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YOHAN FERANDO

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Welcome to Midd! My name is Yohan and I am a rising sophomore with an intended major in International Politics and Economics and a minor in Chinese. I was born in Hong Kong, grew up in Sri Lanka, attended high school in Connecticut and now live in London. With a diverse range of backgrounds, I am well accustomed to adapting to new places and cultures, which can be a challenge for many international students.

Especially moving into a rural town like Middlebury, it can feel secluded but we are here to help you through every step of your journey. I'm also a big sports fan and will play or watch virtually any sport, so if there are any more of you, I'd love to meet you! International student orientation was a memorable few days and it's where I met some of my closest friends, so our goal is to make sure you all have a similar experience. Looking forward to meeting you all and feel free to reach out!



HENRY CHIEN

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Hi! I'm a senior feb majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science.

I'm from Beijing, China. I really appreciated the community and help from the PAL program and my PAL group when I arrived at Midd, and I want to extend that to incoming international students. In my free time, I like to go to the gym and play football (soccer). I'm also into playing the piano, guitar, and photography. Feel free to reach out, and I'm really excited to meet the new students and work with y'all!



JOSÉ ANTONIO HERNÁNDEZ MORALES

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Welcome to Middlebury!! My name is Toño (more or less like Ponyo with a T) and I'm a rising Mexican senior, from Monterrey-Edomex, majoring in Film and Media Culture studies joined with Chinese Language and Literature studies, as well as a little Spanish minor. Returning for a third time to international orientation, this has always been my favorite season at Middlebury and I look forward to meeting everyone soon. Kindest wishes to everyone for the remainder of summer and safe travels. Feel welcome to reach out to us with any questions you may have on your way.



ASHLEY PONG

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Welcome to Middlebury!! My name is Ashley, and I'm a rising sophomore double-majoring in Arabic and Japanese. I'm from Hong Kong but attended high school in Beijing, so I know how hard it is transitioning from city life to midd! Know that you're not alone—we're all here to support. Some of my closest friendships here began during International Pre-Orientation, and I hope you'll find the same sense of community. Feel free to reach out about anything (especially acapella!) I can't wait to meet you all and help make your transition to Middlebury a great one.



NAWALE NACHULA

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Sawubona! My name is Nawale, and I'm so excited to be one of your International Orientation Leaders! I'm a rising sophomore, double majoring in Film and Economics. I'm Zambian and South African, but I grew up in Australia and went to highschool in Wales so I know a thing or two about navigating different cultures and finding community far from home. On campus, I'm involved in a bunch of things that keep me busy and inspired, I'm the president of the Black Student Union, The SGA Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, an AFC Fellow and I work as a student consultant with the Middlebury Consulting Group. I also DJ from time to time, so if you ever need a playlist, I'm your girl! Feel free to reach out with any questions, I'm here to support you every step of the way. Can't wait to meet you all!!



MIA ZHAO

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Hii! My name is Mia Zhao (she/her) and I'm a rising junior from Beijing, China. I'm double majoring in Psychology and Art History and am also studying Spanish. I love skating, making art, journaling, vlogging and enjoying nature in my free time. Can't wait to meet you all!



YUVIKA MEROTHA

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Hi! I'm Yuvika, a rising junior from India majoring in Economics and Film. I'm so excited to be part of International Orientation this year —some of my closest friends at Midd came from those first few days, and I can't wait to help create that experience for you too! I love chatting about food, movies, and everything in between. Wishing you smooth travels, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions!



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THEATER AND INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL STUDIES

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Hi! My name is Nonna, I am a rising sophomore from Armenia/Russia and a UWC Dilijan alumni. I am studying theater and IGS, European focus. I love art in all various forms but mostly literature, theater and music (I sing and play instruments, would love to jam with you guys). Some of my other hobbies include hiking, debating and playing boardgames.



ANASTASIIA DEMCHENKO

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My name is Anastasiia, I'm a rising sophomore from Dnipro, Ukraine.

I am passionate about social sciences, debates, education and cultural projects. I believe that Orientation is the best time to get to know new people and find the sense of home in the Midd Community.



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GEOGRAPHY

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My name is Hino, and I'm a rising sophomore intending to major in geography perchance. I was born in Michigan but grew up abroad, living in Nagoya, Suzhou, Hong Kong, and Tokyo, before moving to Indiana a couple of summers ago. As a former PALee myself, I'm excited to participate as a PAL in Pre-O for my second time



MUNIRA NURBHAI

ABOUT ME

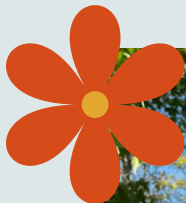
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Hi! My name is Munira Nurbhai, and I am from Tanzania, but I also carry an Indian touch with me. I love going on various adventures and exploring different waterfalls and waterholes. I also love cooking!



HAYLEY FENTON

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I'm Hayley, hi you! This is my senior year at Middlebury, so this year's orientation is a full circle moment for me. Around campus, I may be spotted walking to the Knoll with my thermos in hand. Otherwise, I spend my free time hosting tea parties (ur invited!) and complaining about the cold.



ADWAITH HARIHARAN

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Hi everyone and welcome to Middlebury! My name is Adwaith Hariharan. I am a junior from outside Princeton, NJ, USA, majoring in Economics and Computer Science. While I am not an international student (I'm actually a First @ Midd kid), I understand how it feels to move to a new place with a new culture and different ways of living. You will definitely experience several culture shocks here, but don't worry- we are here to help!!

Having grown up in an Indian family and traveled to various countries around the globe, I have a profound interest in learning about diverse cultures and more importantly, facilitating meaningful connections between people from different backgrounds. I look forward to welcoming each and every one of you!



AMNA MOHAMMED

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Hi everyone, I'm Amna. I'm from Toronto, Canada and I'm so excited to be one of your leaders this year. I'm a sophomore majoring in neuroscience and minoring in French. Outside of classes, I love to bake, play rugby, join clubs, workout and travel. I know starting college can feel overwhelming, but I'm here to help make the transition smooth, fun, and memorable!



QIANHAO YANG

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CLASSICAL STUDIES AND LITERARY

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Hi I am Qianhao! I am a rising sophomore in Classical Studies and Literary Studies double major. I grew up in Shanghai, China. In my leisures, I have a wide range of hobbies: playing chamber music, doing embroidery, and of course reading and learning new languages! Currently I am learning Latin and German.



ROWENA DU

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Hi everyone, welcome to Midd. My name is Rowena. I am a rising junior majoring in Economics and minoring in History. I grew up in Beijing and have visited 14 Chinese provinces and 12 countries, in addition to the US. This is my first summer serving as an international student orientation leader, and I am super excited to welcome you all this fall.