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Assalamu Alaikum, Class of 2029!

🕌 WELCOME TO STANFORD! 🎉

On behalf of the **Muslim Student Union (MSU)** at Stanford, we, **Baraa Abdelghne** and **Hashem Al Bezreh**, rising juniors, and MSU co-presidents, extend a warm welcome as you begin this new chapter of your life. The MSU is here to be a source of faith, friendship, and community as you transition into Stanford. May Allah keep you steadfast, grant you success, and bless your journey ahead.

Stanford's Muslim community of **over 700 students, alumni, and community members** has been an invaluable source of close friendships, spiritual resources, and a deeper understanding of the diverse Muslim experiences worldwide. We're thrilled to have you be a part of our community and can't wait to see the impacts of your presence!

The MSU is dedicated to supporting the spiritual, social, and advocacy needs of our students. We organize weekly **Friday prayers, Dua Kumayl, qiyams** (night prayers and reflection), and nightly **iftars** and **taraweeh during Ramadan**. Our community also gathers for social traditions like **Golden Gate Fajr, Jummah pizza, and Big Game Night** with **Cal MSA**, as well as annual events such as our **Welcome Banquet** and **End-of-year celebrations**. We provide **opportunities to volunteer** in service initiatives and partner with organizations on and off campus. In addition, we host discussions with scholars and activists on faith, justice, and identity, along with educational programs that highlight Muslim life at Stanford. We are always open to new ideas, and as incoming frosh you will be encouraged to create and lead your own initiatives.

To stay connected and receive updates about our events and community initiatives, we invite you to join our email list and follow us on social media.

Social Media and Email Links:

- 1) MSU 25-26 [WhatsApp group](#)
- 2) [MSU Announce](#) and [Discussion](#) mailing list (Announce for important updates, Discussion for community interactions)
- 3) The MSU [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (Find event content and information here)
- 4) The MSU [Website](#)

🕌 **Jumma** (Friday Prayer) – Takes place weekly at **1:30 pm** and **3:00 pm**

📍 **CIRCLE Sanctuary** – 3rd Floor Old Union (use the elevator next to The Axe and Palm restaurant), easily accessible via the elevator next to The Axe and Palm restaurant. Be on the lookout for emails in case of any changes. Be on the lookout for emails in case of any changes

Musallahs (Prayer Rooms)

🔍 Old Union Musallah – 3rd Floor, to the right when you exit the elevator

📖 Green Library Musallah

🏢 Packard Engineering – 2nd Floor, Room 265

🔍 Iqama Times @ Circle Room

- Dhuhr: 12:30 pm
- Asr: 3:30 pm
- Maghrib: Sundown + 10 mins
- Isha: 7:00 pm

In regards to food, all chicken served in Stanford dining halls is **Zabiha Halal**. Be sure to look out for the “halal” label on food labels for anything that isn’t chicken.

We know the start of college can feel overwhelming with so much information coming at once, so please don’t hesitate to reach out to either of us with any questions about Stanford or our community. You can contact Baraa at baraa@stanford.edu / (623)-670-6303 or Hashem at albezreh@stanford.edu / (937)-344-8304. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to meeting you soon, insha’Allah!

Warm regards,

Baraa Abdelghne & Hashem Al Bezreh

