage in activities and dive right into your first year!

**3:15 PM –
4:00 PM**

We Are Family! I Got My UNIV with Me!

UNIV Class Link – Zoom Calendar Invite Sent From Your Peer Leader

Now that you have gotten to know your UNIV family, it is time start swimming! Dive into this reflective process and start your journey.

**4:00 PM –
5:00 PM**

Swim with the Sharks!
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As a parent or guardian, sending your student off to college for the first time can be exciting and scary all at once, especially in these unprecedented times. Dr. Williams and Brooke Stephens, our Parent Coordinator, are here to guide you and answer your questions.

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4:00 PM**

Panel: Ask the Experts!

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We want to make sure all your questions are answered so we can start the year off swimmingly! Ask our experts anything you would like. After all, you're family now!

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