FAMILY WEEKEND 2019
Dear Yale-NUS Families,

Thank you for attending Family Weekend and Staying Connected with the College.

We believe that establishing a relationship with parents, families and guardians is an important aspect of the college experience for our students. We want to build a collaborative relationship with you and Yale-NUS College to promote our common goals regarding your student’s learning and development. We value you as partner in your student’s educational process and success.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to connect and will continue to play an active role in your student’s college experience.

We invite you to sign up for our College Newsletter to receive news from the College. You may do so by visiting https://tinyurl.com/yncfamwknd2019 or using the QR code the right.

Warm Regards,

Family Engagement
Student Services,
Dean of Students Office

Dear parents and families,

Welcome to Family Weekend! Today, you will have a variety of opportunities to talk to Yale-NUS students, faculty, and staff and learn about the many ways that we live, learn, and work together within the Yale-NUS community.

Our goals for today’s various activities are for you to build connections with Yale-NUS College faculty and staff, to experience life as a student, and to get to know other parents and Yale-NUS students. This year, we have condensed the Family Weekend into a single day’s worth of programming, and we have also introduced concurrently running programmes, so you can pick the activities that interest you the most!

You’ll have the opportunity to sit in on sample lectures by faculty members (yes, you can take notes) and, if you choose to, hangout just like a student; mix and mingle with staff members and faculty working in the administration and residential colleges; enjoy student performances or learn about our unique Week 7 experience; take a campus tour while sipping a coffee prepared at the student-run Brewhouse. And don’t forget to join us for dinner at the barbecue!

I look forward to meeting all of you, and please do enjoy your time at Yale-NUS College on this wonderful day for parents, family, and students.

Robert Wessling
Dean of Students
**PROGRAMME**

1030-1100 Registration

Drop by our registration table to pick up your exclusive Family Weekend gift and sign up for future Yale-NUS experiences.

1100-1200 Welcome Address, Alumni Panel & Entrepreneurs

Head over to the Performance Hall for an official welcome to Family Weekend! You’ll also get to hear from our senior administration, alumni and current student entrepreneurs.

1130-1300 Merchandise Sale

We will be retailing Yale-NUS merchandise - grab yours before they’re sold out!

1200-1315 Elm Dining Hall

1315-1415 Campus Tour

Explore the campus with one of our tour guides as they introduce you to the spaces and hear some of their personal stories at the college.

1315-1415 Blackbox

Week 7 Fair

Heard about the Week 7 programme? Come join our first-year students as they take you through their Week 7 experiences spanning various themes in a variety of exciting locations!

1430-1530 Sample Lectures

Attend a lecture by our professors and get a taste of the academic experience at Yale-NUS!

**Mix and Mingle**

Enjoy light refreshments while meeting the various staff members who contribute to a holistic experience on campus.

1545-1645 Café Agora

**Brewhouse**

Meet the wonderful baristas from our very own student run coffee cart and try their amazing brews.

1615-1815 Performance Hall Foyer

**Ballroom**

Come and learn the Cha Cha, a fun and beginner-friendly partner dance with the Yale-NUS Ballroom Society.

1700-1745 Performance Hall Foyer

**Fab Lab Tour**

Join the Fab Lab team and learn how students can delve into carpentry, sewing and 3D printing among other hands-on skills.

1745-1915 BBQ

After an entire day of fulfilling activities, join us for a barbeque at one of the campus’ most iconic locations.

1930-2030 Performance Hall

**Student Performances**

Join us in ending the night with a talented group of student performers ready to regale you with spoken word, dance and song!
This sample lecture, previously given to freshmen in their second semester of the Literature and Humanities Common Curriculum, explores the writings of Lu Xun (1881-1936), known as the “father” of modern Chinese literature. We will learn about what it is that made Lu Xun so concerned about the “Chinese” national character, his relentless self-critique, and his views on women.

Light Up The Skies with Lasers and Haze

Stanislav Presolski
Assistant Professor
Science (Chemistry)

Transnational airborne particulate pollution from forest and peat fires makes at least an annual appearance in the Singapore skies, but why is it that we can see it unlike our very own toxic emissions? Can we tell just by looking out of the window that our air is unhealthy to breathe? And what are local scientists and engineers doing to protect us?

Join Prof. Stan in exploring these and other interdisciplinary scientific questions surrounding the haze. There will be light!

All lectures will run from 2.30 - 3.30pm
Since young, Jan-Michal Ong Jun (Class of 2020) has been a lover of history and literature. Rummaging through books and losing himself in creativity and writing gave him the opportunity to explore and travel to worlds beyond his imagination. Now a final-year History major focusing on the intersecting traditions of European literature and history, Michal describes Yale-NUS as an intellectually and emotionally transformative experience. He firmly believes that the breadth and rigour of its curriculum has nurtured his intellect and empowered him to boldly pursue his niche interest locally in a relatively untrodden field that would otherwise have been difficult to pursue meaningfully.

Michal has often ruminated on how different life would have been if not for the financial freedom provided by the study awards that he received at Yale-NUS. Brought up in a close-knit family by loving deaf parents who worked hard to make ends meet, being awarded the Georgette Chen Study Award during his sophomore and junior years as well as the Saw Swee Hock Study Award for his final year proved to be liberating for him and his family. Relieved of crippling financial anxieties, Michal was also able to embark on a fulfilling semester abroad at Yale University in his junior year and spend his summer of 2017 studying French and French history at Sciences Po.

This financial freedom has also extended beyond academics. Unburdened by financial worries, Michal is an active member of the Yale-NUS community, participating in the Gospel Choir, Christian Fellowship and the Literary Collective. He also gives back to the community as a peer tutor at the Writers’ Centre.

While he is looking towards graduation and the possibility of postgraduate studies, Michal says that he is not done learning and studying about the world. For him, Yale-NUS is but that essential step into the greater world.

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