ATHLETICS AT FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

A Special Overview
Be it the dedication of our varsity athletes on the field of intense competition, the physical recreation and friendships enjoyed by club-sport players, or the relentless cheers of support from student and alumni fans in the stands, athletics uniquely ties us all together at a University with exceptional academics and a genuine commitment of service to others.
WELCOME TO STAG COUNTRY.
In fact, over the past several years 10-15% of the members of each incoming freshman class are varsity athletes.

Coaches understand their critical role in achieving the University’s enrollment goals every year. They value their relationship with Admissions and broaden Fairfield’s geographic profile and national exposure through far-reaching recruitment.

And, the Class of 2021 welcomes student athletes from 15 different states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and multiple countries.
OUR HERD RUNS DEEP.
Fairfield Students Participate in Varsity Athletics and Club-Sports at Fairfield University.

931

Varsity Athletes, 500

Club-Sport Athletes, 431

98%
of all student athletes live on-campus, immersed daily in a vibrant campus community while balancing their academic and athletic responsibilities.

Men’s Varsity Teams
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

Women’s Varsity Teams
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Softball
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Club-Sports
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Equestrian
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Martial Arts
- Rugby
- Running
- Sailing
- Ski & Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAM SUPPORT.
Generosity from alumni, parents, and friends provides the much needed resources that make it possible for some student athletes to attend Fairfield.

Alumni Association Scholarship
Mark Beckwith, ’80, Basketball Scholarship
Victor J. Buckmir Athletic Scholarship
Carlos M. Cardoso, ’81, Scholarship
Ciacci-Pascale, ’65, Scholarship

James M. Cotter Scholarship for Varsity Golf
James E. Horne Scholarship
John Roe O’Mealia Scholarship
Virginia Spillane & Family Golf Scholarship

Others have established funds that provide resources for an individual athletic program’s highest priority needs.

40th Anniversary Endowment for Women’s Basketball
Class of 2015 Men’s Varsity Rowing Fund
Andrew DeLuca Fund for Varsity Athletics
Wendy & Art Fuller Family Fund for Men’s Rowing
Joseph A. Linnehan Fund for Men’s Basketball
Rob & Kristin McMahon, ‘87, Endowed Fund for Varsity Men’s Soccer
As teams and as individuals, our Stags share their learning experiences in the classroom, in the stands, and on the field. It is these experiences that enable them to go out into the world and really make a difference.

**VARSITY ATHLETES BY MAJOR**
- Dolan School of Business 52%
- Egan School of Nursing 5%
- School of Engineering 5%
- College of Arts & Sciences 38%

**VARSITY ATHLETE CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGES**
- NCAA Division 1 GPA Requirement: 2.3
- Fairfield Varsity Athlete Average GPA: 3.2

202 of Fairfield’s varsity athletes were named to the 2015-2016 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.2/4.0
Spotlight: Dan Sanders '95, Lacrosse

“When you leave Fairfield University, you don’t realize it will be one of the greatest affiliations you’ve had in your life. As a two-year lacrosse captain, my experiences in athletics ensured that I never forget the importance of team. To this day I get through challenging situations by appreciating all of the great opportunities and people in my life. Some of the greatest relationships and friendships I’ve formed were created at Fairfield University.”
The most common industry fields that attract and employ graduating athletes include:

- Marketing & Sales
- Finance & Accounting
- Healthcare
- Management
- Communication
- Consulting
- Engineering
- Education & Training
EVERY END IS A NEW BEGINNING.
Undergraduate Outcomes
(from the class of 2016 Destination Report)

96% of the Class of 2016 secured full-time employment, enrolled in a graduate or professional school, or are participating in a volunteer service program within six months after graduation.

Of those graduates who gained admission to graduate schools (20.5%), most entered graduate programs in Education (25.5.3%), Business (25%), Arts and Sciences (21.2%), Healthcare (11.6%) and Law (8.8%).

44% of recent graduates found jobs through senior year campus recruiting and employment resources.
PROMOTING JESUIT VALUES & SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.
Promoting our Jesuit values and in service to others, Fairfield athletes regularly participate in a variety of community service projects and youth mentoring initiatives.

Leadership and Commitment Speaking Event - Boys and Girls Club-Redding Easton

Pen Pal Program with WBB and WSOC-partnered with the Read School in Bridgeport

“Boys with Pride” meeting at Johnson School in Bridgeport highlighting members of the baseball team talking about hard work, dedication, leadership, and commitment
GIVING BACK.
Varsity athletes gave more than 1,000 hours to community service related projects in the last year alone.

They also partnered with 9 local and national non-profit organizations, and helped to raise more than $25,000.
PAYING IT FORWARD.
Spotlight: Amanda Keller ‘13, Field Hockey
Commercial Tenant Representative, S.C.G. Retail

“I feel it’s so important to give back to your university because as my mother and grandfather always said: you want to make your next generation better and stronger. I had the best four years of my life at Fairfield and I want the next generation of Stags to have it even better than I did.”

Through enhanced athletic fundraising over the past two years,

**49%**

of current varsity student athletes made a gift to a friends of athletics group, endowment, or facilities in FY17.

**36%**

of parents of varsity student athletes made a gift to a friends of athletics group, endowment, or facilities in FY17.

**14%**

of varsity athlete alumni made a gift to Fairfield in FY17. And, participation is growing.
SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON OUR UNIVERSITY.
ATHLETICS PROVIDES OUR UNIVERSITY WITH NATIONAL EXPOSURE

CHAMPIONSHIPS & TOURNAMENTS

53 MAAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS
55 MAAC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS
37 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

UNIQUE MEDIA COVERAGE

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETIC CAREERS

89 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES
FACILITIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY.
Home to varsity athletic competition, several facilities also provide playing space for club-sports, students at Fairfield Prep, and play host to a number of local athletic tournaments that provide our University with beneficial visitor and media coverage exposure.

Since the dedication of Rafferty Stadium, the facility has hosted many non-athletic events on Conway Field including welcoming ceremonies for incoming students, concerts for the campus community, and special events including the annual Alumni & Family Weekend.

Rafferty Stadium & Conway Field
Alumni Diamond

Lessing Field
Leslie C. Quick, Jr. RecPlex

Featuring Fairfield’s Aquatic Center for Swimming and Diving competition, the new RecPlex also provides all students, faculty, staff, and friends with a shared exercise and training facility that nurtures the mind, the body, and the spirit.
ACHIEVING OUR ULTIMATE GOAL
**Athletic participation**, as a varsity athlete, member of one of the numerous club sport teams, or as a fan in the stands, *provides meaningful experiences for every Fairfield Student to enjoy.*

When combined with access through the availability of scholarship, rigorous coursework, dedicated professors, mentorship opportunities, and world-class facilities, Fairfield’s mission to educate men and women for the world is uplifted.

There are many ways that you can support this ultimate goal through gifts to Fairfield Athletics, including commitments to important capital projects, student scholarships, program and coaching endowments, and annual gifts through our dedicated friends groups.
CAPITAL PROJECTS

Student-Athlete Academic Center Renovation
Goal: $250,000

Fairfield University’s Student-Athlete Academic Center has a well defined purpose: Expand capacity to develop student athletes in the classroom, on the field of competition, and beyond.

The Center achieves its goals by providing engaging workshops, events, various digital resources, and a formal Leadership Academy that includes individualized one-on-one coaching, interactive group forums, online training, and peer mentoring.

Investing in the renovation of the center will significantly enhance the current space and provide our student athletes and coaches with:

• New computers and workstations;
• Digital classroom resources for group learning; and
• Expanded offerings within the Leadership Academy that will offer this resource to more sports and provide even more opportunities for tutoring and mentorship.

Academic Center Project Table of Gifts

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

Varsity Athletic Sports Performance Weight Room
Renovation Goal: $500,000

The Varsity Sports Performance Weight Room provides Fairfield University’s most dedicated and talented athletes with a private training facility. Working closely with the Sports Medicine Department, varsity athletes receive individualized attention to specific needs or require injury rehabilitation.

Renovations to the facility will enhance the space and equipment and support:

• Greater infusion of athletic training across disciplines;

• Enhanced injury prevention education;

• More staff availability to students; and

• Increased health services.

Weight Room Project Table of Gifts

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

Team Locker Room Renovation Goal:
$250,000 each

Located in within several Fairfield facilities, Team Locker Rooms provide athletes with consistent space for team meetings, game preparation, and celebration of personal and team accomplishments.

Modern locker rooms play a significant role in elevating our competitive advantage and enhancing the ability to attract and recruit nationally and beyond.

Current locker rooms to be renovated include those dedicated to:

- Men’s and Women’s Cross Country;
- Men’s and Women’s Rowing
- Men’s and Women’s Tennis
- Field Hockey;
- Softball; and
- Men’s Soccer.

Table of Gifts Needed for Each Renovation

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ENDOWMENT SUPPORT

Endowments are as crucial to athletic programs as is the competitive spirit that motivates and sustains our desire for victory and achievement.

Specific opportunities to establish and contribute to endowed funds for University Athletics include:

- **$2.5M each**
  - Athletic Director
  - Men’s Basketball Head Coach
  - Men’s Lacrosse Head Coach

- **$1.5M each**
  - Women’s Soccer Head Coach
  - Men’s Soccer Head Coach
  - Women’s Basketball Head Coach
  - Women’s Lacrosse Coach
  - Volleyball Head Coach
ENDOWMENT SUPPORT

$1M each
- Men’s & Women’s Swimming & Diving Head Coach
- Men’s & Women’s Rowing Head Coach
- Men’s & Women’s Tennis Head Coach
- Baseball Head Coach
- Softball Head Coach
- Field Hockey Head Coach

$500K each
- Men’s & Women’s Golf Head Coach
- Men’s & Women’s Cross Country Head Coach

$50K each
Individual named endowment funds can be established to support any athletic program. These endowed funds will further enhance and sustain scholarships, recruitment, equipment, and travel.
CURRENT USE SUPPORT

As the saying goes, there is no “I” in “TEAM”. And, each year, alumni, parents, and friends team together to provide the resources to ensure Fairfield builds on its strengths and competes at the highest levels. While specific needs are varied across athletic programs, the following opportunities to provide immediate benefits include:

**COACHING**

**Assistant Coaches – Varied Levels**
Priority #1 – on the field and on the road recruiting, keeping our staffing comparable and competitive with other Division 1 schools.

**Graduate Assistant – $41,000**
Providing tuition, a stipend, and health insurance for additional hands in the office and eyes on the practice field.

**TRAVEL**

To be nationally competitive, we must be on the road!
• “Deluxe” Extended Trip for 35 players over six days - $25,000 to $30,000
• Flights - $9,000
• Hotels - $8,000
• Bus Transportation - $4,500
• Meals - $4,000
• Fields & Officials - $2,000

**RECRUITMENT & SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Recruitment is crucial to a successful program, each and every year.
• Attending as many as three regional tournaments - $4,000
• Attending higher-education athletic conventions - $2,000
CURRENT USE SUPPORT

EQUIPMENT & SIDELINE GEAR

Having the right tools makes a huge difference!
• Sweat suits - $3,000
• Athletic equipment and training shirts - $2,000
• Additional footwear for varied field surfaces - $1,700

FILM & EDITING

Seeing how we played helps us play better, and films are used for scouting.
• GameBreaker Software – $2,800
• GameBreaker Laptop – $2,000
• Filming of Home Games (each) – $2,000
• SportsBoard Recruitment software (2 licenses) – $1,200
• Teamxstream Filmshare – $1,000

SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS

Imagine the visibility Fairfield would gain from out-of-region tournaments!
• Overnight Scrimmage – $4,500
• At-Home Hosted Event – $2,500
• Day Trip - $1,200