Our Pride
Our pride is the midnight breakfast before finals, the frisbee game on the beach, the friend who makes a great curry and thinks about things you’ve never thought of.

Our pride is hundreds of basketball fans in red T-shirts, packed into the stands, screaming their heads off. It’s the debate in class that becomes a conversation over dinner, which becomes a lifelong friendship. It’s the service trip to Nicaragua that becomes a student group, which becomes a lifelong cause.

We’re Fairfield University. We’re proud to be a Catholic, Jesuit university, rooted in one of the world’s oldest intellectual and spiritual traditions, deeply engaged in scholarship and civic action.

And yes: we’re proud of our service trips and curries and open conversations. We’re a community of people who represent a wide range of spiritual beliefs, political opinions, and personal experiences. Our community is supportive, it’s serious, it’s challenging, and it is, to use the technical term, fun.

In other words, it’s an essential part of an inspiring education – and an inspired life.
Feel like Family

FINDING A HOME, FAR FROM HOME

THAT ‘OHANA SPIRIT
Being so far from home, I was a little worried about what I would do during long weekends and vacations. Luckily, from the very first day of school, I got invitations from people who barely even knew me to stay at their homes over the holidays. My friends here have become ‘ohana – “like family,” as we say in Hawai’i.

HOW HE HANDLED HIS FIRST SNOWFALL
The first night it started snowing, my teammates pulled me out of my room. Some kids were having massive snowball fights and the battles got really intense. It was the first time I had ever seen anyone actually make a snowman! After, a few of us went back into the dorm for hot chocolate – I’m told that’s all part of the tradition.

WHY HE’S NOW FAMOUS
Graphic design and photography are my passions. When the swim team was in Puerto Rico, I shot a music video of the Fairfield swimmers and divers with my video camera. Some of my teammates didn’t want to be in it at first, but changed their minds when they saw how much fun we were all having. Then they kept asking when it would be finished.

WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT HOLD
I’m really interested in bioinformatics, a field that combines my biology and computer science majors. I once mentioned to my biology professor that I was interested in doing an internship at a lab in Japan and she made a connection for me, just like that. For a professor to remember not only the academic but also the personal interests of her students really shows how much she cares.
Find your Passion

THE INVOLVEMENT

ADVICE SHE TOOK TO HEART
When I visited Fairfield, the tour guide said to seek out one professor who you could relate to, who could really inspire you. In my first year, I happened to get into "Introduction to Feminist Thought" with Dr. Jocelyn Boryczka. She was so fun and cool and inspiring. I called my father that night and told him I'd found my mentor!

WHAT SHE WAS INSPIRED TO DO
We were talking about the peace sign one day, and I said something offhand like, “That would be an interesting theme for a fashion show.” And Dr. Boryczka said, “Yes, and you’re going to pull it together!” So I did – we called for everyone to donate items with peace symbols on them, and we did a fashion show highlighting the paradox of the sweatshop labor used to create a lot of fashion.

LEARNING TO LEAD
I came to Fairfield on a Magis Scholarship, which emphasizes leadership. That's a packed word. To me, it means setting a good example, motivating others to unearth their passions, and getting excited about your opportunities in life.

WHAT'S IN HER FUTURE
I'm going to Seville for a semester next year, and after graduation I'd like to put together a Fulbright combining my Spanish with peace and justice in Latin America. Ultimately, who knows? I would love to teach, maybe become a professor, because I love being immersed in this environment.

WORDS OF WISDOM FOR INCOMING FIRST YEAR STUDENTS
Make the most of every minute here – it all goes by so fast. So open your eyes and jump in!
The Human Touch

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WHY NURSING?
With nursing, unlike medicine, I can focus on patient care. That’s what I really love. I’ve been an EMT since I was 16, so I’ve seen a lot of car accidents, medical emergencies, and trauma cases. It shows you how delicate life can be — and gives you a sense of how you can help.

WHY FAIRFIELD?
I went to Fairfield Prep (the Jesuit high school on campus), so I knew of the school’s great reputation and how beautiful the campus was. And I really believe in the whole Jesuit philosophy of being a man for others — it certainly carries over to nursing. It inspires you to be the best possible person you can be.

REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE
Right now, my clinical is at a local long-term care facility. I’ve found I really love working with geriatric patients because you can pick them up just by listening and paying attention to them. I’m there when the patients wake up, and I help them shower, get dressed, and eat. Then I’ll do a full, head-to-toe assessment, which includes listening for lung and cardiac sounds, a neurological evaluation, and checking skin integrity. From that, we write a report and a care plan. You can watch all the PowerPoints you want, but the hands-on experience is totally different. At some point, you just have to get out and do it.

IT’S NOT ALL ABOUT NURSING
I’m a tour guide, which is fun because I get to show prospective students the parts of campus I love and give them my own personal college experience. They ask me about my professors, and I talk about making friends and hanging out at the campus center or taking a run down to the beach. They want to know about what it’s really like to live and study here, not lots of facts and figures.
Roll up Your Sleeves

A LEADER, INSPIRED

HOW A WEEK CAN BE LIFE-CHANGING
I’m passionate about mission trips. I go with the expectation that I’ll help others, and I end up learning about myself. Inevitably, the team ends up getting really close to each other, and sometimes to the people we meet. It’s amazing how our lives intertwine and what we can learn from each other.

HER ADVICE TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS?
Get involved! You’ll meet so many people and probably will find something you’re excited about. I’m on O board – the Orientation Board that plans and implements the incoming first year student orientation held in June. It’s intense and a lot of fun, and I get to work with 30 student leaders. Because of it, I’ve become a more positive, confident person.

FIRST FORAY TO FAIRFIELD
I knew I didn’t want to be one of 600 in a lecture hall – having some individual attention was important to me.

The first time I came to Fairfield, it was pouring, but the campus still looked so beautiful. I was looking for a home and felt at home on this campus.

I made my decision after I came to the Admitted Student Open House. Fr. Charlie Allen told us that Fairfield is whatever you want it to be: it’s a new school based on centuries-old traditions, it’s a suburban campus an hour from one of the biggest cities in the world. That really stuck with me.

WHERE SERVICE AND FINANCE INTERSECT
I’m looking at internships – right now, I intern at a division of Merrill Lynch that invests for non-profit groups, so I’ve learned a lot about how they operate. Sometimes, I feel conflicted about whether I want to work in non-profit or in finance, but I’m kind of curious as to where it will take me!
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:
PROFILE application: January 1
FAFSA application: February 15
Regular Decision Candidates:
PROFILE and FAFSA applications: February 15
Transfer Deadlines: (PROFILE 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)

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