



To: All Undergraduate, Graduate, and Part-Time Students

From: William H. Johnson, PhD, dean of students

Re: Gatherings at the Beach

We hope the academic year is off to a good start. We want to bring to your attention an issue regarding students traveling to and congregating in the Fairfield beach area on nights and weekends.

The beach area known as Lantern Point is a private residential area. I understand that on-campus student residents may desire to go to the beach, particularly on a nice weekend, but it is nevertheless a fact that areas such as Lantern Point are private property, not public gathering spaces. Further, a permanent injunction issued by the Bridgeport Superior Court specifically prohibits large gatherings in the common areas of Lantern Point. The Fairfield police will continue to enforce a zero tolerance policy. Students who are arrested will not only have to address the charge through the courts, but will also have to meet with the Office of the Dean of Students to address the matter as a violation of the Student Conduct Code. We do not want to see students being arrested or being put in harm's way.

We recognize that the vast majority of our students who reside on campus respect the rights of those who live off campus. We are nonetheless asking for the cooperation of all students. Our message is fairly simple: **If you live on campus, don't go to the beach uninvited.** Let the students and full-time residents who live at the beach enjoy their time there. There are numerous events and opportunities occurring on campus and off campus throughout the academic year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office in BCC 408. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We wish you a safe and successful start to the academic year.