

“CONNECT, INSPIRE, THRIVE”

The Orientation theme, **“Connect, Inspire, Thrive”** reflects the vision the New Student Programs Leadership Team has for the Class of 2023. During the first year, our goal is to connect students with each other, faculty, staff, and the University; to inspire excellence; and for students to thrive holistically at Fairfield University. Begin to share your passions and who you are with the people around you, motivate each other to try new things, and together excel in each aspect of the Fairfield University experience.

The song selected for your class is “Heroes (we could be)” by Alesso featuring Tove Lo. The theme and song combined remind students that they will not be alone in their experience. Everyone around them is always there to remind them that they belong; to remind them that there’s no place they’d rather be!



WELCOME TO FAIRFIELD!

Well, here we are, first-year students at Fairfield University and

we could be anything!

There are so many new things for us to explore.

Together, **we’ve got the world in our hands.**

With so many opportunities and experiences ahead of us, it may seem as if **the streets are empty**, but we’ve got our new classmates, our NSLs, and the amazing faculty and staff around us. **We are a different kind!**

We’re Stags joining the herd! Class of 2023! We’ll start living the Stag life today, because

We could be heroes!

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Day 1 (June 18 or June 24)

7:30 - 8 a.m.

Arrival & Check-In (A-L)

Students with last names from A-L and their registered parent(s)/guardian(s)

► Barone Campus Center, Lower Level

8 - 8:45 a.m.

Arrival & Check-In (M-Z)

Students with last names from M-Z and their registered parent(s)/guardian(s)

► Barone Campus Center, Lower Level

7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast

► Barone Campus Center, The Tully

8 - 9 a.m.

Unity in Community Breakfast

All first-generation, undocumented, DACA, multicultural students, and students of color and their parent/guardian(s) are invited to attend a breakfast during which University staff will provide an overview of the Orientation schedule and next steps in the on-boarding process.

► Langguth Hall Classroom

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Parent/Guardian Hospitality Lounge

Parents and Guardians are welcome to enjoy the hospitality lounge when their schedule permits. Come to relax, enjoy some refreshments, check your email, recharge your devices, and socialize with other parents/guardians.

► Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

University Welcome

Students and parent/guardians will be welcomed to Fairfield University by President Mark R. Nemec, PhD and introduced to the New Student Leader Team.

► Leslie C. Quick, Jr. Recreation Complex, Field House

10 - 10:45 a.m.

Academic Planning Overview

Families have the opportunity to learn about the academic components of Orientation and will be introduced to the academic expectations at Fairfield University. Topics of discussion include academic advising and planning, academic support services and resources, and first-year transition and support.

► Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

11 - 11:45 a.m.

Academic Planning by Colleges and Schools

Families will join the deans from Fairfield’s undergraduate programs to learn about curriculum requirements and policies relating to their student’s academic interests. How families can serve as partners in their student’s education while empowering them to make their own decisions will also be discussed.

College of Arts & Sciences

► Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

Dolan School of Business

► Gonzaga Auditorium

School of Engineering

► Barone Campus Center, Dogwood Room

Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies

► Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies, Rooms 103 + 104

12 - 1 p.m.

Lunch

► Barone Campus Center, The Tully

1 - 1:45 p.m.

“The Fairfield Experience”

Why is the “Fairfield Experience” unlike any other? During this session you will learn about what it means to be Jesuit-educated and how all aspects of a student’s experience is centered around the holistic development of the mind, body, and soul, modeled after the Jesuit value of “cura personalis” - educating the whole person.

► Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

2 - 2:45 p.m.

Sessions

Students and their parent/guardian attendees will attend these sessions together. Parents/guardians should see their name badges for their student’s orientation group number.

Orientation Groups 1-30: Financial Planning

From tuition payments to financial aid, this session will inform students and parent/guardian attendees about how to finance and plan for their four years at Fairfield.

Orientation Groups 31-50: Step Up Stags

Fairfield University expects Stags to help each other as they maneuver through the challenges of college life. Learn about the importance of “Stepping Up” for each other.

► Financial Planning - Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

► Step Up Stags- Gonzaga Auditorium



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Day 1 (June 18 or June 24)

3 - 3:45 p.m.

BREAK

Coffee/tea and light snacks are provided. Campus offices will be open until 4:30 p.m.

▶ Barone Campus Center, Lower Level

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Student Life Forum

Karen Donoghue, vice president for Student Life, will be joined by various Student Life administrators to answer families' questions about resources and enrichment opportunities for students in this interactive session.

▶ Leslie C. Quick, Jr. Recreation Complex, Field House

5 - 6 p.m.

Family Community Mass

Students and families of the Class of 2023 are invited to join together as a community for a special Mass.

▶ Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola

5 - 6 p.m.

Self-Guided Reflective Walk

Families are invited to experience this self-directed opportunity to reflect on the start of an important life journey. Participants will be, in St. Ignatius' words, "contemplatives in action."

See pages 4-5 of this program

6 p.m.

Goodbye to Your Student(s) for the Rest of the Night

6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Fairfield Community Gathering

Relax and unwind after a busy day with the Fairfield University community. Meet our President, Jesuits, faculty, administrators, and staff from various areas of the University, as well as other parents/guardians of the Class of 2023, including alumni, all while enjoying delicious appetizers, cold beverages, and coffee.

Representatives from Residence Life, Academic Support and Retention, Information Technology Services, the DiMenna-Nyselius Library, Admissions, and many other departments are ready to greet you and answer any questions. In addition, campus representatives who directly support first-generation college students, multicultural students, students of color, international students, LGBTQ students, and students with disabilities, will be in attendance.

▶ Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

AROUND CAMPUS

STAG SNACK BAR, STAG SPIRIT SHOP, AND DOWNTOWN BOOKSTORE HOURS

Tuesday, June 18 & Monday, June 24

Stag Snack Bar: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Spirit Shop: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Downtown Bookstore: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19 & Tuesday, June 25

Stag Snack Bar: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Spirit Shop: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Downtown Bookstore: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE WHILE ATTENDING ORIENTATION

Stop by the Barone Campus Center Information Desk or call 203-254-4222.

LOST & FOUND IS AT THE BCC INFORMATION DESK.

Hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Day 1 and 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Day 2.

STAY HYDRATED

Filling stations for water bottles are available in the Quick Center lobby, Barone Campus Center Lower Level, Barone Campus Center Information Desk, and the RecPlex.



ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Day 2 (June 19 or June 25)

8 - 9 a.m.

Student Athlete Breakfast- Invite Only

Recruited student athletes and their parents/guardians will meet with the Athletics administrative staff to learn more about what it means to be a Division I athlete at Fairfield.

▶ Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

8 - 9 a.m.

Parent/Guardian Breakfast

Parents/Guardians are welcome to grab breakfast during this time and proceed to their 9:15 a.m. session.

▶ Barone Campus Center, Lower Level

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Room Key & Swipe Card Checkout

Please double-check with your student that they returned their key and swipe card to the key table on the ground floor of your student's residence hall or the Barone Campus Center, Information Desk. All keys and swipe cards must be received before you leave campus today.

▶ Residence Hall checkout table or Barone Campus Center, Information Desk

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Parent/Guardian Small Group Chat Time

Families can meet with Fairfield professional staff members and New Student Leaders. This is an opportunity to ask any follow-up questions.

▶ See personal name badge for assigned small group chat room

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tips for a Smooth and Healthy Transition

The transition from high school to college isn't always the easiest—for students and their families alike! Join Student Life representatives for a discussion on how parents/guardians can be supportive partners as their students take the wheel as the drivers on their Fairfield journey.

▶ Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

Lunch: After attending *Tips for a Smooth and Healthy Transition*, go explore a Residence Hall show room, the information fair, or visit town with your family. If you are hungry, use the Lunch on the Town voucher or grab some finger food at the Information Fair.

▶ Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Residence Hall Show Rooms

See a typical Residence Hall room. Visit Gonzaga Hall Room 007 and Campion Hall Room 106. Residence Life staff will be present to answer questions.

▶ Residence Halls

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Infopalooza

This is an opportunity to find out more about life at Fairfield University, find a local bank, inquire about academics, and answer specific questions that you have not yet asked. Representatives from the Office of Study Abroad, Residence Life, Campus Ministry, and many other University departments will be there to connect. See pages 6-7 for more information.

▶ Leslie C. Quick, Jr. Recreation Complex, Field House

