Welcome back! As we start the new academic year, I wanted to take a moment to provide some updates around the student experience.

**Student Handbook**
The 2013-14 Student Handbook is available online. It took effect July 1, 2013 and will remain in effect until further notice. The handbook applies to all students of Fairfield University, and information contained therein is intended to serve and be useful for all students. The handbook is available online at [www.fairfield.edu/studenthandbook](http://www.fairfield.edu/studenthandbook). Additional information about policies and procedures can be found in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Questions or comments are always welcome and can be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students at (203) 254-4211 or dosoffice@fairfield.edu.

**Student Directory Information**
In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), this serves to notify students that directory information about students may be released upon request and when deemed appropriate. As set forth in the Student Handbook, “directory information” includes a student’s name, home and e-mail address, telephone number, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, major/minor, enrollment status, class year, visual image, other institutions attended, height and weight information for members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. If you request that directory information not be disclosed, you must contact the Dean of Students office before September 15 of each year.

**Drop-in Office Hours**
Students are welcome to stop by the Barone Campus Center to talk to the Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs during their scheduled drop-in office hours. Please visit Students411 or call the Office of the Dean of Students at (203) 254-4211 for details.

**Stag Smart**
Stag Smart is a program that provides an opportunity for students living in an upper-class environment to develop the skills and techniques they need to host smart parties on campus and intervene in situations where their peers are misusing alcohol. This program is offered to each upper-class residential unit once and is completely voluntary. This program is in lieu of a meeting with the Dean of Students office.

**Restorative Mentoring/Campus Ministry Annex**
BCC 102 is now a place where students can gather and talk with members of the Campus Ministry staff and Fr. Michael Doody, S.J. Please visit the space for details.
I look forward to a wonderful year! Go Stags!

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