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Carnegie Mellon Qatar welcomes incoming Class of 2018

DOHA, QATAR – Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar welcomed an incoming class of more than 100 freshman students and their families at the annual convocation ceremony held on Wednesday, August 20.

Dean Ilker Baybars welcomed students to Carnegie Mellon’s vibrant community of 12,000 students and 95,000 alumni around the world.

Dean Baybars said: “Our success is based on Carnegie Mellon’s core values of innovation, teamwork, problem solving and hard work. We are confident that you are ready for the challenge ahead. That’s why you chose to attend Carnegie Mellon. And that’s why we chose you.”

Convocation is a long-standing university tradition that welcomes new students and their families to Carnegie Mellon. The ceremony was part of a weeklong orientation event that introduced first-year students to the campus, their peers, and university resources—activities that are all geared to help students transition from high school into college. Activities included friendly competitions, karaoke and history lessons on the origins of the university.

The program brings together the wider Carnegie Mellon community, with upper-class students planning and implementing Orientation with support from Student Affairs. This year’s program of events fell under the theme ‘Tartan Academy’ gathering inspiration from the popular book and movie series ‘Harry Potter.’

“The first interaction that new students have with the university is through orientation, and how they begin the next four years is heavily influenced by the welcome they receive. That is why it is so important to make it a special experience for them,” said Lana Al Kahala, a head orientation counselor (HOC).

A team of four head orientation counselors were tasked with planning and executing the orientation schedule alongside 24 orientation counselors, six leaders and three social media coordinators.

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Carnegie Mellon University Qatar

About Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

As a global leader in education, Carnegie Mellon University is known for its creativity, collaboration across disciplines, and top programs in business, technology and the arts. The university has been home to some of the world's most important thinkers, among them 19 Nobel Laureates and 12 Turing Award winners.

In 2004, Qatar Foundation invited Carnegie Mellon to join Education City, a groundbreaking center for scholarship and research. As Carnegie Mellon Qatar celebrates its 10th anniversary, the campus continues to grow, providing a prestigious education to 400 students from 42 countries. The university offers five undergraduate degree programs in Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Computational Biology, Computer Science and Information Systems.

Students in Qatar join more than 12,000 Carnegie Mellon students across the globe, who will become the next generation of leaders tackling tomorrow's challenges. The university's 95,000 alumni are recruited by some of the world's most innovative organizations.

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