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Invitation to Family and Friends: New Student Orientation, May 15, 2024

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of the Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program at the Tampa Bay Regional Campus of Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences. I would like to invite you to join your family member or friend at our New Student Orientation that begins the OTD journey.

Your attendance during the orientation event is important to us and provides support to your loved one. We have a full agenda planned with a Grand Opening Ceremony on Wednesday morning; May 15th followed by student & guest information sessions. The day concludes with a Welcome Reception (dress = business casual, see attachment).

In addition to the above, over the course of your visit you will also have the opportunity to:

- Meet students currently enrolled in the OTD Program as well as incoming students and their guests,
- Meet the OTD program faculty and staff,
- Tour our classrooms, treatment and training laboratories, technology studio and computer learning facilities,
- Meet administrators of the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences, the Program Director of the Department of Occupational Therapy, the Tampa Bay Regional Campus Director, and other representatives from Nova Southeastern University.,
- Share strategies to best support your family or friend as they progress through the OTD program,
- Learn about logistical and legal policies related to privacy in education and other topics,
- During down time, take advantage of Tampa Bay's local entertainment sites such as the Clearwater Beach, Sunken Gardens, Museum of Fine Arts, Chihuly Collection at the Morean Arts Center, Dali Museum, Imagine Museum, Busch Gardens and Ybor City as well as nearby parks, and restaurants.

I hope that you can attend the Orientation of the Class of 2027. I look forward to meeting you in Clearwater on May 15, 2024.

Sincerely,

Dr. R. C. Carran

Ricardo C. Carrasco, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA Founding Director & Professor

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