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To: All Undergraduate, Graduate, and Part-Time Students

From: Office of the Dean of Students

Re: Dean of Students Updates

Welcome back! As you prepare for what I hope to be a rewarding semester, I wanted to provide some updates around the student experience.

Student Handbook
The 2014-15 Student Handbook is available online. It took effect July 1, 2014, 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. In particular, changes were made to the University Damage policy on p. 65 and Unauthorized Entry policy found on p. 68, as well as updates were made to our Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct policy p. 47.

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. Additional information about policies and procedures can be found in the undergraduate and graduate catalogs.

Survivor Resources
Fairfield University is committed to providing a learning environment free of sexual misconduct including unwanted touching, sexual assault, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, and stalking. If you or your friend is a victim of sexual misconduct, you are not alone and it is not your fault. There are many confidential and non-confidential resources available to you. Please visit www.fairfield.edu/survivor for a complete list of resources and reporting options. To file an anonymous report: www.fairfield.edu/confidentialreport

Student Safety
We encourage students to report any suspicious behavior to the Department of Public Safety at 203-254-4090. It is good practice to keep your room, apartment and house doors locked to protect not only your valuables but also your selves.

Parking and Pedestrian Safety Reminder
Fairfield University is committed to being a good neighbor and it is important that members of the University community adhere to regulations restricting parking as well as speed limits on area roads. As a reminder, members of the University may not park their cars on neighborhood streets adjacent to the campus. Owners of vehicles parked in these areas will be notified of their violation by Public Safety.

The neighborhoods in the immediate environs are dense areas of population with many school children present. Please pay attention to the 25 miles per hour speed limit on these streets and exert special caution when school buses are present.

Step Up Stags/Medical Amnesty
If a student brings another student or themselves to the Health Center, calls the Department of Public Safety or Residence Life Staff because of concerns about alcohol or drug consumption, those students generally will not be subject to formal disciplinary action. The fear of, or concern about, the potential student conduct
process should not deter students from seeking appropriate medical or personal assistance. Students who contact Public Safety for help controlling or shutting down a party generally will not be subject to formal disciplinary action. To encourage victims to come forward with reports about sexual misconduct, students will not be sanctioned for revealing a violation in good faith, such as underage drinking, in the process of reporting a sexual violence claim.

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

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