



**PARENTS MAKE THE  
DIFFERENCE**

Dear Fellow Fairfield University Parents,

As we look forward to the new academic year, we reflect on our family's time at Fairfield and see the resiliency and spirit that exists throughout the Fairfield community. We are struck by the extraordinary outcomes that are realized when we face instances of great challenge. As Lane '20 enters a vibrant alumni community and Liza '21 enters her senior year, we are so proud that we took an active role as parents at Fairfield University.



Fairfield has always been a resilient institution. Through times of war, economic decline, and social change, its Jesuit values have guided it forward with perseverance the way they still do today. As parents, we are grateful our family belongs to a strong and active community, one that focuses on the needs of students and is always preparing for the future. Students have adjusted and are thriving in new ways of learning, faculty are innovating in the way they teach, and the University family is providing tremendous support to maintain the continuity and excellence of a Fairfield education.

The need to come together as a community is more important than ever. We invite and encourage you to become involved in every aspect of the University's unique culture. Please consider serving as Parent Ambassadors, attending events, cheering at games, dining at the Tully, and making financial contributions that improve your student's Fairfield experience, promote resiliency, and enable continued innovation.

Thank you for being part of the Fairfield University family and participating as a proud Stag parent.

Sincerely,

John and Lori Berisford P'20, '21  
Co-chairs, Parents Leadership Council



# HOW PARENTS LIKE YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Impact of Parent Involvement** - This is an exciting time for Fairfield, and YOU are a part of it. Fairfield is embarking on a transformational era like no other, and you can make a difference.

91%

of faculty hold the highest degree in their field

Top 5

Safest colleges in Connecticut

Niche's  
2020 Best Colleges Ranking

12:1

Student-to-faculty ratio

Top 20

Universities with the Happiest Students

The Princeton Review

#3

in Regional Universities in the North

2020 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges

20

NCAA Division I Athletics Teams



*"Fairfield University offers a great variety of events to help their students grow and mature as they enter the professional world. I have been lucky enough to share these professional events with my Mom, who has participated in Boston-based events, and given Fairfield business students advice and internship opportunities. These experiences have allowed me the opportunity to expand my corporate network through Fairfield parents and to connect with fellow students. I'm so grateful I have had the chance to combine my Boston family with my Stags family."*

- Ali Hands '22

60+

Study Abroad programs in five continents

#14

in the country, and top school in Connecticut, for best Alumni Network and Top Internship Opportunities

The Princeton Review  
2020 ranking

Top 20%

nationwide for Best Colleges for Your Money

Money Magazine

98%

of the class of 2019 secured professional employment, admittance to graduate school, or a volunteer service position



## GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*"My wife and I were impressed with the tight-knit Fairfield community when we attended an event and were inspired to get involved and do more. I was honored to be chosen to moderate a panel of successful healthcare executives who were generous in their time and advice, exposing students to new areas of healthcare and helping them expand their professional networks."*

- Al Reichg P'22, '24



Are you looking for ways to get involved at Fairfield? The University's success depends on each individual in our community, and there are many meaningful opportunities for parent involvement. Consider becoming a Parent Ambassador and participate in one or more of the following ways:

- Host *Stags in the City* visits
- Host a student for the *Job Shadow Program*
- Participate in *Mock Interview Days* and *Industry Nights*
- Provide internship and job opportunities
- Attend regional chapter events, including career, networking, spiritual, enrichment, and social receptions
- Host an event to welcome new students and families in January or July/August
- Support Fairfield with a gift to the Parents Fund or area of your choice to enhance your student's education and campus experience
- Participate in reaching Parents Fund goals through peer-to-peer fundraising efforts within the Fairfield community
- Volunteer your time to call and welcome families of confirmed students
- Lend your career expertise

**For more information, contact us at [parents@fairfield.edu](mailto:parents@fairfield.edu).**



*"We happily opened up our home to host an event for new parents last year because we wanted to share the energy and enthusiasm that we and our son feel about Fairfield. Challenging times always call for strong leadership. And, as Fairfield parents, we are exceptionally confident that President Nemeč will ensure that Fairfield Rising will continue to be a rallying cry for quality education with strength of character and commitment to make the world a better place. "*

- Susie, Chuck P'22 and Matt '22 Longfield



## SUPPORT THE PARENTS FUND

Each year, parents advance our mission by generously participating in signature annual events like the Parent Leadership Challenge and STAGiving Day. Parent giving ensures rigorous and supportive academic programming, as well as student life activities, athletics, and a diverse range of health and wellness services, all rooted in Jesuit values. Your involvement strengthens our students and enhances the University's national profile. We invite you to join us on this journey because parents really do make the difference!

*"Our family has always valued spiritual education, competitive athletics, and generosity to others. Our son, Sean Crosby '21, has been blessed to strengthen these beliefs within the Fairfield University community. We actively support our family values through our annual donations to the Parents Fund with support to student financial aid and the varsity rowing team."*

- Jason D. Crosby P'21



## PARENTS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Fairfield University is fortunate to have a legacy of generous parent leadership donors providing millions of dollars in support to scholarships, the Parents Fund, and capital projects. Gifts at the Parents Leadership Council (PLC) level of \$5,000 or more annually will provide an immediate impact. Our PLC parents believe in the Fairfield mission and are the first to respond as Parent Ambassadors to help the Fairfield community as hosts, career mentors, and Deans' advisory



board members. As a PLC member, you will be invited to attend many special events hosted by University leadership, and will receive special communications from the Parent Engagement Office. The Signature Events include the Family Weekend Breakfast with the President and the Spring Experience Lunch with the President, deans, and senior leadership; cultural, academic, and student engagement; and a networking reception with other member families.

*"College tuition is already one of our family's biggest investments, so why do we give even more each year? Because we believe parents' support through time and donations enhances the quality of the experience for our children by funding innovation and a broader scope of programs, which is especially important at a Jesuit Catholic University."*

- Lisa and Ron Pilla P'22



# GET CONNECTED

## Important Phone Numbers

Information/University Operator .....	203-254-4000
Dean of Students.....	203-254-4211
Office of Accessibility .....	203-254-4000, ext. 2615
Office of Academic Support and Retention.....	203-254-4000, ext. 2222
Career Center.....	203-254-4000, ext. 4081
College of Arts & Sciences Career & Professional Development Office .....	203-254-4000 ext. 2227
Dolan Career Development Center .....	203-254-4000 ext. 3987
Health Center.....	203-254-4000, ext. 2241
Public Safety.....	203-254-4090
Residence Life.....	203-254-4000, ext. 4215
Bursar's Office.....	203-254-4000, ext. 4102
<b>Office of Parent Engagement and Philanthropy.....</b>	<b>203-254-4000, ext. 3213</b>

## Join the Community of Social Media

 /fairfielduniversity

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@fairfielducareers

# YOU'RE INVITED

Special events bring our community together to create long lasting relationships and memories.



**ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND – fairfield.edu/afw**  
2020: October 16 – 18  
2021: October 15 – 17  
2022: October 21 - 23  
2023: October 20 -22



**COMMENCEMENT**  
**fairfield.edu/commencement**  
May 23, 2021  
May 22, 2022  
May 21, 2023

*Event dates and venues are subject to change.*





**MOVE-IN WEEKEND**

Move-in begins August 24  
Classes begin September 1  
[fairfield.edu/fall-welcome](http://fairfield.edu/fall-welcome)



**CULTURAL EVENTS**

The Quick Center - [quickcenter.fairfield.edu](http://quickcenter.fairfield.edu)  
The Fairfield University Art Museum - [fairfield.edu/museum](http://fairfield.edu/museum)



**ATHLETICS AND CLUBS**

[fairfieldstags.com](http://fairfieldstags.com)     [fairfield.edu/clubs](http://fairfield.edu/clubs)



**ACADEMICS**

Innovative Research Symposium - April 2021  
[fairfield.edu/symposium](http://fairfield.edu/symposium)  
Fairfield StartUp - April 2021  
[fairfield.edu/startup](http://fairfield.edu/startup)



**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND SERVICE**  
[fairfield.edu/jesuit](http://fairfield.edu/jesuit)



**FAIRFIELD AWARDS DINNER - SPRING 2021**  
[fairfield.edu/fad](http://fairfield.edu/fad)

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