Annual Celebrations and Programs

- Latin Night @ the Levee
- Flavors of Asia
- LGBTQ History Month
- Black History Month
- Islam Awareness Week

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Excellence Through Diversity
Overview

The Office of Student Diversity Programs serves the University community by providing support and activities for students that enhance their overall experience and knowledge in respect to the rich diversity and culture that exists at Fairfield and in our global society.

Students are partners in creating and implementing co-curricular programming at Fairfield University. This shared task is achieved through student volunteer opportunities, student organization involvement, and the support and promotion of student decision making. These programs are facilitated in collaboration with students, faculty, administrators, staff, and alumni.

The Office of Student Diversity Programs, through student-influenced programs and activities, fosters personal, spiritual, and social development, promotes critical thinking skills and student leadership, develops nurturing and supportive networks, and grooms students for active professional involvement beyond the collegiate experience.

Programs and Services

Diversity Awareness

The Office of Student Diversity Programs is committed to honoring and celebrating all cultures represented at Fairfield University, and its programs are designed to educate participants in a fun and exciting way. The office highlights nationally-celebrated heritage months and other dates honoring a variety of identity groups. All students are encouraged to participate in and to help plan these events.

The Office of Student Diversity Programs also offers other ways for students to become more aware of diversity issues, providing opportunities for students to partake in forums/panel discussions, workshops, and training sessions.

Cura Personalis Mentoring Program

Getting acclimated to college life can pose many challenges for first-year students. The Office of Student Diversity Programs provides interested students with an opportunity to use valuable resources – faculty, staff members, and peers who have agreed to mentor them. The students who participate receive useful knowledge, particularly applicable to the first year of college.

Academic Immersion Program

The Academic Immersion Program utilizes a holistic approach to encourage students to enhance their classroom experience by participating in regular advising sessions, workshops, and other student development opportunities. Students may participate in a four-week summer program and receive ongoing academic and personal support during the school year.

Safe Space Program

The Safe Space Program provides a network of campus-based advocates to support and confirm the dignity and self-worth of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students, and their allies. The goal of the program is to institutionally support LGBTQ individuals by providing a campus environment that is safe – physically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally. The program also provides educational and experiential learning opportunities for the campus community to combat homophobia, heterosexism, discrimination, and ignorance. For more information, e-mail safespace@fairfield.edu

Other Services

- Commuter Services
- Leadership Development: Retreats, Workshops, and Conferences
- Support for Student Clubs and Organizations
- Alumni Networking
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Book Loans