CLASS OF 2013 POST-GRADE SUMMARY

This report is based on surveys received within six months of graduation from 75 percent of the 729 members of the Class of 2013 (or 545 graduates) and employment reports received directly from recruiting organizations.

Of those who responded:
- 98 percent of the Class of 2013 has secured full-time professional employment, admission to graduate degree programs, or participation in volunteer service programs.
- The average salary for the Class of 2013 is $49,327 (excluding bonuses). This reflects a slight increase in salary from the Class of 2012 average which was $49,241.
- The percentage of graduates obtaining employment through senior year campus recruiting and employment resources is 40.2 percent. Employment obtained from internships (on-campus summer internship recruiting and credit internships) is 30.4 percent. This is aligned with the national trend of organizations developing and utilizing the summer internship program as a recruitment tool to fill full-time positions.
- Communication and Marketing was the highest area of placement consisting of 28.9 percent.
- Of those graduates that gained admission into graduate school (24.7 percent of the class), the greatest percentage entered programs in Graduate Business Schools (33.6%), Education (25%), Law (13.7%), and Arts and Sciences (12.9%).

INTERNSHIPS AT FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate students majoring in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Charles F. Dolan School of Business, and the School of Engineering at Fairfield University have an opportunity to earn academic credit and gain practical on-site work experience by pursuing internships in their major fields of study. Internships are coordinated by Fairfield University faculty and on-site supervisors. Through these experiences students can enhance their learning and explore potential careers. Upon graduation, students are frequently offered positions within the sponsoring corporations and agencies where they interned.

To register for an internship for credit, a student must obtain prior approval from the faculty member who coordinates the internship program in the department of his/her major.

During the 2012-13 academic year, a total of 363 internships were completed by Fairfield students for credit.

Non-Credit Academic Year and Summer Internship Recruiting

During the fall and spring semesters, major organizations recruit juniors and occasionally sophomores for their summer internship program through the Career Planning Center. These organizations will often conduct on-campus interviews. Students who are hired gain a broad understanding of the organization and industry, and often receive full-time employment offers at the completion of the internship.

Students interested in a part-time job or non-credit internship are encouraged to search the Career Planning Center’s Stags4Hire site and the Part-Time Job Board.

Recruiting

Fairfield University utilizes a web-based college recruiting system used by more than 500 career centers. Stags4Hire houses the on-campus recruitment program that allows students to upload their resumes and apply for job opportunities directed at Fairfield students. In addition, the system has regional and national internship and employment opportunities.

Employers looking to hire, but unable to visit campus, post opportunities on the site. Full-time and part-time pre-professional employment opportunities are accessible to students and alumni of Fairfield University. Annually, more than 600 full-time and part-time positions are listed.