

Joseph Pajor

My Post-Grad Journey:

Served in US Navy 1970-1972 stationed Newport Naval Hospital. Went onto 43-year career in hospital financial operations. Obtained MBA University of Bridgeport and MPH Yale U. Adjunct Professor from 1980- 2015 Quinnipiac University MBA program, 1990-1997 U of New Haven MPH program. Lecturer at Fairfield and Yale Graduate Nursing Programs. Jogged a mile in all 50 states, ran 5 marathons 60 pounds ago, [NY -3 DC -1 LA-1], my wife of 22 years, Kathy and I have traveled to 46 countries. We have 4 children, 3 grandchildren. Retired and residing in Westbrook CT, and enjoy the theater, travel, and the simple things. Actually appeared on stage in Broadway performance of Spamalot and received an award. Fortunate enough to have seen four Red Sox World Series victories. And in a bizarre series of events, have come to know and been frequently in the company of John Henry, the Red Sox owner, having first met him in Paris. Highlight was joining John last year for a game in his box seats next to Red Sox dugout. Served on board, chaired the board, and still volunteer with Columbus House, the largest homeless/supportive housing Connecticut not-for-profit. Life is Good!!!

What is your favorite Fairfield University memory?

I grew up in Wallingford, CT and followed my high school basketball team and thought I knew school spirit. Enrolled in Fairfield, not nothing a thing about the Stags emerging basketball program. First game my freshmen year was at the old New Haven Arena against the then pre-season ranked #1 team in the country, St Joseph's. I will always remember when the Stags came onto the floor for pre-game warm ups. Toilet paper flying everywhere, the full house of thousands screaming and chanting Fairfield at the top of their lungs. I was just blow away. Then 6 Stags dunked the ball in a row during warm ups. Besides everything I had loved about my first three months at Fairfield, that moment was one of such pride, awe, shock, and bewilderment. I thought I knew school spirit, but what I was experiencing was beyond comprehension.