



## Fairfield Facts for the Office of Development (2003-04)

### **About Fairfield University**

Fairfield University is a comprehensive Jesuit university that prepares students for leadership and service in a constantly changing world. Founded in 1942, the University has grown from an initial class of 300 undergraduate male students into a coeducational university of more than 5,000 undergraduate, graduate, and non-traditional students enrolled in six distinct schools. Along the way, the University has developed a reputation for educational excellence.

### **About Fairfield's Leadership**

Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. is completing his 25<sup>th</sup> year and his tenure as President of Fairfield University on June 30, 2004, coinciding with the successful completion of *Our Promise: The Campaign for Fairfield University*. The seventh president of Fairfield, Fr. Kelley has the longest reigning presidency (since 1979) among all current presidents of the nation's 28 Jesuit colleges and universities.

### **About Fairfield's Fiscal Health**

Along with 25 years of consistent leadership, Fairfield University has enjoyed 33 years of a balanced budget – indicative of a fiscally sound and well-managed institution. Its total operating budget for 2003-04 is \$110,734,000, up 6.1% from last year. From a value of \$1.6 million in June 1979, the University's endowment has risen to \$128 million in June 2003, reflecting remarkable strength in its constituent support.

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**Student Body**

- ≈ A record 7,655 students applied for Fairfield's Class of 2007 – the largest applicant base in the University's history. Nearly ten applications were received for every opening in this class of first year students, confirming that Fairfield is among the most competitive institutions of higher education in this country. For the past three years, Fairfield's freshman class acceptance rate has placed it in the top eight percent of four-year colleges and universities nationwide in terms of selectivity.
- ≈ The caliber of Fairfield's student population has steadily risen. Fifty-four percent of the 794 freshmen in Fairfield's Class of 2007 earned SAT scores greater than 1200, and 74 percent of these students ranked in the top 25 percentile of their high school classes. The Class of 2007 hails from 23 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and six countries. Their average SAT is 1197.
- ≈ The current student population includes nine sets of twins and one set of triplets. Forty freshmen have siblings on campus. Parents doubling their investment in Fairfield by sending more than one child to campus at the same time is common. On average, during the past four years, 38 first-year students joined an older sibling at the University, and 58 more had alumni relatives – parents, grandparents, or siblings who are Fairfield graduates. All in all, nearly 12 percent of the current student body have family ties to Fairfield University.
- ≈ Admission trends during the past six years include: applications have increased by 33 percent; SAT average has increased 86 points; average class rank has improved from 3.3 percent to 18.8 percent; number of campus visitors has increased from 3,763 to 11,534 per year.
- ≈ Apart from academics, more than 60 percent of the Class of 2007 participated in community service work in high school and 15 percent held significant leadership positions, such as Eagle Scout or Gold Award Recipient (Girl Scout), class or student council president, and editor of a high school yearbook or newspaper.
- ≈ Fairfield's undergraduate students come from 33 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and 29 foreign countries. The entire Fairfield student population, including graduate students, come from 45 countries.
- ≈ Of Fairfield's 3,250 undergraduate students, 11 percent are African American, Hispanic, Asian or Native American. Among the students in the Class of 2007, 12.3 percent are AHANA.
- ≈ Fairfield student athletes compete in 19 NCAA Division I varsity sports, including 8 men's and 11 women's sports. Fairfield University has been chosen as one of 16 hosts for the first and second rounds of the 2004 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.
- ≈ Fairfield University consistently ranks among the nation's best for the graduation rate of its student athletes. In 2002, that rate was 88 percent. Student athletes completing four years of eligibility achieved a 99 percent graduation rate in 2002.

## Academics

- ≈ Over the last 10 years, since 1993-94, 30 Fairfield students were awarded highly prestigious Fulbright scholarships from the flagship international educational program sponsored by the U.S. government. Four Fairfield students received this award for 2003-04.
- ≈ In spring 2002, Fairfield welcomed its first Fulbright scholar-in-residence, who came from Russia.
- ≈ In the last eight years, seven faculty members have been awarded Fulbright Scholar Grants for postdoctoral research. Fairfield faculty members have published hundreds of scholarly articles and books in the past two years.
- ≈ In recent years, Fairfield University undergraduate students have earned:
  - Thirty Fulbright Scholarships
  - Three Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships for excellence in mathematics and science research;
  - Five Clare Boothe Luce Scholarships for women who excel in the sciences;
  - One National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship;
  - One Morris K. Udall Scholarship in Environmental Policy and Science;
  - Five Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid for research;
  - Seven Freeman-Asia Scholarships for students to study in Southeast and East Asia.
  - Two Council of Undergraduate Research Fellowships;
  - Seven Pfizer Corporation Fellowships for summer research (since 1991);
  - One Jacob K. Javits Fellowship for doctoral studies in humanities;
  - Eight National Security Education Program (NSEP) fellowships for study abroad outside Western Europe;
  - Three Gates Millennium Scholarships;
  - One National Institute of Health Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Health Science;
  - Eleven William G. McGowan Scholarships for business students; and
  - One Sophomore Book Award from Phi Beta Kappa, Zeta Chapter.
- ≈ Fairfield University offers 32 undergraduate majors and ten graduate degree programs, as well as more than 230 credit and 200 non-credit courses in University College. In 2002-03, Fairfield University awarded 1,189 degrees, including 832 bachelor's degrees, 323 master's degrees, 19 certificates of advanced study, and 4 honorary degrees.
- ≈ All Fairfield classes are taught by professors. Our 220 full-time faculty members hold degrees from more than 75 American and European colleges and universities, and 94 percent of them hold the highest degree available in their discipline.
- ≈ Fairfield University's graduate students can select from:
  - The only state-approved certification program in bilingual education and one of two state-approved programs in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages through the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions.
  - Three new master's degree programs at the School of Engineering in Management of Technology, Software Engineering, and Electrical and Computer Engineering.
- ≈ University College fulfills Fairfield University's commitment to lifelong learning with its flexible and diverse curriculum and its distinguished academic community.
- ≈ Since its first graduation in 1951, the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions (GSEAP) has awarded 10,089 Master's degrees and 2,215 Certificates of Advanced Study.
- ≈ A comprehensive international study abroad program links Fairfield University with prestigious schools around the world. Fairfield offers its own semester and year-long programs in Italy, Ireland, and Australia, as well as exchange programs in France, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, and Japan.

- ≈ The Fairfield University Florence Campus at the Lorenzo de'Medici Institute is a nationally-recognized study abroad program that attracts students from top universities, including Brown, UC Berkeley, Wesleyan, Villanova, Boston College, and Georgetown. Fairfield is one of only two Connecticut schools, one of four Jesuit schools, and one of 64 schools nationally holding membership in the Association of American College Programs in Italy.
- ≈ Fairfield University's Charles F. Dolan School of Business is located in the heart of the third largest U.S. corporate center and offers an innovative, international curriculum taught by highly qualified faculty with broad business experience. The School has approximately 100 credited internships annually.
- ≈ Established in 1979, Fairfield's Dolan School of Business is categorized as a midsize business school, with 1,010 undergraduates and 213

graduate students, and more than 8,000 alumni. After a 5-year review process, the school was accredited by the AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (note: 50 percent of schools don't get in the first time; Fairfield did). The 2004 *Fiske Guide to Colleges* put Fairfield on its list of "15 Small Colleges and Universities Strong in Business." The Dolan School's five departments – management, finance, accounting, marketing and information systems – each have their own student club.

- ≈ Founded as a four-year undergraduate program in 1970, Fairfield's School of Nursing is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, which approved the school in 2002. The School of Nursing was also reviewed by and received full approval from the State of Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing in October 2001.

**Financial Aid**

- ≈ Fairfield offers two types of scholarships: Endowed and Restricted.
- ≈ Named, endowed scholarships – established with a minimum corpus of \$50,000 – remain in perpetuity. Student scholarships are funded from the revenue generated by the invested corpus – a minimum of five percent of the yield.
- ≈ Restricted scholarships are expended directly. These funds exist only as long as benefactors continue to fund them on an annual basis. While restricted scholarships are welcome, underwriting of such funds can be inconsistent, sometimes resulting in hardships to students.
- ≈ The majority of Fairfield's scholarships are awarded, in part, on students' demonstrated need. Such awards are designed to provide deserving young men and women with equitable access to a high-quality Jesuit education.
- ≈ Merit-based scholarships, selectively awarded for student achievements (academic, leadership, volunteer, etc.), also are available. Fairfield offers four such awards, the most significant of which is the recently-established University Fellows Scholarship, which provides \$10,000 in tuition aid, a \$1,000 research stipend, and a personal computer for use while at Fairfield. Approximately 160 merit scholarships are awarded to freshmen annually.
- ≈ In the 2003-04 academic year, Fairfield University met 78.5% of the average demonstrated need of its students.
- ≈ In the 2003-04 academic year, 71.5 percent of Fairfield University's students received financial aid support.
- ≈ Of the 2,358 Fairfield students who received financial aid in 2003-04, 1,879 received funding directly from Fairfield University.
- ≈ Based on Fairfield University students who have demonstrated need, the average need in the 2003-04 academic year was \$22,331, up 3.7% from last year. The average demonstrated need for an AHANA student – a student of African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American heritage - attending the University in 2003-04 was \$28,322.
- ≈ Fairfield University budgeted nearly \$20 million towards scholarships/ financial aid for the 2003-04 academic year, not including government funds.
- ≈ The average Fairfield University student graduated with \$25,194 in student loan debt in 2003, up 44.4% since last year.
- ≈ The University has increased its allocation to financial aid by more than 500 percent in a dozen years.
- ≈ The percentage of the University's overall budget earmarked for student aid has increased from six percent in 1984 to 17.5 percent in 2003-04.
- ≈ Approximately 19 percent of undergraduate educational expenses are not covered by tuition, which costs the University about \$5,000 per undergraduate per year.
- ≈ Fairfield University has 17 endowed and restricted scholarships for AHANA students.
- ≈ A total of 313 AHANA students received financial assistance in 2003-04.
- ≈ Overall, the University provided AHANA students with \$4,934,665 in institutional support this year. AHANA students received \$8,092,692 in financial assistance from all funding sources during 2003-04.

## Diversity

- ≈ Students of African American, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American origin made up 12.3 percent of the Class of 2007 and 11 percent of Fairfield University's overall student body for the 2003-04 academic year.
- ≈ Fairfield University has 17 restricted and endowed scholarships specifically earmarked for AHANA students. They are:
  - Alumni Multicultural Scholarship Fund
  - John V. Brennan Scholarship
  - Burger King Scholarship
  - Margaret and Marjorie Campbell Scholarship
  - Hoechst Celanese Scholarship
  - Citytrust Scholarship
  - Connecticut Post Scholarship
  - Daniel R. Finn '66 Minority Scholarship
  - Merrill Lynch Scholarship
  - Pace-Barone Scholarship
  - People's Bank Scholarship
  - Elizabeth M. Pfriem Scholarship
  - Janet W. Tanner Scholarship
  - Walter G. Ryba, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
  - Surdna Foundation Scholarship
  - Rev. W. Laurence O'Neil, S.J. Scholarship
  - Professor Thomas J. Fitzpatrick Minority Accounting Scholarship
- ≈ A total of 307 AHANA students received some form of financial aid support, not including athletic grants-in-aid, in 2003-04.
- ≈ AHANA students received a total of \$8,092,692 in financial aid in the 2002-2003 academic year, including government funds. Fairfield University provided 61 percent, or \$4,934,665, for AHANA students during this period – a sum that equals approximately one-quarter of the University's total financial aid budget.
- ≈ The average aid package awarded to AHANA students during the 2003-04 academic year was \$23,831 – more than 84 percent of this group's average demonstrated need of \$28,322.
- ≈ Average AHANA need is \$5,991 greater than Fairfield University students in general.
- ≈ Fairfield University's Office of Multicultural Relations develops and coordinates programs to help increase and maintain the number of AHANA students on campus, to support their needs, and to educate the wider community about cultural differences.
- ≈ Fairfield University's largest AHANA Scholarship, the Alumni Multicultural Scholarship Fund, has raised more than \$3 million for AHANA scholarships since its first fundraising dinner in 1988. In spring 2003, the Fairfield Awards Dinner raised more than \$600,000 for the Alumni Multicultural Scholarship Fund, with \$75,000 donated by various divisions of General Electric. This exceeded last year's result by more than 80 percent. Since 1990, when the first award was made, 62 AHANA students have received scholarships totaling \$1,172,714; in the 2003-04 academic year, 21 AHANA students received a total of \$191,500 from this scholarship fund.
- ≈ Fairfield University was the first Connecticut institution to require students, beginning with the Class of 1999, to complete a course covering issues of diversity or pluralism in society.
- ≈ The University's Annual Academic Convocation, now in its ninth year, highlights issues of multiculturalism, diversity, and social justice. The Fall 2004 event featured one of America's most recognized and original social commentators, Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*. *Nickel and Dimed* was this year's summer reading selection for incoming first year students.
- ≈ Fairfield University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Human Relations Celebration's programs have addressed issues of diversity and race relations for 18 years.
- ≈ Fairfield University student organizations with a focus on multiculturalism include: AHANA Student Council, The Asian Students Association, The Native American Students Association, The Spanish-American Students Association, UMOJA, an association representing the interests of African-American students, and KADIMA, a Jewish social and cultural organization.
- ≈ Fairfield University offers a nationally recognized, academically challenging curriculum that incorporates a multicultural perspective through Asian, African-American, Judaic, Latin-American/Caribbean, Russian, and Women's studies.
- ≈ Fairfield University participates in several inner-city youth programs that support AHANA students. These include: Upward Bound, Academic Talent Search, Project Excel.

## Community Connection

- ≈ Nearly one-third of Fairfield students volunteer in the community weekly, serving in soup kitchens, health centers, schools, and other programs in nearby cities.
- ≈ Starting in fall 2002, community service became a required component of the First-Year Experience Program. FYE now introduces every Fairfield student to the value of volunteerism through an 8-week orientation program that includes a community service activity of their choice.
- ≈ Fairfield University has joined the Jesuit Conference Office for Social and International Ministries to conduct social justice research on a local and international level. Fairfield is the first Jesuit university in the nation to enter into a formal alliance with the Conference's social and international ministries office, which does research, generates position papers, and lobbies to eliminate social injustices within the system.
- ≈ The University has received seven gold medals for having the top Hunger Cleanup campaign in the country, awarded by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.
- ≈ Through the Campus Ministry Volunteer Program at Fairfield University, students engage in community service at area soup kitchens, AIDS hospices, senior centers, mental health clinics, local schools, and juvenile treatment homes. Student volunteers also build Habitat for Humanity housing, engage in two-week mission programs in Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, and Kentucky, and participate in one-week urban missions in Bridgeport and Hartford.
- ≈ 20 young alumni of Fairfield University currently volunteer in the Peace Corps. 52 Fairfield graduates currently hold managerial positions in the non-profit sector.
- ≈ The men's basketball team reads to more than 5,000 elementary school children in Fairfield County each semester, visiting area schools once a week. Other athletes volunteer at Prospect House, Walk for Diabetes, Walk for MS, Habitat for Humanity, READ-A-LOUD Program in Bridgeport, sports clinics throughout Connecticut, Make-A-Wish Foundation, soup kitchens, Bougous Community Center, Hunger Cleanup, the clinic at Wakemen Boys and Girls Club, and clinics at Cardinal Shehan Center.
- ≈ Fairfield University nursing students have provided cholesterol, blood pressure, anemia, and blood glucose screenings to more than 10,000 under-served, at-risk individuals and families in nearby Bridgeport through the University's Health Promotion Center.
- ≈ Since the program's inception in 1993, more than 1,500 student tutors have helped some 5,000 low-income families achieve literacy gains through the Adrienne Kirby Family Literacy Project. Fairfield's literacy volunteer program has been designated a model program by the Corporation for National Service.
- ≈ Fairfield University's Open VISIONS Forum, an outreach program of University College, will offer a powerful roster of knowledgeable and articulate guest speakers in its seventh season. Among those scheduled this year are Ted Kennedy Jr., an advocate of civil rights and healthcare issues, former presidential candidate Steve Forbes, and chief foreign affairs correspondent for NBC News, Andrea Mitchell.
- ≈ Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard is home to Fairfield University's basketball teams, providing seating for up to 9,500 fans.
- ≈ Each year, Fairfield University's School of Engineering and Sikorsky Aircraft honor high school juniors from 58 area schools who have demonstrated excellence in mathematics and science at a luncheon and awards ceremony.

## New Initiatives

- ≈ With only months remaining in Fairfield University's second capital campaign, \$122 million of the \$125 million goal has been raised. *Our Promise: The Campaign for Fairfield University* has received 25 gifts of \$1 million or more, and has been primarily alumni driven, reflecting the maturation of the institution.
- ≈ Thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Davis Educational Foundation, the establishment of a Center for Academic Excellence is being planned at Fairfield University. By organizing and centralizing faculty initiatives, the Center represents a new way of thinking about the role of teaching in a faculty member's life, launches a new institution commitment to the importance of faculty, and provides cost-effective synergies on campus.
- ≈ Fairfield University's Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery is most fortunate to be the first North American venue for a stunning series of photographs entitled *The Works on The Acropolis of Athens, 1975-2002*. Scheduled to coincide with the conclusion of the Athens 2004 Summer Olympics, this remarkable collection of photographs will engage the University community while interest in Athens and its cultural traditions is at an all-time high. The exhibition opened in Athens at the renowned Benaki Museum in October 2003, has since traveled to Brussels and Tokyo, will move on to Rome and London, and will open here at Fairfield on September 15, 2004.
- ≈ The Asian Studies Department at Fairfield University now has an endowed scholarship in Asian Studies, funded by a \$100,000 gift from the Gladys Brooks Foundation. Each year, a student with excellent academic credentials will be selected to receive this one-year scholarship award.
- ≈ In September 2003, Fairfield University welcomed its second student body to The Ignatian Residential College, a sophomore experience which integrates academic, residential, and service-learning experiences through discussions of vocation and spirituality in students' curricula and beyond. With an initial goal of serving 75 students, 135 were served the first year and 208 in the second. A new \$10,000 grant from the Raskob Foundation for the *Mentoring the Mentors* training program builds on the \$1.96 million grant from the Lilly Endowment's Theological Exploration of Vocation 2001 program that originally funded the College.
- ≈ Fairfield University's Biology Department has received two grants for Dr. Jen Klug's research and teaching in biology, totaling \$32,417. A \$17,000 grant from the Maximillian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation will support important faculty-student laboratory studies as well as equipment that will be used to monitor nutrient concentration and algal populations in the estuary at the mouth of the Housatonic River, which provides crucial coastal habitat for Long Island Sound. A federal grant of \$15,417 by the Connecticut Institute of Water Resources will address the threat of an overabundance of nutrients to the freshwater and marine ecosystem of the Housatonic River.
- ≈ Fairfield University's School of Nursing received a \$60,000 grant that will support the design and testing of *Problem Solving for Better Health for Older Adults*, an initiative that will result in an implementation model for the United States. Under the direction of Dr. Dee Lippman, Fairfield's approach will be shared with schools of nursing throughout the United States and abroad. This grant is funded by the Dreyfus Health Foundation.
- ≈ A Helene Fuld Health Trust grant of \$26,500 to Dr. Sheila Grossman will engage nursing students in supervised leadership practice activities. Through *Improving Communication and Collaboration Skills: Learning to Negotiate*, Fairfield's nursing students will experience first-hand the daily activities of a healthcare leader.
- ≈ Ten Italian paintings dated between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries will be restored thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Dr. Philip Eliasoph, professor of Art History at Fairfield, will direct this important project and will be the primary liaison to the Foundation. Fairfield is truly honored to have this exceptional collection as part of its permanent holdings at the Thomas J. Walsh Jr. Art Gallery.
- ≈ Dr. Kurt Schlicting of Fairfield's Sociology Department received a three-year award of \$353,194 by the U.S. Dept. of Education to extend Fairfield's tested Geographical Information Systems (GIS) pedagogical model to area high schools.



≈ A \$30,000 grant from the Copeland Family Foundation will support the development of a new nonlinear editing suite that will provide a major leap forward for Fairfield's Media Center,

will enhance many of its production courses, and gives the program a competitive advantage over other institutions.

## Awards and Recognition

### The University

- ≈ For the last 13 years, Fairfield has been ranked fourth or higher among the top 36 regional universities in the North (with a master's degree program) by *U.S. News & World Report*. During those 13 years, Fairfield ranked fourth four times, third seven times, and second two times. In the 2003 edition of *America's Best Colleges*, Fairfield ranked third.
- ≈ Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J., President of Fairfield University, will be retiring in June 2004. His decision marks the end of a tremendously successful 25-year tenure during which Fairfield University has become one of the preeminent Jesuit schools in the country. Notable achievements during his tenure include the construction of 14 buildings and the renovation of a dozen more, an increase in the average SAT score of incoming students from 1065 to 1197, and the institution's endowment increase from \$1.6 million in 1979 to \$128 million in 2003. Fr. Kelley has presided over the graduation of 64% of Fairfield's 38,000 alumni.
- ≈ Fairfield's selectivity has yielded a freshman acceptance rate that put it in the top 8 percent of universities nationwide. For the third consecutive year, Fairfield's admission rate was below 50 percent in 2003.
- ≈ Fairfield University is the second youngest institution to gain membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society. Only 10 percent of colleges and universities hold this distinction.
- ≈ In 2003, Fairfield University chartered an Omicron Delta Kappa (OAK®) chapter on campus. A national leadership honor society for college students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni, OAK® membership is a mark of the highest distinction and an honor that is recognized in both the academic and business worlds.
- ≈ Fairfield University's 2003-04 endowment assets per student is \$25,162. Fairfield's June 2003 endowment asset market value, at \$128,000,000, is notable because of the University's youth. Fairfield's endowment value at the conclusion of its 60<sup>th</sup> year exceeded that of Providence University (founded in 1917), Xavier University (founded in 1831), the University of

Scranton (founded in 1888) and St. Joseph's University (founded in 1851).

- ≈ The DiMenna-Nyselius Library has been featured in two well-respected national journals highlighting library architecture: *Choice*, March 2003 and *Library Journal*, December 2002.

### Faculty

- ≈ In 2002, a Financial Management Association report ranked Fairfield University's Finance Department 188<sup>th</sup> among finance departments in 923 institutions worldwide for quantity of published research. Fairfield's finance department ranked ahead of those at Brown University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Amherst College. As a midsize school competing with other, larger counterparts, Fairfield's ranking in roughly the top 20 percent of finance departments is noteworthy.
- ≈ Six years after taking over the journalism program at Fairfield University, James Simon, Ph.D., has been named the best small college journalism professor in the country for 2003. Dr. Simon, an associate professor who oversees the work of about 100 Fairfield students in journalism classes, received the 2003 Teacher of the Year award in August at the national meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). It was only the third time in 10 years the award was given by the AEJMC's Small Program Interest Group.
- ≈ R. James Long, Ph.D., has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy. Dr. Long, professor and chair of the philosophy department at Fairfield University, will assume the presidency at the end of 2004.
- ≈ The American Physical Society awarded its 2004 Prize for Research in an Undergraduate Institution to Fairfield's Professor Nancy Haegel, for her important contributions to semiconductor materials and semiconductor device physics, and for enthusiastic and sustained involvement of undergraduates in her research efforts at Fairfield University.
- ≈ The American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies awarded Sally O'Driscoll the 2003-04 Folger Institute Joint Fellowship Award.

**Students**

- ≈ In 2002-03, four Fairfield University students received Fulbright scholarships as part of the prestigious international educational exchange program established by Congress in 1946, bringing the total to 30 Fairfield Fulbright scholars in the past 10 years. Approximately 4,500 Fulbright grants are awarded annually, emphasizing academic and professional excellence.
- ≈ Fairfield's Equestrian Club is gaining fast as one of the leading collegiate riding teams in the United States, with a current standing in the top six percent as the team competes with and continually defeats varsity programs throughout the country. Emphasizing strong horsemanship skills, this program is led by Coach Lisa Bailey, who has had riders at Nationals every year but two since 1985. Repeating top ribbons at the prestigious Tournament of Champions Invitational – featuring top collegiate teams from around the country – Fairfield's Equestrian Club is clearly among those leading the pack.
- ≈ Students at Fairfield University helped put their Model United Nations club on the map in 2003 by winning an esteemed Diplomacy Award at one of the most competitive conferences, the Harvard-sponsored World Model United Nations Conference. Held in Heidelberg, Germany, the five-day conference engages 156 country delegations and more than 800 university students each year. In winning this award, Fairfield University's delegation joined the ranks of delegates from Brown University, Yale University, and West Point.

## The Campus

- ≈ A newly renovated Rudolph Bannow Science Center, completed in summer 2002, includes five new introductory labs; a computer-based academic resource center; interdisciplinary labs for biochemistry and environmental studies use; new psychology offices and labs; and 10 research labs for faculty/student collaborative research.
  - ≈ The Lessing Athletic Field, for soccer and lacrosse, with a track around the perimeter, opened in fall 2002.
  - ≈ Doubled in size in 2001, the library houses 317,000 bound volumes, 1,800 journals and newspapers, 13,000 audiovisual units, the equivalent of 103,000 volumes in microform, an online catalog and access to Web subscription databases, a 24-hour computer lab, an audio-visual and multimedia viewing room, a café, and seating for 900.
  - ≈ Already considered innovative by peer institutions and major corporations, the University's Charles F. Dolan School of Business has recently undergone facility and technology enhancements, made possible through a \$25 million gift from the Dolan family.
  - ≈ An expanded and renovated John A. Barone Campus Center, completed in fall 2001, is the social focal point of the University community. The Campus Center is open 24 hours a day, and is home to the student government headquarters, club and organization offices, student meeting rooms and lounges, all dining facilities, and an enlarged bookstore.
  - ≈ The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts, now celebrating its 14<sup>th</sup> year, showcases performing and visual arts, including music, theater, dance, and children's programming for the University community and the public.
  - ≈ The University's 52,000-square-foot Thomas J. Walsh Jr. Athletic Center, completed in 1998 through the generosity of the Walsh family, provides centralized athletic facilities for Fairfield's student athletes, including a strength and conditioning center, locker rooms, a high-tech academic study center, a multimedia recruitment center, and administrative and coaching offices.
  - ≈ The University's \$12 million Apartment Village, completed in September 2000, added on-campus independent-living facilities for nearly 200 Fairfield students.
- The buildings feature four-bedroom apartments, fully equipped kitchens, and a bath and a half. An overhaul of all residence halls was also recently completed, with such features as fully movable/loftable furniture, brighter lighting, study lounges with computers and printers, social lounges with fully equipped kitchens, and new windows. Nearly 80 percent of Fairfield's students live on campus.
  - ≈ Fairfield University's Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola and Pedro J. Arrupe Campus Ministry Center was opened in 1990 and has become the focal point for spiritual life and student community service on campus.
  - ≈ The Student Health Center located in Dolan Hall is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A registered nurse is on duty at all times, except for extended vacation periods when school is not in session.
  - ≈ Fairfield's campus features three interactive computerized classrooms, which provide state-of-the-art learning experiences for students in humanities, science, and business programs.
  - ≈ Opened in 2000, the 9,600 square-foot Alumni House provides space for alumni and the University community to hold meetings and events. On the Alumni House grounds sits a permanent memorial honoring Fairfield University alumni who died on Sept. 11, 2001.
  - ≈ Located in Fairfield, Conn., a suburban community of 57,000, Fairfield is one hour from New York City and five minutes from Long Island Sound. The 200-acre campus has 34 buildings comprising nearly 1.7 million square feet. All academic facilities, residence halls, townhouse, and the Apartment Village are linked by a fiber-optic cable system that provides students with access to data banks, the library, the Internet, and the Web from their rooms.