Good Work
What do you call a job that lets you follow your passion, expand your sense of what’s possible, and serve human need? We call it good work.

What do you call an education that helps you find a job like that?

What do you call a university that lets you get your hands dirty, embrace the world, and build a meaningful life?

We call it Fairfield University.

We give you the tools, we open the doors and inspire you to aim high, and you do the rest. How? It’s very intentional. In your first year, you find your place in the community and become connected to others. Sophomore year, you will explore what you’re really passionate about. In your junior year, you consider your role in the world, through engagement and leadership on campus or off. And senior year, you plan for your future and consider the possibilities it holds.

We’re a Catholic, Jesuit university, rooted in one of the world’s oldest intellectual and spiritual traditions, located in the heart of a region where the future takes shape. We’re built for people who want an inspiring education – and an inspired life.
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE WORLD OPENS UP

WHAT SHE DOES
I’m in charge of programming for a nonprofit educational organization that promotes economic dialogue and understanding between the United States and Korea.

WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS
It means I’m teaching – I’m helping the public understand what’s happening in Korea, and I’m helping diplomats and scholars stay informed of the latest developments. I’m also learning what it means to be a manager and a leader.

HOW SHE GOT THE JOB
I sent résumés to organizations in Washington and New York, looking for entry-level work. I started at Korea Economic Institute as an office assistant, but then I expanded the job to include serving as understudy for the position I have.

WHAT’S NEXT
Graduate school, and a career in academia. My professors really inspired me to give back to students – to give them the kind of guidance and support they gave me.

THE FAIRFIELD EXPERIENCE
In high school I was interested in domestic politics. At Fairfield my advisor encouraged me to look into the Asian Studies program – and the world opened up. I joined Fairfield’s Model United Nations team and eventually became its president, an experience that took me to Europe twice and put my course work into practice. By the time I graduated, I’d taken two years of Mandarin Chinese and written an honors thesis on the impact of Agent Orange in modern Vietnam.
How They Found Themselves in Jamaica
Sean: I never envisioned doing this type of work until a service trip led me here. My education at Fairfield emphasized putting my heart into whatever I do. Here I can do that.
Jen: My Fairfield education challenged me to think outside the box and be creative. Doing that led me to Jamaica.

Life After College
Sean: I not only learned that I could help others; I developed the confidence to do so.
Jen: I came to appreciate the value of self reflection at Fairfield. I couldn’t do this work without reflection in my life.

Advice for First Year Students
Sean: Get out and learn about all the opportunities on campus. No doubt you’ll have four years you’ll never forget!
Jen: Listen to yourself. You’ll find what you are meant to do.

Living What You Learned
Sean: Living in a different culture has made me adjust and accept others on their terms. My Jesuit education taught me the value of thinking and living with an open mind.
Jen: Fairfield grounded me while giving me the tools and desire to hit the ground running, ready to set the world aflame.
Move Up

TAking the next step

WHY HE DOESN’T HAVE A JOB TITLE
No one has official titles at Bloomberg. Everyone – 8,000 employees around the world – is on a first-name basis. The CEO sits out on the floor. If you want to talk to him, you go and tap him on the shoulder.

WHY THAT MAKES SENSE
Our main product is software that has financial data and analytic tools. To stay on the cutting edge, you have to have the most innovative analytics – so if someone has a good idea, they want to hear it.

WHY SALES ISN’T SIMPLE
I’m working with a big, complex piece of software. And if my clients use it, it’ll change the way they do business – and that’ll change the market.

WHY THE BEGINNING IS NOT THE END
I started at Bloomberg as an interpreter – I’d learned Portuguese on a Fairfield program in Brazil. As you learn more, as your interests develop, you take different positions. I went to the analytics desk and then to the sales desk, visiting clients and teaching them to use our tools. You want a college that prepares you to make those kinds of moves.

WHAT IT MEANS TO STUDY ECONOMICS AT A JESUIT UNIVERSITY
You see your work in a broader context. Economics is the efficient allocation of scarce resources. If you’re trying to make sure that everyone has access to the world’s resources, then you’re practicing sound economics – and promoting social justice.
It’s all About Team Work

BUILD A FOUNDATION

WHAT SHE DOES
I’m working at GE Capital, in their Information Management Leadership Program. Even though the Information Technology group hired me, I’m not only working with technology — I’m working in finance. My strong foundation in the humanities has been essential to my work.

HOW FAIRFIELD PREPARED HER
I learned how to work in groups to solve complex problems. In the honors program, I was forced to stretch myself academically, in all academic areas. Being a mentor at Fairfield helped me discover a love for helping others.

THE BEST B MINUS EVER
I have always been a good math and science student. As a native of Haiti, my English writing skills weren’t very good. My professors wouldn’t accept mediocrity. By using the student-run writing center, I made great progress. Even though I was used to A’s in other subjects, nothing thrilled me more than the B minus I earned on my first decent English paper.

FROM COLLEGE TO CAREER
For my Senior Design Project, four of us built a voice-activated wheelchair for quadriplegics. Combining mechanical engineering with software engineering, we needed to work together to solve problems we couldn’t solve alone. The concept of teamwork was important in school and I have found it to be invaluable in the workplace.
VISITING AND APPLYING

WHY SHOULD YOU VISIT US?
Because choosing a college is often a matter of instinct. You walk around campus, you breathe the air, you eat the food, you meet people, you spend an hour with a professor or a coach, and you just...know. It feels right. You belong. At least that’s what a lot of our current students will tell you. If you visit us. The Office of Undergraduate Admission is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To read about campus tours, interviews, special visit days, and information sessions, go to: www.fairfield.edu/visitfairfield.

WHAT'S HERE?
Fairfield is a quaint New England town that has developed into a lively suburb. It has stores you’ve heard of and unique shops, restaurants, and theaters that many of you haven't. And best of all, the town of Fairfield is on the shores of Long Island Sound.

We have plenty of beaches, all within minutes of the campus, and more than 1,000 acres of open space – forest, lakes, rivers, salt marsh, wetlands and meadows. So it’s the kind of town where, on any evening, you could have a great Italian meal, hear some amazing live music, visit the University Bookstore downtown, and go to the beach to look at the stars.

Fairfield is ideally located between Boston and New York City – within the thriving corporate corridor – where the highest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the country is accessible to students, providing many enriching learning opportunities.

A little farther down the coast – roughly an hour train ride from campus – you’ll be in the center of it all. Explore New York City’s neighborhoods, its museums, and its cultural life. Take advantage of the diverse internship opportunities companies in New York City offer our students. See why being close to New York makes Fairfield University an ideal location for living and learning.

HOW DO YOU FIND US?
We’re in Fairfield, Connecticut, on the coast of Long Island Sound and easily accessible by automobile, train, or plane.

• 1 hour from New York City
• 2.5 hours from Boston
• 3 hours from Philadelphia
• 5 hours from Washington, DC

For detailed directions from your place of origin, visit our website at: www.fairfield.edu/directions.

WHAT ABOUT APPLYING?
We hope you’ll decide to apply – if Fairfield seems right for you. How do we know if you’re right for us? We take a holistic approach. We look at everything you could bring to our community: your interests, your accomplishments, your goals. Applicants have typically earned a B+ to an A- average in a college prep curriculum that includes advanced placement and honors courses – but, more to the point, they also have deep, interesting, multifaceted lives. Fairfield has a test-optional policy – you choose whether or not to submit your standardized test scores.

DEADLINES
ADMISSION DEADLINES:
Early Action Application: November 1
Early Action Notification: January 1
Early Decision Application: January 1
Early Decision Notification: February 1
Regular Decision Application: January 15
Regular Decision Notification: April 1
Transfer, spring semester: November 15
Transfer, fall semester: May 1

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES:
Early-Action and Early Decision Candidates:
profiles application: January 1
FAFSA application: February 15
Regular Decision Candidates:
profiles and FAFSA applications: February 15
Transfer Deadlines: (profiles and FAFSA forms):
Spring Transfer: November 15
Fall Transfer: May 1

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Majors

College of Arts and Sciences
- American Studies
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Economics – B.A. and B.S.
- English
  - Creative Writing
  - Journalism
  - Literature
  - Professional Writing
- History
- International Studies
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages and Literatures
  - French
  - German
  - Italian
  - Spanish
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology – B.A. and B.S.
- Religious Studies
- Sociology and Anthropology
- Visual and Performing Arts
  - Art History
  - Music
  - Film, Television, and Media Arts
  - Studio Art
  - Theatre

Majors (continued)

Dolan School of Business
- Accounting
- Finance
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing

School of Engineering
- Automated Manufacturing Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Engineering 3/2 option

School of Nursing
- Nursing

Minors
- Available in every discipline, with the exception of nursing

Interdisciplinary Minors
- Accounting Information Systems
- Applied Ethics
- Asian Studies
- Black Studies
- Business Law, Regulation, and Ethics
- Catholic Studies
- Classical Studies
- Educational Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Irish Studies
- Italian Studies
- Judaic Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Peace and Justice Studies
- Russian and East European Studies
- Women’s Studies

Pre-Professional Programs
- Health Professions Program (HPP)
  (pre-medical, dental, veterinary, podiatry, sports medicine, osteopathy, optometry, occupational or physical therapy)
- Pre-Law
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology Five-year Integrated Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree
- Five Year Teacher Education Tracks in elementary education, secondary education (English, math, social studies, world languages, and science) and TESOL

Division I Athletic Teams
- Baseball (M)
- Basketball (M, W)
- Cross Country (M, W)
- Field Hockey (W)
- Golf (M, W)
- Lacrosse (M, W)
- Rowing (M, W)
- Soccer (M, W)
- Softball (W)
- Swimming and Diving (M, W)
- Tennis (M, W)
- Volleyball (W)