



University of New Haven

**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO SOAR!**

**FAMILY ORIENTATION**

## 2022 FAMILY ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Thursday & Friday,  
June 23–24

Monday & Tuesday,  
June 27–28

Monday & Tuesday,  
July 11–12

Thursday & Friday,  
July 14–15

### DEAR UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN FAMILY MEMBERS:



Welcome, and congratulations on your student's decision to attend the University of New Haven! We are an institution that uniquely positions students for success. In addition to the distinctive programs within our colleges and schools, we offer many opportunities for students to become global citizens to meet the world's changing needs.

For new incoming students, the University provides various programs to help them get acquainted with their new environment. The **Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)** program introduces them to members of the Charger community and provides valuable information to create a path for a successful academic transition to the University. Most important, students meet fellow first years and current students.

The orientation program is for families, too, and they have similar opportunities to get to know the campus and the people working with their students. There are a variety of sessions just for you! These include safety and security on campus, academic and social support with resources, dining, living on and off campus, billing, financial aid, who to contact for students' concerns, and how to remain involved in your student's college journey.

By the end of SOAR, you and your student should feel that you belong and are part of the Charger community. I invite and encourage you to participate in our family orientation, and I look forward to meeting you this summer at SOAR!

Sincerely,

Ophelie Y. Rowe-AlLEN, Ed.D. • Dean of Students, Chief Diversity Officer

### WHO ATTENDS FAMILY ORIENTATION?

- All new families are encouraged to attend **Student Orientation, Advising, & Registration (SOAR)**. SOAR is our orientation program for new students to learn more about academic and student life at the University.

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- It will familiarize you with the campus programs and services available for your student.
- You will have opportunities to meet faculty and administrators who will interact with your student on a daily basis.
- You will have a chance to interact with other family members and have fun in a relaxed atmosphere.
- It provides information and addresses concerns through faculty and staff presentations, interactive discussions, and information sessions.

### HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR FAMILY SOAR?

- Students must register their family members to attend **Family SOAR**. Each student can bring up to two guests.
- Scan the QR code or visit [newhaven.edu/orientation](https://newhaven.edu/orientation) to learn more about this summer's SOAR sessions.



## SOAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Financing Your Student's College Education Sessions
- Student Success Discussions
- Student Life Discussions
- Academic Discussions

## WHY MUST MY STUDENT ATTEND SOAR?

- To meet their fellow classmates, faculty, and staff
- To become familiar with University services, programs, policies, and procedures
- To connect with their Orientation & Transition Leader (OTL), who serves as a resource for any questions you may have over the summer
- To plan their Fall 2022 academic schedule

### FOR MORE INFORMATION,

or if you have any questions, please visit [newhaven.edu/newstudents](https://newhaven.edu/newstudents) or email us at [familyorientation@newhaven.edu](mailto:familyorientation@newhaven.edu).

*“As a parent of a new student, I am awed at the number of staff and students attending these sessions to onboard new families. It pleases me and warms my heart. When I see this partnership, I get the sense that students LOVE UNewHaven. I can't wait for that to be my daughter's experience. Additionally, the information presented is concise, comprehensive, and detailed – all your questions are answered! There are different sessions to attend so you can choose the ones you want, but new parents want them all. I also feel a bit overwhelmed because there is so much to grapple with, but I feel as if I can reach someone and get answers or just have a chat. And I've done that. Thank you.”*